



Dates to Remember...

November 4th

Community / ELAC Meeting
Refreshments will be served
8:00 AM (MP Room)

November 5

Whooping Cough, H1N1
Vaccinations 2:30-5:30
(MP Room)

November 10th – 19th

Shortened Days Parent
Teacher Conferences
8:00-12:45

November 11th Veterans Day

No School (Holiday)

November 22nd-26th

Thanksgiving Break
No School

December

Winter Break...No School

From the Principal...

Hello again to each of our Oak Ridge families. We hope that our newsletter finds you well. Our team has been working diligently to create a school where our students thrive academically. Our teachers have been training many hours after school. We're learning how to help all children to become successful **writers**. Our work has focused on building better sentences, responding to literature, and organization of text. Our students appreciate the focus and are getting better. We've also been learning about **Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning (CRTL)**. We are very pleased to bring this to Oak Ridge. CRTL helps us connect with students and their families. Our teachers are learning how to make learning more meaningful by focusing on student movement, choral responses, and many opportunities for students to interact with their classmates. We are very excited about our work, and we're confident that it will help all students achieve at higher levels.

November is a busy month. **Please make sure that you come to your child's scheduled conference time.** Parent teacher conferences are very important. This is a time to strengthen your relationship with your child's teacher. You will learn about your child's strengths, learning styles, and next steps in their learning. Please ask questions that will help you go home better able to support your child. We appreciate you making conferences a priority. Simply coming to conference sends a powerful message about the importance of learning to your child.

Please note that we are on shortened **days with a 12:45 dismissal from November 10th-19th**. Also, make sure that your calendar shows November 11th as a school holiday (Veterans Day). Our next **School Community Meeting/ELAC is on November 4th at 8:00 AM**. This is a time to learn about our learning priorities, our programs, and our goals. This is also a time to share with us what you'd like to see at your school. It is said that it takes a whole community to educate a child and that is no exaggeration. We look forward to listening to your ideas, and working cooperatively with you designing a school where all students thrive academically.

Doug Huscher, Principal Oak Ridge Elementary

SES Tutoring... More information will be sent home soon from the district. Preliminary plans at this time call for tutoring to begin in December. Specific information regarding SES providers, meeting days and times, etc will be shared with families as soon as we learn more.

What's New at Oak Ridge?

Come to our November 4th Community Meeting and learn about our writing program. We will share strategies that we're using to help create better, more confident student writers. You'll see pictures showing what writing instruction looks like in our classrooms. Come join us and be part of the fun.

Partnership Updates... We are excited to announce that our partner in learning, **Equal Start**, has started a brand new outreach called Third Saturday. Each Third Saturday, Equal Start will open the campus from 9:30-11:00 to offer parenting classes, community clean-up initiatives, food / clothing distribution, and more. More information will be coming home before each 3rd Saturday (next 3rd Saturday November 20th). Also, kudos to Equal Start for providing us with mentors, the after school Running Club, and more. Thank you Equal Start! Special thanks to **Orrick Law Firm**. Orrick has been very generous to our school. They have made donations to help support student uniforms, purchases for our school library, sixth grade camp, and more. We thank Orrick for working closely with us to support our vision of all students achieving at high levels of performance.

Thank you for completing the Volunteer survey. We appreciate the comments that you provided on the school survey. In the weeks ahead, we will be taking a close look at your input, and organizing the information that you provided. We will also be sending a school climate survey home in the near future. Your input is very important to us as we continue to work closely with you designing a school that best meets the needs of our students.