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OATVILLE MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Oatville Elementary School community is to offer today's learners a safe, positive environment that is child-centered and equitable. Through sound educational experiences, today's learners will become responsible and productive citizens as they develop into tomorrow's leaders.

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Calendar Notes

- 4th—Kids Voting Kansas
- 6th Papa John's Pizza Day
- 10th-14th Student Council Food Drive
- 10th PTA Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.— teacher lounge
- 11th – VETERANS' DAY
- 16th – 22nd— *AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK*
- 17th - Site Council Mtg.
- 18th Campus Singers @ 1:30 pm in Commons
- 19th Para-Educator Appreciation Day
- 19th Young People's Concert for 4th & 5th
- 20th PTA Skate Party
- 26th -28th **NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING BREAK**



December Events

- 4th—Donuts for Dad in the Commons 7:30 a.m.
- 6th—PTA Craft Fair 9-4 in Oatville Commons
- 16th— Oatville Christmas Program for 3-5 grades at Nelson Elementary at 7pm



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Oatville student council has been designated as a local Junior Red Cross Club; focusing on both school and community service. The students are encouraged to do 10 projects during the year and will be recognized for their efforts. **The students and staff will be honoring our Veterans on Nov. 11th through classroom activities, projects, and having veterans speak to the students in their classrooms. We are asking parents to write a note (on the attached stars) about a family member or friend in the service or who has served their country in the military either in the past or presently in the service.** These will be placed on a hallway bulletin board for all to see. If you have a relative who would like to talk to students about their service in the military, please contact the office or your child's teacher. Thank you parents for supporting our efforts. **Also note, that during American Education week, Nov. 16-22, parents or grandparents are invited to join their child for lunch one day during the week. Please contact the kitchen manager at 554-2307 to make a reservation.**

PTA Fund Raiser

Thank you students and parents for your participation and help in our fund raiser this year. **Please note that the Big Bash Party has been scheduled for the afternoon of Oct. 31st.** To participate in the Big Bash party and to receive prizes, the money for products must be collected and turned in to the office before Friday. Also, please return any items that were damaged or undeliverable before Friday. Again, students will receive their prizes after all the fund raiser money has been collected and returned to the office.

BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH RESPONSIBILITY



October was a busy month in which students are learning fire and bus safety, and the dangers of drugs. These are all ways students can understand why it is important to be responsible with their behaviors. Here are a few tips to encourage responsibility in children:

- Provide consequences for negative behaviors.
 - Explain why rules/laws exist and why they must be followed.
 - Allow a child to have a specific chore/task that he/she is in charge of each week.
 - Praise a child when he/she does a task without being told to do it.
- The more we model responsible behaviors, the more our children will want to mirror those behaviors.

KIDS VOTING KANSAS

For the upcoming national election, Haysville students will again be participating Kids Voting Kansas. This is a project to encourage students to be involved in the political process by registering to vote and going to the polls with their parents. Students voting with their parents will have their votes counted and results will be tabulated for our district. Melinda Wren will be organizing this event for Oatville students and will be working with the 5th grade teachers to get all staff and students registered so they can vote in the Oatville mock election which will take place on Monday, November 3rd. **Please take your child to the polls with you on Tuesday, November 4th.**



PTA Papa John's Pizza DAY

Order Pizza from Papa John's Pizza on Thursday, November 6th to help raise money for Oatville Elementary PTA. Just mention that you are from Oatville and Papa John's will donate 15% of all the sales to the school.

OATVILLE KIDS SAY
"NO" TO DRUGS



During Red Ribbon Week, Oatville students welcomed into their classrooms Oatville Principal Pat Yorgensen and Counselor Scott Cathey for special Drug-Free education and activities. They reviewed the history and purpose of this week, learning that the Red Ribbon campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena died at the hands of drug traffickers in 1985. This year's adopted theme was "Drug Free America." A special thanks goes to Oxy Chemicals for donating the helium for the balloon launch!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering at the school as a teacher helper or as a tutor for students needing a little extra assistance, please call the school or our Counselor, Scott Cathey at 554-2290. Please let us know what grade level or teacher you are interested in working with and the days / times you would be available. Any help that you can provide would be appreciated.

PTA SKATE PARTY

The PTA is planning a school party at Roller City on Thursday, Nov. 20th from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. The cost of Skating is \$4.00 per person with the student being transported to the rink by the school bus.



PLEASE BE SURE TO COME INSIDE THE RINK TO CHECK YOUR CHILD OUT BETWEEN 6:00 TO 6:15 P.M. We like to keep track of students and who picks them up. The PTA is always in need of parents who can help supervise at the rink and on the bus. Please call Kim Hovey @522-9161. Permission slips and reminder flyers will be sent home prior to the event. Also remember that the money to go skating and spending money for snacks must be sent in separate envelopes. Please do not put the permission slip in the envelope with the money. **Also, please note that no older children (siblings) are allowed at Oatville Skating parties unless supervised by their parent. This assures for a safe and fun time for our Oatville boys and girls.**

District Wellness Plan

As you are probably aware, the Haysville School District adopted a wellness plan to improve the health and well-being of our students. A special thank you to all the parents and to our PTA for supporting this effort to make parties and celebrations for students to include more healthy choices. The fall parties were great with many creative ideas for following the wellness guidelines and suggestions. As a reminder, parents are asked to assist by following guidelines for providing healthy items in their child's sack lunch as well as healthy snacks for parties and special occasions. While parties are a time to celebrate, providing healthy items can still be fun.

OATVILLE STARS



The following students were presented with an Oatville Shining Stars Award. For showing Oatville PRIDE (Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, Excellence) Congratulations to: Conner Alder, Colby Jenkins, Hailey Southerland, Santiago Valdiviezo, Nathan Bowen, Kourtney Hollis, Sierra Johnson, Matthew Wood, Nikita Colangelo, Renee Mundy, Joseph Reist, Justin Southerland, Ella Adkins, Dylan Armour, Jakob Dorton, Megan Porter, Caden Bressler, Bella Caudell, Noah Hacker, Hailey Henry, Abigail Caudell, Haley Hephner, Tyson Rey, Michael Sen, Adison Caudell, Kerrington Hollis, Ryan Phon, Colton Armour, Marek Clough, Tatum Stang, Irvan Carrillo, Danielle Nguyen, Savannah Paschal, Sarah Robinson, Luke Bowen, Macey French, Kenny Hollis, Ryan Robinson, Danielle Bashline, Joshua Full, Sabrina Luongo, Nathan Southern, Ryan Weakly, Mehdi Al-Amood, Presley Chan, Macky Choup, Ryan Manganiello, Martha Sanchez, Anthony Chan, Cyaira Pierce, Tara Ramsey, Dalton Rogers, Brenden Winkel, Rianna Babcock, Tyler Driskell-Faleo, Alyssa Rickley, Dakota Smith, Michaela Traudt, Kaleigh Black, Krys Braden, Savannah Chrisco, Jordyn Cox, Bailey Dickerson, Abby Acosta, Jaden Caire, Hannah Ricke, Holly Roniger, William Schwarzenberger, Devin Howell, Larry Kes, Sophavy Nhem, Savanna Wickham, Alexis Ybarra, Bryanna Baker, Austin DeBoard, Torrie Higgins, Connor Patterson, Hayley Reeves, Jennifer Hinojosa, Alissa Hovey, Zachariah Hubl, and Alan Tran.

Parking Lot Concerns



Parents and guests must not leave their cars parked in the fire lane along the north or east entrances of the school. Staff have been courteous enough to park on the north end of the lot to leave the parking spaces closest to the building open for guests. Since Pre-K parents are asked to walk their small children to class, there have been occasions when parents park in the fire lane to make a quick trip into the building, leaving their vehicle unattended. Parking in the fire lane is a violation of both the fire and police departments. It also creates a safety issue for our students when parents leave their vehicles running unattended. Again, please do not park in the fire lane and leave your vehicle unattended. **Also, please do not park in the handicapped spaces unless you have a handicapped placard or license tag. We have parents and students who need these places for their convenience due to limited mobility.**