



# OAKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Achieving Success Together

### Month End Wrap Up - April 2023

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- May 3rd—Red Maple Reading Conference
- May 5th—Primary Classes to Wizard of Oz
- May 10th—gr. 3/4 to Adventure Campus
- May 16th—Gr. 7 Vaccination day
- May 18th—6pm—School Council Chocolate Bar Bingo
- May 19th—PD Day
- May 21st—Victoria Day Holiday
- May 23&24th—Full School Dental Screening
- May 24th—gr. 3-8 Oakwood Track & Field @ PCHS



#### STUDENT of the MONTH

We continue to focus our student of the month recognition around the **LEARNING SKILLS** from the Report Card. These are the characteristics and behaviours that help promote success for students both at school and in the real world. We review what these look like in classrooms and help our students to develop these important skills. For April we focused on the goal of initiative!

- K1 - Rowen S. & Ezra D
- K2—Asiya H., Liam R. & Owen D.
- Gr. 1/2S — Braxton C., Liliana F.
- Gr. 1/2T — Bellamy C., Sawyer H.
- Gr. 3/4 — Elena W. & Evelyn C.
- Gr. 4/5— Logan N.
- Gr. 5/6— MaKenzie B. & Corbin P.
- Gr. 6/7— Emily L, Rylee S. & Hailey M.
- Gr. 7/8 — Noah G. & Malekai M.
- FSP— Jacob B. & Justin P.



For May the focus for students will be Self-Regulation!

#### MOVING and ALTERNATE SCHOOL REQUESTS

We have begun preparing for next year by looking ahead at classes. By keeping informed of our enrollment numbers, we as a school are less likely to re-organize in the fall from the class structure we share with you in June. So we would request that if you are moving or have already moved or know that you will **NOT** be returning to Oakwood in September (ie French Immersion), please let the office and your child's teacher know. If you are leaving us, it is also helpful to register at your new school to let them know that you are coming in September so that they can ensure your child is on a class list!

If you are moving, or have moved and live outside of the Oakwood boundaries and **would like your child(ren) to continue attending Oakwood next fall as 'Alternate School' students**, an Alternate School Request **form must** be filled out and kept on file at the office. Please keep in mind that primary classes are capped, so com-

pleting these forms in a timely manner is important. ELP alternate requests will hopefully all be addressed before school begins in September! Please note that chronic lates and/or absences will be strong considerations in allowing students to continue to attend Oakwood out of district. Please note that when requesting to attend a school out of boundary, that only children living within the boundary area of any given school are eligible for bus transportation.

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you or a friend or neighbour missed the Kindergarten Open House and Registration night, don't worry! Kindergarten Registration remains Open! Our Kindergarten registration will remain open on-line until school commences in September of 2023! We're hoping that you can help us share the news by telling your friends and family that they can register their child for Kindergarten. Children are eligible for a September 2023 start to school if they have a child who turns four by December 31st of 2023. Online registration is available at [www.dsbni.org/Kindergarten/](http://www.dsbni.org/Kindergarten/)

#### EQAO TESTING

EQAO testing is scheduled to take place during mid to late May. We will be sending out specific testing dates to parents in grade 3 & 6 closer to the exact dates, so that they can avoid scheduling any appointments or activities that will take their child(ren) out of school during this time. Please look for more information regarding EQAO coming home at the beginning of May if your child is in grade 3 or 6!!



#### DIRECTOR'S ARTISAN CONTEST

Congratulations to grade 4 student Daniel D. & grade 6 student Blair R. who were recognized at the April Board meeting by our Director of Education for winning their grade's Board wide artisan challenge! Way to go Eagles!



## CARING AWARD

Congratulations to the students in Mr. Hockley's class for participating in the DSNB Amplify the Arts "Caring" challenge. You worked hard to create artistic pieces through Tableaux and Dance that represent what caring means to you, and have been selected as the winners of the draw for this DSNB Board wide initiative!

## ROUGHHOUSING AT SCHOOL

Please review these rules with your children. Many of our friends seem to think that 'wrestling' is okay at school. We understand that students are not trying to hurt each other! We don't allow such play as it easily becomes escalated or a situation requiring adult intervention or medical care. Thanks for your support in helping students understand why. We have many alternate activities during breaks that are encouraged!

## KEEPING AN EYE ON STUDENT SAFETY

With Spring upon us we wanted to put out a few reminders as daily routines often change due to warm weather.

**LUNCH-** Only gr. 7/8 students with parental permission are permitted to leave school property to have lunch on their own. Younger students who are permitted to 'go home for lunch', due to safety and supervision requirements are only permitted to go home, and not out 'on the town' to have lunch. Please call if you wish clarification of these age related board-wide expectations!

**CROSS-WALKS**—Students, are reminded to cross the roads with our crossing guards when they head to school or leave school for their own safety!

-lunch—permissions & cross walks

**BUS**—Bus riders are expected to take the bus to and from school each day. If they are walking or riding their bikes due to sports or the nice weather, they must have a dated note from their guardian giving them

permission to do so. We ask that they also notify the bus driver as a courtesy so that we are not holding up our bus runs after school and waiting for them.

**HELMETS**—The law requires the use of helmets for bikes and scooters. Please ensure that if your children are riding to school they are safely equipped. Students are also reminded to dismount their 'rides' when they arrive at school and walk to the bike rack for the safety of those walking.

## National Immunization Awareness!

Niagara Region Public Health started returning to schools for the Grade 7 immunization campaign. Students in grades 7 and 8 with a previously submitted consent form for the following routine school vaccine(s) will be vaccinated at their school clinic:

### ☐ Meningococcal

o Single dose

o Required for school attendance under the Immunization of School Pupils Act

### ☐ Hepatitis B (HB)

o 2 or 3 dose series - depends on age and health history

### ☐ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

o 2 or 3 dose series - depending on age and health history

On clinic day, please remind your child to:

☐ Eat breakfast or a snack

☐ Wear a loose-fitting short sleeve t-shirt

☐ Bring a distraction (book, music, phone) as a comfort measure (optional)

Does your child feel nervous and anxious about vaccination? Learn about the CARD System to help improve the vaccination experience!

If you have questions, call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, ext. 7425 to speak with Public Health nurse.

