



Oak Ridge News

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from Principal Brunner

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As you already know, the school day for our students and teachers is structured. Our students and teachers have a set schedule that they follow throughout the day. Schedules and routines are an important part of making sure the day goes by smoothly and helps our students develop the time management and self-discipline skills that they will continue to use into adulthood.

At home, it is also important to develop a schedule and routines that work best for your family. With the busy lives that we all lead, it may be hard to stick to a "by the minute" schedule at home, but developing a daily routine for your family may help our children know what is expected of them and may help with the transition from one activity to the next.

As the years go by, you may find that what may have worked in the past may not work as well now. It is ok to make changes as necessary. Establishing routines and finding one that works for your family is not something that will happen overnight. It will take time for everyone in the household to adjust - even your pets.

While putting together a daily routine for your family, don't forget to include a time for you to spend time together. Childhood is a special time of learning, exploration and growth. As our children grow and learn, they find joy and satisfaction in working closely with their families toward a common goal.

Attendance Excuses

Students that are absent or late to school will not be excused unless a note with an acceptable excuse is turned in to the office. Please review page 3 of the agenda book for further information about the attendance policy at Oak Ridge.

Unfinished Breakfast/Lunch

Students arriving to school late or returning from an appointment should not bring unfinished food or drink to their classroom. This poses a distraction for the other students. Students (including Pre-K) who bring unfinished food to school will not be permitted to eat it in the office, hallway or their classroom. Students will be asked to keep the food in their backpack or desk until the class is dismissed to the cafeteria. Students arriving with an unfinished drink will not be allowed to take it to their classroom and will be asked to dispose of it in the office.

FSA Testing at Oak Ridge

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will be testing on various days during the months of March and April. On the days that students will be testing, we will have a "Quiet Campus". This means that there will be **NO MOVEMENT** on campus during the test. **Any student arriving after the test has begun will not be allowed to go to their classroom until all of the students have finished testing.** If a student arrives late on a day that their grade is testing, the student will have to make up the portion of the test that was missed, possibly at a later date. It is important that **ALL** of our children arrive at school in well rested and in time to eat breakfast. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria until 8:10.

Please also make note of the Leon County School's Policy regarding Personal Communication Devices - PCDs (cell phone, tablets, etc.) **Students may not possess a PCD during a State mandated test. Possession alone will invalidate the test.** The Oak Ridge PCD policy may be found on page 6 of the agenda book. For further information about this policy as well as many others, please visit the Leon County School's website at www.leonschools.net and click on Code of Conduct under the Quick Links section.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	FSA Writing - 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade
March 2	Dr. Seuss' Birthday
March 3	5:30 pm SAC Meeting
March 3	6:00 pm PTO Board Meeting
March 7 - 11	Teacher Appreciation Week
March 14 - 18	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
March 21	Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL
March 22	Students Return
March 22	Mock FSA - Math
March 28 - 29	FSA ELA - 3rd Grade
March 30 - 31	FSA Math - 3rd & 4th Grade
March 31	Report Cards go Home

****PTO****

PTO meetings will be on the **Third Thursday** of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on
No Meeting this Month
We will meet again on April 6
Please join us!

Kindergarten Registration

- If you have a child who will be in kindergarten next year, it is not too early to make an appointment for their immunizations and school physical.
- Immunization requirements for entry into kindergarten are: five DTPs; four Polios; three Hepatitis Bs, two MMRs; and either two Varicella immunizations or date of chicken pox disease. Immunizations can be given after the child's fourth birthday.
- **School physicals must be dated after August 1, 2015.**
- The following are kindergarten requirements for registration:
 - ☆ Child must turn 5 years old by **9/1/16**
 - ☆ Proof of a physical within the past year.
(**Dated after 8/1/15**)
 - ☆ Current shot records.
 - ☆ Original birth certificate (the one without the footprints on it).
 - ☆ 2 proofs of address (The first proof must be a current mortgage or lease. Check with front office to find out what is acceptable as a second proof)
 - ☆ ☆ If you are residing with someone, there are additional proof of address requirements. Please contact the office for further information.

Please share this information with your friends and/or family members that have kindergarten aged children. We have informational flyers in the office with the registration requirements listed.

If you have any questions, please contact our registrar, Mrs. Danielle Adams, at 488-3124 or by email: adamsd1@leonschools.net

Don't forget to turn in Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson Labels!



Volunteers and Chaperones

If you are interested in chaperoning a field trip or volunteering in your child's classroom or in other areas of the school, please complete a volunteer application **online**. The link for the volunteer application is on the Leon County School's website www.leonschools.net Click the Volunteer Application link under the "Quick Links" box. In order to chaperone a field trip, or volunteer at school, your volunteer application must be approved, and your Driver's License must be scanned in the front office. **Volunteer applications may take between 3 and 7 days to process, so we encourage you to complete an application as soon as possible.** Please contact the front office with any questions you may have.

Important Numbers

- Office: 488-3124
- Fax: 922-7145
- Cafeteria 488-8110
- Transportation 488-2636
- Cox Compound 922-6727