



# **Tiger Tales**

**Newsletter for the Families of  
Oakdale Elementary**

October 13, 2006

Health Hotline: 651-702-8502

Main Office: 651-702-8500

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 10/16** PTO, 6 PM, Media Center
- 10/19 – 10/23 NO SCHOOL –**  
Teacher convention and Staff development
- 10/26** Site Council Meeting, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
- 10/27** Picture retake day
- 11/3** All School Morning Meeting and Spirit Day
- 11/9** Burger King Family Night, 4 – 8 PM
- 11/10** Veterans' Day Celebration, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

## **Oakdale Elementary Spirit Wear**

All students will bring home a blue order form today for Oakdale Elementary Spirit wear. This year the PTO is offering both youth sizes and adult sizes in T-shirts and sweatshirts. Plus they are also offering front zip hooded sweatshirts. The hooded sweatshirts are a birch color; this is a lighter gray than the traditional gray sweatshirt. Look for your order form today and make sure your order is sent to school by the deadline of October 27, 2006. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 651-702-8545. Sample sizes will be on display at school next week.

**Picture Re-Take Day  
Friday, October 27, 2006  
Envelopes available in office.**

## **December Vocal Concert Dates**

Mark your calendars NOW for these important performance times!

### **December 18th**

Grades 2 & 3, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (school concert)

Grade 2, 6:30 p.m. (family and friends)

Grade 3, 7:15 p.m. (family and friends)

### **December 19th**

Gr. K, 1, & Choir 1:40 - 2:45 p.m. (school concert)

Grade K, 6:30 p.m. (family and friends)

Grade 1, 7:15 p.m. (family and friends)

**NO CHOIR PERFORMANCE IN THE EVENING.**

## **October Reading Challenge**

Our October Reading Challenge is off to a great start! Students have been committed to reading outside of school and today is our first classroom drawing for a free book for students who met their class goal. Thanks to all those who have donated books for our weekly drawings. We will continue the drawings each Friday through the end of October so if your child didn't win this week encourage them to keep reading.

We are starting a new tradition at Oakdale Elementary. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, as part of our October Reading Challenge celebration, we are inviting all students and staff to wear "comfy clothes" to school. Sweat pants and sweatshirts, appropriate sleepwear, slippers, and other loungewear would be appropriate choices. The "comfy clothes" coincides with our day of reading. There will be special guest readers, book talks, and extra time for students to curl up with a good book and read, and other fun activities.

You can help your child by reading with him or her at night to meet the class goal. Read over the "Reading Connections" newsletter that went home last week and implement at least one suggestion with your child. We are also still taking donations of new books for prizes for our classroom drawings. All of us at Oakdale Elementary thank you for your ongoing support!

### **Health Matters...Chickenpox Needs Reporting!**

- **Please notify your school health office if your child is absent from school due to chickenpox (Varicella).**

Within the past year, school nurses are required to notify the Minnesota Department of health when chickenpox occurs in schools. Tracking chickenpox helps prevent/control outbreaks in our schools and community. Reporting and tracking also helps MDH evaluate the effectiveness of immunization requirements and recommendations.

- **Please also let the school health office know: If a healthcare provider diagnosed your child's illness as chickenpox or, If your child has been vaccinated against chickenpox.**

Although schools keep students' immunization records, records of chickenpox shots may not be up to date for all students because requirements have changed. Your reporting assistance is appreciated and essential to the efforts of your school health personnel and MDH in keeping all Minnesota students healthy.

**Please note:** Information reported by the school to MDH is private and, by law, may only be discussed with MDH staff with the parent/guardian or the child's health care provider. It cannot be shared with others without the parent or guardian's permission. Reporting diseases to MDH is mandated by the Minnesota Communicable Disease Reporting Rule, chapter 4605.

Questions/comments may be directed to Judy Benke, District Coordinator for Health Services  
651-702-8016

### **Oakdale Elementary Citizenship Award Winners**

**For the week of Sept. 20 – Oct. 6, 2006:**

Maurvell Cleaves (K), Christin Moore (K), Ayaantuu Usman (1), Brittany Courts (1), Cassidy Wienke (2), Cheyenne Ward (2), Josh Canfield (2), Jessica Ngoboka (3), Nathan Conley (3), Tyler Atagozli (3), Joey Rongstad (4), DaiQuawn Burrell-Smith (4), DeJuan Woods (4), Ashley Soltau-Lindeman (5).

### **Keep saving those Box Tops!!!!!!**

October's Box Tops for Education Promotions are: You could win \$500.00 and our school could win 25,000 Bonus Box Tops or 10,000 Bonus Box Tops by logging into <https://www.boxtops4education.com> . If you haven't already done so, sign up, and then click on "Coupons and Promotions" Select the Oriental Trading Promotion and click "enter" then select the Pillsbury Pizza Crust Promotion and click "enter" (You may have to enter your name and address too). ~ Kathy Drobinski, parent volunteer

Box tops Bucks drawing winners for the month of September are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Karianne Mellema – 1 roll of quarters
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Christopher Graske – Large Candy Bar

To be eligible for this drawing each month, attach 10 Box Tops to the blue Box Tops Bucks that have already come home. If you need more, stop into the school office to pick up blank Box Tops Bucks, or call your child's teacher and request some be sent home. Good Luck!

### **PTO Corner**

**Mark your calendars** for a few upcoming events

**\*\* Monday, Oct 16---PTO meeting with School Board Members present to answer questions on the upcoming November Levy Vote. Come get your questions answered about this very important issue!!**

**\*\*Tuesday, Oct 17---Roller Skating night at Saints North. Come join your family and friends for an evening of fun and exercise plus a chance to win some great prizes! Admission is \$4, which includes skate rental. Saints North donates \$1 for every paid admission back to our school!**

*PTO thanks you for your continued support!!*