

## December 2010 News

Greetings!

### **Oakwood Public School 2010 – 2011 Narrow Focus Learning Goals**

**Literacy:** By June 2011, all students will improve in their ability to read for meaning, by moving one level and/or within a level as measured by a variety of teacher prepared diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments.

**Numeracy:** By June 2011, all students will improve in their ability to use critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes to solve problems and communicate their level of understanding of mathematical concepts by moving one level and/or within a level as measured by a variety of teacher prepared diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments.

Staff have had the opportunity to review 2010 EQAO scores, report card grades, reading and writing assessments and student work to date. Based on this data, we have developed our narrow focus learning goals for the current school year. These goals are a continuation and an extension of the work staff began last year. Our goal is to improve student achievement at Oakwood School. Staff come together in learning teams at least once per cycle to examine student work, discuss and learn about various instructional strategies and support student learning. These sessions along with professional development by the DSNB Central Support staff provide us with opportunities to work towards achieving our narrow focus learning goals. I appreciate the commitment by our staff to reach these goals.

We appreciate the efforts you made to discuss your child's progress report with staff. It is important for our students to develop their own goals based on the feedback provided by their progress report. By working together we can improve student achievement at Oakwood School.

## **SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!**

We know it's coming. Oakwood School's rule is "leave it on the ground". Please reinforce this at home. For the safety of all students, we ask them not to throw or kick snow.

## **PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

Students are outside for two twenty-two minute breaks. Hats, gloves, boots and warm jackets make this time more enjoyable.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, the local radio stations will be notified regarding bus cancellations and school closures. The announcements will be made at approximately 7:00 a.m. Please refrain from calling the school. The following radio stations will have the news concerning the District School Board of Niagara. These announcements may also have information regarding our bus company, First Student.Local:

CKTB 610                      CHSC 1220                      CJRN 710

CKEY FM 101.1                      CHRE FM 105.7

CHTZ FM 97.7                      GIANT 91.7 FM

#### Hamilton stations:

CHML 950                      CKOC 1150

CHAM 820                      K-LITE FM 102.9

### **Junior Girls' Volleyball**

The junior girls volleyball team had a very successful season. The girls came in fourth place in the playoffs. They were a devoted, energetic group who improved in many areas of the game. Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work, respectful attitude and awesome Oakwood school spirit.

This years Junior Girls Volleyball Team members were: Lauren S., Ashley C., Jessamyn T., Alexis B., Emily P., Tayler S., Tiffany S., Kaylee M., Brooke B., Ashley C., Ivory B., Janal P. Thanks for a great season. Thank you to Mrs. Schonewille, Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. MaGarrey for coaching our team this year.

### Dance A Thon Summary

A total of \$2559.46 was raised during our October 29<sup>th</sup> dance – a – thon. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. Congratulations to our top collectors. Thank you to Mr. Bartok for his efforts in organizing this event.

<b>Top Collector</b> (not including top 3 school-wide)
Cole F. (\$65.00)
Makayla G. (\$30.00)
Justin C. (\$45.00)
Kennady C. (\$35.00)
Turner C. (\$55.00)
Makayla M. (\$70.00)
Seyene C. (\$33.50)
Brooke B. (\$50.00)
Alexis B. (\$40.00)
Michael B. (\$60.00)
Cathrine S. (\$77.00)
Victoria T. (\$34.50)
Adam B. (\$25.00)

### Incentive Winners:

**Top Collecting Class (Ice Cream Sundaes):** \_\_\_\_\_ Bartok (Gr. 7)

**Top Collector (\$50 Walmart Gift Card):** \_\_\_\_\_ Gavin G. (\$250) - Bartok

**2<sup>nd</sup> Top Collector (\$30 Walmart Gift Card):** \_\_\_\_\_ Hailie A. (\$151) – Henderson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Top Collector (\$20 Walmart Gift Card):** \_\_\_\_\_ Rebecca B. (\$100) - Wilson

### **Free Pizza Lunch:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Hannah B.

7) \_\_\_\_\_ Rebecca B.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Seyene C.

8) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiffany A.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Isabelle T.

9) \_\_\_\_\_ Michael B.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Seth M.

10) \_\_\_\_\_ Erik F.

5) \_\_\_\_\_ Connor B.

11) \_\_\_\_\_ Cole F.

6) \_\_\_\_\_ Abigail F.

12) \_\_\_\_\_ Makayla M.

## School Council

Thank you to those of you that have brought in items for our Christmas basket raffle. We would like to have all items at the school by December 10<sup>th</sup> so the baskets can be put together. Tickets will be sold beginning December 15<sup>th</sup> and on the night of the concert. Draws will be made at the concert and the winners can take their baskets home that night. So far we have donations of \$75.00 in Canadian Tire money and cash. Below is a list of the themes by class.

Class	Theme
Mrs. Henderson & Mrs. Crumb	teddy bear/reading
Mrs. Churchill	crafts
Mr. Tonnies	for dads, grandpas and uncles
Miss Wright	baking
Mrs. Schonewille	for moms, grandmas and aunts
Mr. deWaard	chocolate lovers
Mr. Bartok	movie night
Mr. Wilson	games night
Mr. Summerhayes & Mrs. Tufts	Christmas
Mrs. Nassar	Sports

### Norcard

We have been in touch with the company and the order will be shipped this week. We will distribute the items to you as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you or your customers.

### Hot Turkey Lunch

School Council has hired the Lunch Connection to cater a hot turkey lunch for our students on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have all of our students celebrate the holiday season together with this festive meal.

Our next School Council meeting is on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### Santa's Helpers

We continue to collect food items and toys for Santa's helpers. If you are able to make a donation to help those who find themselves in need during the holiday season we are happy to pass these items on to our community agencies who will ensure they are distributed as needed. During the night of our Christmas concert we ask that you bring an unwrapped toy or a nonperishable food item for admission.

### Christmas Concert

Oakwood's Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The notice regarding tickets has gone home. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served notice as

indicated in the letter. We date stamp orders as they are received. If all tickets are allotted on December 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be none available the day of the performance. Please be sure to get your order in to avoid disappointment.

#### Book Fair

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make our Scholastic Book Fair a success. A total of was raised. The profits will be used to purchase books for our library. Thank you for your support.

Students of the Month – demonstrating Respect