



## HOME OF THE VIKINGS

**District Mission:** Toledo Public Schools' mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum across all grade levels by implementing Ohio's New Learning Standards with fidelity.

**District Vision:** Toledo Public Schools strives to be an 'A-rated' school district whose graduates are college and career ready.

### Oakdale Elementary

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Title 1 School

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### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

OST Testing will be beginning during the month of March. We are asking that all appointments be made after school hours to ensure your child is at school. This is a critical point in the school year that determines success for all students moving forward in their education. Therefore, we encourage you to review those good habits that were set at the beginning of the school year. Does your child study for small quizzes, or does he/she obsess about larger tests? Have homework routines been shelved? Please ensure that your child avoids the spring slump by communicating with your child and his or her teacher regularly! With your continued support, Oakdale will continue to produce college and career ready graduates within the Waite feeder system. Parents + teacher working together = success for students!!!

### Assistant Principal's News



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Dear Parents:

- Students are expected to be in school for every day of instruction. Please keep open communication with your child's teacher to ensure all assignments are completed.
- Parents/guardians we are continually stressing the three R's-Respect, Responsible, and Ready for students to use every day.
- Hoodies can be worn, but not on the head during school hours. Any student not in compliance with this rule will **NOT** be allowed to wear a hoodie for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your continued support in your child's education!
- The Talent Show try-outs are on 3/14. Important information and details were sent home.

### 2-Hour Delay



There will be a 2-hour delay on Friday, March 15, 2024. Students will report at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will begin at 11:10 for first lunch, 11:45 second lunch, and 12:20 for third lunch.

### Sixth-Grade Camp Reminder



This is a friendly reminder that camp is April 8-12. Please be sure to have the minor participant slips turned into homeroom teachers, an up-to-date TPS medical form on file and to please send back the medicine that will be brought and food restrictions paper.

Please have everything in by March 15. Please let Ms. Chytil or Mrs. Bohland if you have any questions.

### Recess



Recess begins on March 18, 2024. Please remind your child about showing the 3 R's (Respectful, Responsible, and Ready) during recess.

**Nurse's News**

Health Partners of Western Ohio Vision Outreach Program is coming to Oakdale on April. They will provide a complete eye exam and order glasses if needed.

Any questions please call me at 419-671-7350.  
Nurse Marcy



The school donated \$211.00 to The American Heart Association. Thank you for supporting such a great cause!

**St. Patrick's Day**

Students are encouraged to wear GREEN on St. Patrick's Day, March 15.

**Dates to Remember**

2/26-3/22 PTO Chocolate Sale  
3/18-Recess begins  
3/14-Talent Show Try-Outs  
3/15-Camp papers due to sixth grade teachers  
3/15-St. Patrick's Day, wear GREEN  
3/15-Two-hour delay doors open at 10:45 a.m.  
3/19-3/20-Goodies with Grown-Ups  
3/26-PTO Parent Meeting  
3/25-5/10-OST Testing  
4/7-FINAL day to order school yearbook  
4/8-4/12-Sixth Grade Camp  
4/29-5/3 Scholastic book fair

**Welcome to Mrs. Howard's Counselor Corner**

Please read the attached information on:

**Stages of Self-Doubt**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Howard LPSC

**When Your Child Is Absent...**

Call the school attendance line at 419-671-7351 to report your child will not be in attendance. Please speak slowly and clearly. Please include your name, your child's name, your child's teacher or room number, the date, and the reason for the absence. If the school does not receive a note upon your child's return to school, the absence will be unexcused. Please send any medical documentation along with the note. More than **10** absences require a doctor's note.

**Messages for Students**

Please communicate with your child/children all after school pick up information, who to go home with, etc. before they leave for school in the morning.

The office gets very busy during the day, and the secretary does not have a lot of time to forward messages to students. There are the cases when a real emergency arises, and that is totally acceptable.

Please try to make doctor appointments outside of school hours if possible. Students are arriving later and later to school and are missing instructional time in class.



**Yearbook is on sale until April 7<sup>th</sup>.** They are only unavailable online ybpay.com and the Yearbook ID Code is 14553824.



\*Bring back Oakdale Carnival Chocolate Sale begins on 2/26- all money is due by 3/22.

\*Goodies with Grown-Ups is on March 19 for grades K-4 and March 20 for grades 5-8. **RSVP form due on Friday, March 1, 2024.**

\*PTO parent meeting is on 3/26.

\*Scholastic book fair dates are 4/29-5/3.

### Dance

Spring Dance is coming!  
More information to follow



**GO VIKINGS and  
GO BLUE!**

### Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program



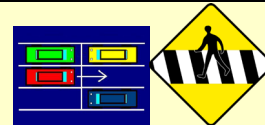
Oakdale students are still enjoying their healthy fruit/vegetable snack every week. By cutting back on sugar and salty snacks and increasing their intake of fruit and vegetables, students are supplying their bodies with energy to think, move, and grow.



### Walking Club

Walking Club meets every morning on Tuesday and Thursday in the gym from 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

### Parking Lot and Crosswalk



The safety patrol is out there to assist you at school arrival and dismissal time. The same traffic pattern and drop off/pick up areas are being maintained.

Your cooperation and kind words are always appreciated. They are always looking for volunteers to help out. Parents waiting for students must wait outside the building and in the designated waiting area behind the cones. Please refrain from early pick up of students. NO early dismissal of students after 3:00 p.m. This is very disrupting to the teachers as they prepare the students for dismissal.



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Oakdale Elementary School

Mrs. Dena Howard [dreesee1@tps.org](mailto:dreesee1@tps.org), (419) 671-7350

### Self-Doubt

Children go through many stages of self-doubt during their growth and development. They often compare themselves to others and feel they are "not as good." We can offset this negative thinking by instilling in them the tools for positive thinking. It's important that we really listen to our children and help them overcome any negative thoughts and beliefs they may have. How do we do this? When they say, "I can't do it. It's too hard." say "Take your time, try again, I have confidence in you." Pointing out positive as opposed to negative attitudes from life or news stories is a great way of showing our children how it works.

MODELING a positive attitude is one of the best ways to teach our children positive thinking because our children learn more from watching us than from listening to us. If we present our thoughts in a positive way, our children are more likely to do the same.



# Reading Activities Calendar

## March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Read together.	Choose a letter and write 20 words that begin with that letter.	Read about cars, trains, or other forms of transportation.	Plan a chart of safety rules for spring. Share them with your friends.	Watch a TV show with a relative. Describe the most important character.	How many green things can you list in 3 minutes?	Find a poem about windy days or about the month of March
Read together.	Read about eye care. Check to see if you have enough reading light.	Find out about St. Patrick's Day. When is it?	Read a weather report in the newspaper; make a list of weather words.	Write a story using words from your "weather word" list.	<b>Sweet Dreams</b> Read at bedtime (20 minutes).	Go for a walk and look for signs of spring; list them.
Read together.	Make a list of spring activities; plan to do one.	Find a recipe for something green.	Write a note to a relative about spring.	Find a short story about spring.	<b>Your Day</b> What would you like to read today?	Choose a story that you read in class and try to find it at the library.
Read together.	Read a story and make a stick puppet of your favorite character.	Take some quiet time to read a magazine article.	<b>Your Day</b> What would you like to read today?	Mark your height on a long piece of paper. Save it for July.	Read a story to a relative.	Find a book about kites in the library. Design your own kite.
Read together.	<b>Sweet Dreams</b> Read at bedtime (20 minutes).	Find a good snack recipe to make.	Learn a spring song.	Make a list of spring words. Draw pictures to illustrate 5 of those words.	Read the comic strips in the newspaper. Cut out some of the pictures and make a game.	Look through a book store in a shopping mall.



# Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fat Free Chocolate, FFS Strawberry.	1% White Milk		Margarine Served w/Bread & Veggies	Menu Subject to Change
				E 1
				Stuffed Hashbrown
				Fruit/Fruit Cup
				Orange Juice
				Assorted Milk
A 4	B 5	C 6	D 7	E 8
Donut Holes	Breakfast Pizza Bagel	Cinna Mini	Cereal 2oz.	Turkey Ham & Cheese on Hawaiian Bun
Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Pineapple Bites	Banana	Fruit/Fruit Cup
Tropical Fruit Slushie	Paradise Punch	Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Orange Juice
Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk
A 11	B 12	C 13	D 14	E 15
Blueberry Muffin	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese	Breakfast Bar	Breakfast Scramble	Cereal Bar 2 oz.
String Cheese	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup
Fruit/Fruit Cup	Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Orange Juice
Orange Juice	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk
A 18	B 19	C 20	D 21	E 22
Emoji Grahams	Breakfast Uncrustable	French Toast	Stuffed Hashbrown	Cinnamon Waffle
Yogurt	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup
Fruit/Fruit Cup	Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Orange Juice
Orange Juice	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk
Assorted Milk				
A 25	B 26	C 27	D 28	E 29
Cereal 2 oz.	Cinna Mini	Breakfast Pizza Bagel		
Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Fruit/Fruit Cup	Breakfast	NO SCHOOL
Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Orange Juice	Polluck	GOOD FRIDAY
Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk	Assorted Milk		

## Lunch

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Deaf history month is acknowledged and celebrated in Ohio from March 13-April 15 thanks to a bill that was signed into law on December 6, 2017. As a part of Ohio's Deaf history, did you know that Ohio's School for the Deaf (OSD), located in Columbus, was founded on October 16, 1829? It has been 195 years since the school opened and OSD is still educating students that are Deaf/Hard of hearing (DHH) from all over the state of Ohio.

At Oakdale, teachers of the Deaf and sign language interpreters work together to educate students with hearing loss in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. In Deaf education classrooms, students with hearing loss are instructed using a combination of sign language and spoken language. When students with hearing loss go into the general education classrooms, they have a sign language interpreter who accompanies them for access to spoken instruction.

To honor Deaf history month, The Ohio Citizens for Deaf Culture (OCDC) have requested that Ohio's main libraries and branches consider recognizing the celebration of Deaf History month by displaying items that represent Deaf History such as: books about Deaf History, books written by Deaf authors, movies that have Deaf actors and American sign language (ASL) videos and books.

Facts related to Deafness:

- The football huddle began in 1894, when Deaf players needed to hide their plays/signs from their Deaf opponents (at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.)
- Signals used in baseball were created for a Deaf player, William "Dummy" Hoy. Hoy was born in Ohio and graduated from OSD, began playing major league baseball in 1886. Some of the signals/signs are still being used in baseball today.

Here are some websites that help with learning ASL if you and your family are interested:

<https://www.startasl.com/basic-words-in-sign-language/>

<https://www.lifeprint.com/>





Toledo Public Schools is dedicated to keeping our students healthy and in school.

Parents and guardians are our partners in health and we have provided some guidelines for when to keep your ill child home. It's not always easy to tell if a child should stay home, so it is encouraged to contact the school nurse with any questions. Also understand that a child that may appear only mildly ill in the morning, and can become too sick to stay at school as the day goes on.

Our communicable disease guidelines are in place to keep your child and all of our students healthy. Here are some guidelines to consider before sending your child to school:

**Keep your child at home if he/she has a:**

**Fever:** greater than 100 F and remain at home until free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, i.e. Tylenol (acetaminophen), Advil or Motrin (ibuprofen).

**Cough:** deep or uncontrollable.

**Vomiting/Diarrhea related to possible communicable illness:** remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours.

**Pain:** stomach aches, headaches, earaches, and sore throats should remain at home if the pain is severe enough to interfere with the child's ability to concentrate or be comfortable at school

**Rashes:** any rash that accompanies other symptoms of illness (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, etc...) should remain at home until seen by a healthcare provider

**Pink Eye:** very red eyes with drainage should remain at home until seen by a health care provider, or symptoms resolve.

**Tips for keeping your child healthy:**

Hand hygiene for everyone is the number one way of preventing and reducing the spread of illnesses.

Cover your coughs. Teach your child to cough into a sleeve or elbow if he does not have a tissue available.

Wipe down frequently touched surfaces such as door and sink handles, light switches, keyboards using regular household cleaners and disinfectants.

Immunize your child with all of the recommended shots. At every visit (sick or well) ask your health care provider if there are vaccines your child should receive.

Keep your child healthy and strong with plenty of rest, nutritious foods, active play, and the advice of your healthcare provider.

Warm regards,

Nurse Marcy  
School Nurse