



# Tiger Tales

Newsletter for the Families of  
Oakdale Elementary

November 7, 2008

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues., Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Program	9 A.M.
Wed., Nov. 12	Choir Practice	8 A.M.
<i><u>Looking Ahead:</u></i>		
Mon. Nov. 17	PTO meeting	6 P.M.
Tues. Nov. 18	Roller Skating	6-8 PM
Fri., Dec. 12	Choir @ Sears Court MOA	6 P.M

***NOTE:*** Report Cards will be sent home Friday, December 5, in Friday folders.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION WINNERS

### September winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alexisis Dohm Gr. 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Matt Krummel KG

### October winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Macee Wamstad Gr. 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Lexi Spinks KG

## CALLING ALL CELL PHONES

Do you have old cell phones that you no longer use? Oakdale is collecting all unused cell phones to be recycled. They do not have to be in working order. You may bring or send the phones to the school office. Oakdale School will earn money for helping in this endeavor. Thanks for your help.

Health Hotline: 651-702-8502  
Health Office: 651-702-8515  
Main Office: 651-702-8500

## FROM THE PTO CORNER:

Congratulations to Mrs. Ilkka's Kindergarten and Mrs. White's 4th Grade classes. They were the highest selling classes in K-2 and 3-5. The students and teachers enjoyed YUMMY ice cream with choice of toppings.

**Bailee Buchee** in Gr. 1, was the top seller for the Sally Foster Fundraiser. Bailee won 4 tickets to Smucker's Stars on Ice.

**Kayla Taylor** in KG was the top seller for the Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Kayla won \$50 in gift cards to Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Congratulations to both of these top sellers!

**Thank you** again to everyone who participated.

## MATH WORD OF THE WEEK

The math word for this week is **centimeter**. The abbreviation for **centimeter** is cm. One cm is about the width of your pinkie. There are 100 cm in one meter. This is approximately the length from the floor to the doorknob of an average door.

There are about 2 ½ **centimeters** in an inch. Have your child show you how to compare **centimeters** to inches using his fingers

Practice measuring **centimeters** in your home. Find ordinary items (pencils, shoes, toothbrushes) and **measure** how many **centimeters** in length each is. When you get really good, estimate before you measure.

"Ahoy Mates, Calling All Pirates!"

All the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have auditioned for the Pirate Musical Play by Ashland Productions. They are all welcome to be in the cast of this musical theater experience. The children will be taught the script, dances and songs during the school day and some of the cast will come before school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There will be a specific schedule for these dates. The cost per student is \$25.00. This includes 3 months of rehearsals, a script to keep, a costume, a T-shirt, and one free \$10.00 ticket to see the show at the Maplewood Community Theater. Your student should have brought home a flyer from Ashland Productions. The \$25 fee will allow your student to perform in four shows at the end of January, 2009 at the MCC. **If you are interested, please make your check payable to Ashland Productions.** The Ashland Production staff of choreographers and directors will be teaching your children and Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Eckberg will assist them. Questions? Please call 702-8586 or e-mail Paula Norman at pnorman@isd622.org.

### OAKDALE ELEMENTARY READING HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

A crucial part of a child's development in reading is lots of practice. Although we build in opportunities for independent reading during the school day, research shows that kids need even more opportunities. Please help your child develop stronger skills as a reader by making reading at home a priority. Below are the expectations for reading at home by grade level. When developing these expectations teams took into consideration what homework was typically expected in other subjects. Reading at home can be reading to your child (especially in younger grades), listening to your child read to you, or having your child read independently. A mix of all three of these methods will help your child develop an appreciation of reading and see the life-long value to reading. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten:	10 minutes a night
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade:	10 minutes a night
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	20 minutes 5 days a week
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	15 minutes a night
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	20 minutes a night and write 2 sentences
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	20 minutes a night and write 3 sentences

### Reading With Your Child

#### Support your beginning reader with three simple strategies

She's just learning to read and she is so proud. But when she reads aloud, it's s-l-o-w. Here are three ways to support your beginning reader:

1. Help her choose the right book. Beginning readers should start by reading from books they find easy. Ask your child's teacher or the librarian to help you select books at the right level. Look for books with pictures, or those with just one sentence on a page. As her confidence grows, she can move on to more challenging books.
2. Take turns. Read a sentence yourself, touching the words as you read them. Then ask your child to read the same sentence. Or read a sentence and then ask her to read the next sentence.
3. Bite your tongue if she reads a word incorrectly. Give her a chance to correct the miscue herself. If she doesn't, ask, "Did that make sense to you?" You can help her sound out the word and then let her reread the sentence.

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### VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

All veterans and active duty military are welcome to attend our program at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, November 11. The program will take about an hour. Please let the school office know if any veteran will need special accommodations. Our students are encouraged to wear **red, white and blue** that day. **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts may wear their uniform.** We look forward to honoring our veterans and military.

### YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS PICTURES

When you are able to attend school events (concerts, field trips, roller skating trips, etc.), please take pictures and share them with the yearbook committee. You can turn your pictures into the office or drop them off with your child's teacher in an envelope marked "yearbook committee". The pictures will be used to add to the collage pages of the yearbook.