



Eagle Nation, formerly the Echoes, is published four times during the school year by the Oakridge Public Schools as a means of keeping residents of the district well informed of the operation of their schools.

WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD

With the Summer Olympics in Rio winding down, I have been amazed to hear the stories of athletes who sacrificed and overcame so many challenges to win an Olympic medal. Athletes from all over the world and from all walks of life put years of hard work, focus, and dedication toward the hope of fulfilling a dream. Each medal winner most certainly had a team of people surrounding them for many years keeping them healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. I venture to say that this encouragement and protection happened every day from those who cared about them most.

Our kids at Oakridge have shown their own resilience to achieve great things, too, despite the challenges they face. Oakridge kids that are most successful have the same close knit daily care keeping them healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. This approach is called the Whole Child Model which the info graphic on this page represents. We are calling upon our community — educators, parents, businesses, health and social service providers, youth sports and activity leaders, and policymakers at all levels — to come together in support of our young people to ensure their whole and healthy development. The district will be sharing more information with the community about the Whole Child Model as we put stronger focus on it throughout this school year. In fact, this is a Muskegon County-wide initiative. Our academic goals and preparing students for college and workplace success will stay a top priority. But, our focus on academic improvement will be through the lens of the 5 tenets of the Whole Child Model (healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged).



www.ASCD.org

This Whole Child Model is an effort to change the conversation about education from a focus on narrowly defined academic achievement based primarily on state standardized tests to one that promotes the long-term development and success of a well-rounded child. Through this model, educators, families, community members, and policymakers can move from a whole child vision to taking action together as a community making all kids successful. Stay tuned on this effort because our schools can't do this alone. Partnering with community will be essential in this effort. An exciting announcement will be coming in September that will ask the community to take action in partnership with our schools to make a positive impact on our students. We hope you join us in the effort!

Partners in educating our children,

Tom Livezey
Superintendent

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School Board Meetings

All regular meetings of the Oakridge Board of Education will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the board room located at 275 S. Wolf Lake Rd. Anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda should submit the item in writing to the Superintendent's office by Monday of the prior week.

Join us on the web @
www.oakridgeschools.org



Oakridge Board of Education

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a voice for our children and create community responsibility to enhance education and leadership today and for the future.

Oakridge Public Schools Website

Our district website is a great tool to help parents and community members stay informed with what is happening in our schools.

Get athletic schedules, check your student's attendance and grades, read building announcements and newsletters, print needed forms, see upcoming events and activities and more.

Visit us at www.oakridgeschools.org for more information.

Deadlines for Eagle Nation Articles

Printed versions of the Eagle Nation Newsletter will be mailed 4 times this school year. Newsletters will be reaching mailboxes at the beginning of months, September, December, March and June. The deadline for submitting material for publication is by the 10th of the month prior to the month's issue that you would like your article to be published. If the 10th falls on a weekend, the material is due the Friday before. Please email your articles and information to Sherry at swahr@oakridgeschools.org or fax to 231-788-7414.

School Cancellation Information

Whenever school officials decide to cancel school due to weather or other emergencies, it will be released immediately to the following radio and television stations: WMUS(106.9 FM), WLCS(98.3 FM), WSHZ(107.9 FM), WZZM-TV13, WOOD-TV8 and WWMT-TV3.

Parents are requested to not call school concerning a closing. Once a decision to call off school is made, phones are needed to make emergency calls. Parents are requested to instruct their children about emergency procedures in the event school is canceled, and should make arrangements for morning cancellation, delays or early dismissals. Whenever possible, decisions to cancel or delay the start of school will be made by 6:00 am.

New Faces Join the Oakridge Team

This new school year brings several new face to Oakridge to build on the successes we've seen.

- Shanna Alderink Speech & Language - UE/MS/HS
- Shelby Mangan - High School English
- Ashley Hartsuff - High School Math
- Deb Swears - OUE 4th grade
- Ashley Lapham - OUE 4th grade
- Crystal Geisler - OUE 5th grade
- New Special Education at OLE & OHS - TBA

**Please welcome them all and let's
have a great 2016-17 school year!**

Oakridge Public Schools

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of Oakridge Public Schools that no person will, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed or ancestry, political belief, sex, disability, handicap, religion, age, height, weight or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment.

Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, Title VI, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to **Greg Bodrie, Eastern Service Unit, 3255 E. Pontaluna Road, Fruitport, MI 49415, 231-865-4055.**

Notification of Rights Under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the school principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education

record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Notification of Rights Under Directory Information

The District has established the following information about each student as "directory" information. This material may be released to any requesting party, including media, unless a parent, guardian, or eligible student files a written notification to the contrary within ten business days of this publication.

- **Procedure:** Parent(s) or eligible students should send a written request to the Principal (see below) specifying that directory information may not be released without consent.

- **Directory information includes any or all of the following:**

- o Name, address, and telephone number; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study participation in official recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance, date of graduation and awards received; and any other information the District considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

A copy of the Board of Education policy and accompanying District regulations are available at the Oakridge Public School Administration Office, 275 S. Wolf Lake Road, Muskegon, Michigan 49442.

2016-17 Building Schedules

Building	Full Days	Half Days	Late Start Days
High School	7:45 - 2:45	7:45 - 11:05	8:45 - 2:45
Middle School	7:45 - 2:45	7:45 - 11:05	8:45 - 2:45
Upper Elementary	8:20 - 3:20	8:20 - 11:40	9:20 - 3:20
Lower Elementary	8:35 - 3:35	8:35 - 11:55	9:35 - 3:35
Early Childhood Center	8:30 - 3:30	8:30 - 11:50	No School

Important Back-to-School Dates & Events

August 23 - GSRP Preschool Open House 6:00-7:00 pm @ ECC

August 24 - Kindercamp @ OLE - 9:00-12:00

August 26 - Middle School and High School Kick Start Orientation 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

August 29 - Middle School and High School Kick Start Orientation 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

August 31 - OLE Open House 4:30-6:00 pm

August 31 - OUE Open House 4:00 - 5:30 pm

September 1 - Link Crew Freshman Orientation 8:15 am

September 6 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 7 - Middle School Open House 5:00-7:00 pm

September 7 - High School Open House 5:00-7:00 pm

September 21 - College Planning Night for HS Seniors 6:00 pm

Pesticide Notification Request

Pesticide applications are periodically applied to school property. If you would like to receive prior notification of these applications, please fill out the form below and return it to: Cory Schullo, Oakridge Administration Office 275 S. Wolf Lake Rd, Muskegon, MI 49442 or fax to 231-788-7114.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION FOR OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to receive prior notification of scheduled pesticide applications		
_____ Parent/Guardian Name		_____ Student Name
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ Zip
_____ email address	_____ Phone	
_____ Building your child attends	_____ Today's Date	

Pesticides may be applied in an emergency situation without prior notification to parents or guardians, but they will be notified of the application after it occurs.

Food Service Program

Did you know all Oakridge Elementary students receive a Free Breakfast?

Children who eat breakfast in school do better in math and miss fewer class days, according to a national study released recently. The study analyzed national demographic data to learn that children who eat school breakfast score an average of 17.5 percent higher on math tests. Also, students who eat school breakfast attend class an average of 1.5 days more per year. The report found that the combination of higher attendance and increased math scores means kids who eat school breakfast are 20 percent more likely to graduate high school.

Pricing Information

The breakfast and lunch program will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Lower & Upper Elementary Breakfast	\$0.00	FREE
Lower & Upper Elementary Lunch	\$2.35 daily	\$11.75 weekly
Middle & High School Breakfast	\$1.50 daily	\$ 7.50 weekly
Middle & High School Lunch	\$2.60 daily	\$13.00 weekly
Reduced Breakfast (all buildings)	\$0.30 daily	\$ 1.50 weekly
Reduced Lunch (all buildings)	\$0.40 daily	\$ 2.00 weekly
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00 daily	\$10.00 weekly
Adult Lunch	\$3.50 daily	\$17.50 weekly
Milk Only	\$0.40 daily	\$ 2.00 weekly

Please note:

1. There will be **NO** credit issued to students.
2. Free and reduced price breakfast and lunch will only be given to those who qualify.
3. Free and reduced price meals are available upon proper application to families who qualify for the program. A letter and an application are included in this publication. The application must be fully completed and approved before students may receive free or reduced priced meals. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FAP, FIP, FDPIR, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals. Applications are available in all school offices and online at www.lunchapp.com

Students who qualified for free or reduced priced meals in the 2015-16 school year are still eligible through October 14, 2016. **If a new application is not filed before October 14th the student will be charged full price for a meal until a new application is reviewed and a determination is made.** If you have questions please call Kristie Long at 231-788-7321.

Eat Breakfast at School

Mornings can be really crazy ... the alarm doesn't go off ...the kids don't want to get up ...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes ... or they're just not ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school. If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you.

Breakfast is served at school! School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body. Breakfast at school is affordable, too. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. You can't find a healthy breakfast at such a low cost anywhere else. Help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

Athletic Ticket Prices & Season Passes

The Athletic Department will be offering reserved season tickets for the 2016-17 season. New reserved season tickets may be picked up starting August 18th in the high school office. General admission tickets will be available for \$5.00.

Family Pass:	\$200.00
<i>(good for all regular season home games (up to 5 people in immediate family)</i>	
Varsity Football Season Pass	\$25.00
Varsity Football: All gate tickets and pre-sale	\$5.00
Students pre-sale	\$3.00
JV Football: All tickets	\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Students
Girls' Basketball Season Pass	\$25.00
Girls' Basketball: Gate tickets	\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Students
Boys' Basketball Season Pass	\$25.00
Boys' Basketball: Gate tickets	\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Students
*Volleyball Season Pass	\$20.00
Volleyball: Gate tickets	\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Students
Soccer Season pass	\$15.00
Soccer: Gate tickets	\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Students
<i>Children less than five years of age with an adult are admitted free.</i>	

Note:

Ticket prices for Oakridge Middle School athletic events are \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults.

Athletics Website

Follow us on our new athletic website with VNN @ www.oakridgeathletics.org. Install the VNN app on your phone or add your email to get scores and game updates for all Middle School and High School sports. You can also view and share photos on the site as well.

New Eagle Apparel

Oakridge Eagle spirit wear is available for purchase in the High School office (we currently carry adult sizes only). Get the latest t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and more.

You can also custom order apparel with our new eagle logo at our on-line store at www.mylocker.net/my/shop/oakridge-eagles-shop.

Local vendors who also have printing rights for the new eagle logo are Threadlines and Trophy House.

Printable Sports Schedules

Printable schedules for all Middle School and High School sports can be found on the district website @ www.oakridgeschools.org under the building link - menu - athletics.

Pay to Participate for Athletics

Oakridge High School and Middle School athletes are required to pay \$50 to participate in athletics in our district. The cost is \$50 whether an athlete plays one, two, or three sports.

This fee must be paid prior to the first practice of the season. If the fee is not paid, students will not be allowed to participate.

Sports Physicals

All athletes at Oakridge Public Schools are required to have a sports physical once a school year before practicing or participating in sports. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and/or the parent/guardian to have the physical completed by the first practice date. This is in accordance with MHSAA Guidelines.

Physicals are offered at the Teen Health Center, located at the Middle School building.

Appointments can be made by calling 231-733-6830. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Middle School & High School Fall Sports Schedule

August

24	JV Boys Soccer vs Orchard View	H 5:15 pm
24	JV Football vs GR Christian	A 6:30 pm
24	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Orchard View	H 7:00 pm
25	Varsity Volleyball – Coopersville Invitational	A 9:00 am
25	JV Volleyball vs GR West Catholic	A 5:00 pm
25	Varsity Football vs Muskegon Catholic Central	A 7:00 pm
27	Cross Country Big Reds Invitational	A 9:00 am
27	JV Volleyball – Muskegon Catholic Inv.	A 9:00 am
29	Cross Country Kenowa Hills Invitational	A TBA
30	JV Volleyball vs Whitehall	H 5:30 pm
30	Varsity Volleyball vs Whitehall	H 6:30 pm
30	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Hart	A 4:30 pm
31	JV Football vs Hart	H 6:30 pm

September

1	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Muskegon	A 4:00 pm
1	JV Volleyball vs Muskegon	A 5:30 pm
1	Varsity Volleyball vs Muskegon	A 6:30 pm
1	Varsity Football vs Hart	A 7:00 pm
6	Middle School Football vs Mason County	A 4:00 pm
6	JV Volleyball vs Montague	A 5:30 pm
6	Varsity Volleyball vs Montague	A 6:30 pm
6	Varsity Boys Soccer vs North Muskegon	H 7:00 pm
7	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Ravenna	A 4:00 pm
8	Middle School Girls Basketball vs N Muskegon	H 4:00 pm
8	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Tri-County	H 7:00 pm
8	JV Football vs North Muskegon	H 6:30 pm
9	Varsity Football vs N Muskegon (SR Night)	A 7:00 pm
10	Cross Country – Fennville Invitational	A TBA
10	Varsity Boys Soccer – Hanover/Horton	A 11:00am
13	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Whitehall	H 4:00 pm
13	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Shelby	A 4:30 pm
13	JV Volleyball vs Shelby	H 5:30 pm
13	Varsity Volleyball vs Shelby	H 6:30 pm
14	Middle School Football vs North Muskegon	H 4:00 pm
15	JV Football vs Shelby	A 6:30 pm
15	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Hart	H 4:00 pm
16	Varsity Football vs Shelby	A 7:00 pm
17	Cross Country – Ludington Briggs Stratton Inv	A TBA
17	Varsity Volleyball – Oakridge Invitational	H 9:00 am
19	JV Boys Soccer vs GR West Catholic	H 5:15 pm
19	Varsity Boys Soccer vs GR West Catholic	H 7:00 pm
20	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Montague	A 4:00 pm
20	West Michigan Conference at Hart	A 4:30 pm
20	JV Boys Soccer vs Whitehall	H 5:15 pm
20	JV Volleyball vs Ravenna	H 5:30 pm
20	Varsity Volleyball vs Ravenna	H 6:30 pm
20	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Whitehall	H 7:00 pm
21	Middle School Football vs Ravenna	A 4:00 pm
22	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Mason County	H 4:00 pm
22	JV Football vs Ravenna	H 6:30 pm
23	Varsity Football vs Ravenna	A 7:00 pm
24	Cross Country – Oakridge Invitational	H 8:00 am
24	JV Volleyball – MSA Tournament in GR	A 9:00 am
27	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Shelby	A 4:00 pm
27	West Michigan Conference @ N Muskegon	A 4:30 pm
27	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Ravenna	A 4:30 pm
27	Varsity Volleyball vs North Muskegon	A 6:30 pm
27	JV Volleyball vs North Muskegon	A 5:30 pm
28	Middle School Football vs Shelby	A 4:00 pm
29	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Whitehall	A 4:00 pm
29	JV Football vs Whitehall	A 6:30 pm
30	Varsity Football vs Whitehall – HOMECOMING	H 7:00 pm

October

1	Cross Country Fruitport Invitational	A 9:00 am
1	Varsity Volleyball - Kent City Tournament	A TBA
3	JV Volleyball – Kent City Quad	A 5:00 pm
3	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Mason County	A 4:30 pm
4	Middle School Girls Basketball vs Ravenna	H 4:00 pm
4	JV Volleyball vs Mason County Central	A 5:30 pm
4	Varsity Volleyball vs Mason County	A 6:30 pm
5	Varsity Boys Soccer – WMC Tournament	TBA
5	Middle School Football vs Hart	A 4:00 pm
6	Middle School Girls Basketball vs N Muskegon	A 4:00 pm
6	JV Football vs Mason County Central	H 6:30 pm
7	Varsity Football vs Mason County Central	A 7:00 pm
8	JV Boys Soccer vs Cedar Springs	A 11:00am
8	Varsity Boys Soccer vs Cedar Springs	A 12:45am
8	Varsity Volleyball – Shelby Invitational	A 9:00 am
10	Middle School Girls Basketball WMC Tourny	TBA
10	Middle School Girls Basketball WMC Tourny	TBA
10	Varsity Boys Soccer – WMC Tournament	TBA
11	Cross Country – West Michigan Conf – MCC	A 4:30 pm
11	JV Volleyball vs Hart	H 5:30 pm
11	Varsity Volleyball vs Hart	H 6:30 pm
12	Middle School Football vs Montague	H 4:00 pm
12	Varsity Boys Soccer – WMC Tournament	TBA
13	JV Boys Soccer vs GR Catholic	A 5:00 pm
13	JV Football vs Montague	A 6:30 pm
14	Cross Country – GMAA	A TBA
14	Varsity Football vs Montague (Benefit Game)	H 7:00 pm
15	Varsity Volleyball @ Mona Shores	A TBA
17	Varsity Boys Soccer – MHSAA Districts	TBA
18	Cross Country – WMC @ Oakridge	H 4:30 pm
19	Middle School Football vs Whitehall	H 4:00 pm
20	JV Volleyball vs Orchard View	A 5:30 pm
20	JV Football vs Orchard View	A 6:30 pm
20	Varsity Volleyball vs Orchard View	A 7:00 pm
21	Varsity Football vs Orchard View	H 7:00 pm
22	Cross Country – Mel Hall Invitational	A 10:00am
22	Varsity Volleyball – WMC Tournament	A TBA
25	Cross Country – Muskegon	A TBA
27	JV Volleyball Coopersville Quad	A 5:00 pm
27	Varsity Volleyball – Coopersville Quad	A 5:00 pm
28	Cross Country – MHSAA Regionals	A TBA
29	Cross Country – MHSAA Regionals	A TBA
31	Varsity Volleyball – MHSAA Districts	TBA

November

5	Cross Country – MHSAA Regionals	A TBA
16	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Ravenna	A 4:00 pm
21	Middle School Boys Basketball vs N Muskegon	H 4:00 pm
28	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Whitehall	H 4:00 pm
30	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Hart	H 4:00 pm

December

5	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Montague	A 4:00 pm
7	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Mason County	H 4:00 pm
12	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Shelby	A 4:00 pm
14	Middle School Boys Basketball vs Whitehall	A 4:00 pm

Date and time changes are always possible; please check the district website for updates and printable schedules.

High School News

JASON MCVOY, PRINCIPAL
788-7300

OHS Orientation

OHS will once again be holding our "Kick Start Orientation" for all students from 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm on Friday, August 26 and Monday, August 29. Students are welcome to attend on either of these two days. Students will turn in paperwork, have their school pictures taken, be given their class schedules and locker assignments. Our counseling staff will also be on hand to answer any questions.

2016-17 Open House

Date: Wednesday, September 7

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

The Open House is for all parents and students. Beginning at 5:00 pm, parents will follow their student's schedule for a ten minute presentation with each of their child's teachers in the classrooms. Our entire staff is excited to get to know you and your student, and explain what is in store for the coming year!

High School Schedule

The first day of school is September 6 with a full day of classes. Students are to report to the gymnasium at 7:45 am.

Daily class times are as follows:

0 hour:	6:45 - 7:35
1st hour:	7:45 - 9:02
2 nd hour:	9:07 - 10:06
3 rd hour:	10:11- 11:09
A Lunch:	11:09 - 11:39
4 th hour:	11:39 - 12:37
4 th hour:	11:14 - 12:12
B Lunch:	12:12 - 12:42
5 th hour:	12:42 - 1:41
6 th hour:	1:46 - 2:45
7 th hour:	2:52 - 3:50

Being on-time and prepared for learning is an important part of your education.

Each class may have different supplies and material requirements; be sure to check your class syllabus or handout for more information.

What is a Personal Curriculum?

The personal curriculum (PC) is a documented process, requested by the parent, legal guardian, or emancipated student that modifies certain graduation requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum. All students are entitled to a Personal Curriculum if they meet certain criteria. If granted, a student must complete the requirements of the PC in order to be awarded a high school diploma. For further information, contact the guidance office for a PC information sheet.

Spirit Shirts

Attention all students! Get your 2016-17 class spirit shirts now! Pick up an order form in the HS office. Cost is \$13.00 each.

Building & Grounds

It's been a busy summer for our maintenance department and groundskeepers here at Oakridge. Many interior and exterior improvements and updates have been made.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Fellowship Church and the many volunteers who donated their time and materials to improve the landscaping at the Upper Elementary and High School.



OHS Counseling Center

Counselors: Rob Patton & Erin Silva
Registrar: Brenda Scott
Phone: 231-788-7310

The Oakridge High School Counseling Center staff works to update the Counseling Center website frequently to provide the best resources for our students and parents. When you visit you will find links to information on the Michigan Merit Curriculum graduation requirements, the Michigan Merit Exam, college and scholarship information, career resources, and personal counseling links. Choose the Counseling Center quick-link from the High School page @ www.oakridgeschools.org.

Military Recruitment/Opt Out

Pursuant to federal law (NCLB), a student's legal parent or guardian has the option to choose not to provide their student's directory information to the military recruiters that visit Oakridge High School. Those wishing to withhold this information can request an Opt-Out form from the counseling center. Forms must be returned to the counseling center no later than September 9, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year.

College Planning Night

The Counseling Center will sponsor a College Planning Night for seniors and their parents on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 pm in the high school cafeteria.

Please join to for an overview of the college planning process, financial aid and scholarship planning, and how to best use the counseling center in your planning.

This is a great resource for parents looking to get a better understanding of college planning. We hope to see all seniors and their parents attend!

OHS College Advisor

Oakridge High School is happy to announce the return of College Advisor, Dillon Frechen for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Frechen works with our juniors and seniors, helping with scholarships, college applications and more.

Planning Calendar for Juniors and Seniors

Eleventh and twelfth grade students should receive a complete 2016-17 Planning Calendar with their class schedule. Below are some upcoming points to be aware of:

Juniors

September/October

- 1.) All juniors will be taking the October PSAT/NMSQT test. This will help juniors transition to the newly-required SAT test as part of Michigan's new Spring assessment. Also, the PSAT/NMSQT is an excellent tool to prepare for college and potentially qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- 2.) Attend college representative visits at OHS. Listen for PA announcements or check the list of scheduled college visits in the Counseling Center.

Seniors

September/October

- 1.) Plan to attend the September 21st OHS College Planning Night in the HS Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.
- 2.) Prepare or revise Personal Statements and Activity sheets for use with college admission and scholarship essays.
- 3.) Start the college application and scholarship search process NOW!
- 4.) If you are interested in being eligible for college athletics, register with NCAA at www.ncaa.org.
- 5.) Take or retake the ACT during the fall test sessions. The first available retest date is October 24 with a September 18 registration deadline. Register through www.actstudent.org.

Media Center

The HS Media Center is a great resource for all students. Computers are available for student use, homework help and after school tutoring is available (days and times will be posted) and of course our abundant supply of books to read!

Middle School News

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2016-17 Open House

Date: Wednesday, September 7

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

The Open House is for all parents and students. Beginning at 5:00 pm, parents will follow their student's schedule for a few minute presentation with each of their child's teachers in the classrooms. Our entire staff is excited to get to know you and your student, and explain what is in store for the coming year!

Gear Up For Learning!

Back to school sales are going on at local stores! Being prepared and organized are two simple ways to ensure success.

Each teacher/class may require specific supplies, but the most common items that are needed for your MS student include the following items:

- Pencils, Pens, Erasers
- Lined Paper
- One Pocket Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Book covers (jumbo size)
- Three Ring Binders
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator to use at home (TI-30x IIB or similar)

Building Updates

OMS has received some much needed interior updates this summer. Our walls and lockers have been painted, ceiling tiles replace, bleachers repaired, gym walls painted and the gym floor sanded, painted and refinished!

Our new secure entrance/office renovation will begin in September with completion set for the end of December. Thank you for the county-wide Technology & Security Millage allowing for this safety improvement.

We are excited for you to see our new look!

STEM

We are pleased to introduce the new Middle School STEM program. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This class is based on real-world experiences and skills and students will do a lot of hands-on activities.

6th Grade Athlete Involvement

Currently, middle school sports are limited to 7th and 8th grade students attending MHSAA member schools. There have been recent changes to this policy after a vote conducted with all MHSAA member schools. This announcement is to explain how the recent changes will impact Oakridge 6th grade students and middle school sports in general.

The changes to allow 6th grade involvement at the middle school will have the most impact on individual sports (cross country and track). Oakridge Public Schools has elected to include any 6th grade students who wish to participate in the individual sponsored sports at Oakridge Middle School. These 6th grade students will become part of the existing 7/8th grade teams and compete as one. Oakridge will not organize separate 6th grade teams. The intent to include 6th graders is to provide more opportunities for students to be involved with interscholastic athletics at an early age.

Any questions and concerns can be directed to Oakridge Athletic Director, Gene Gifford at 231-788-7317.

Upper Elementary News

TROY MORAN, PRINCIPAL
788-7500

Back to School at OUE

Oakridge Upper Elementary welcomes our newly enrolled and returning students back to school. Please feel free to stop in to the building to enroll, get acquainted with the layout, visit, or have your questions answered.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Wednesday, August 31st from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Our mission is to nurture, inspire, and challenge all students to maximize their abilities by providing quality learning experiences in a caring environment. We look forward to a successful 2016-17 school year.

Student Mailing

All returning students should receive a packet in the mail that will include their teacher assignment, supply list and required paperwork for the new year.

If you do not receive a packet prior to the Open House because you have moved to a new address or are new to the district, please stop by the OUE office to pick up this important information.



Box Tops for Education

Please continue to support our youngest eagles by clipping out box tops and sending them to school with a young eagle or dropping them off at the lower elementary. The Oakridge Parent Club continues to support our youngsters from this endeavor. Thank you!

Lower Elementary News

JOANNA BENNINK, PRINCIPAL
788-7600

Welcome to OLE!

We are thrilled to welcome all new and returning students to the 2016-2017 school year! We would like to see everyone attend the open house events listed below. The dates and times are as follows:

GSRP Preschool Open House:

August 23rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center on the corner of Apple and Carr road.

Kindercamp:

August 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Parents will bring their students to their new classroom and stay with their students for about 20 minutes. Then parents will leave their students with their teacher at 9:20 to attend a short orientation. Parents can then leave and return to pick up their children at 11:45. This is for our Kindergarten and TTK students to practice going to school before the big day to eliminate some first day jitters.

OLE Open House:

August 31st from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - This event will be for all students, Kindergarten-3rd grade. Meet and greet and find your seat!

First day of school is Tuesday, September 6th for all students including Preschool.

We are so excited to see all of our friends at our open houses and to start an awesome school year! Let's remember Buzzy's Rules: Bee Safe, Bee Kind and Bee Respectful!

Oakridge Parent Club

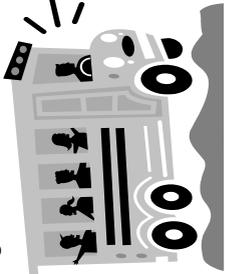
The Parent Club hosts many events and activities throughout the year to help raise money to support our students and teachers.

Many classroom grants have been given for supplies, projects, field trips, books, assemblies, technology equipment, and more!

Check out our website for more information: oakridgepc.weebly.com

OAKRIDGE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT BUS EXPECTATIONS

Please review with your students.

	Be Responsible	Use Respect	Stay Safe
BUS Waiting for the Bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be at assigned bus stop 7 minutes prior to pick up time ✓ Line up appropriately ✓ Stay in line ✓ Ride only assigned bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself ✓ Be respectful of others and their property ✓ Greet the bus driver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wait at least 10 feet off the roadway in a safe place, clear of traffic ✓ Follow bus driver direction on where to wait ✓ Cross in FRONT of bus upon verbal direction from bus driver (never behind) ✓ DO NOT approach the bus (wait for bus driver directions)
Entering the Bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be seated quickly and slide over for others ✓ Once seated, remain seated ✓ Sit down, sit back, put your hands on your lap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Greet the bus driver ✓ Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself ✓ Use inside voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DO NOT approach the bus (wait for bus driver directions) ✓ When crossing the road, look both directions for cars before you cross ✓ Cross in FRONT of bus upon verbal direction from bus driver (never behind) ✓ Use your walking feet (WALK) ✓ Hold the handrail while going up steps
Riding the Bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow the bus driver directions ✓ Keep bus clean & safe ✓ Food and beverage must be completed before boarding the bus (keep in your bag) ✓ All bags, backpacks, band instruments, etc. must be held on your lap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use inside voice ✓ Use appropriate language and topics ✓ Ask permission to open window ✓ Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stay seated, face forward slide over for others ✓ Sit down, sit back, put your hands on your lap ✓ Keep aisle and exits clear ✓ Keep self and objects inside bus ✓ Keep the bus free of dangerous materials (alcohol, drugs, weapons, lighters and other hazardous materials)
Exiting the Bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stay seated until the door opens at your assigned bus stop ✓ Take your belongings with you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself ✓ Use inside voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exit bus in an orderly manner ✓ Hold the handrail while using the steps ✓ Move to a safe spot away from the bus ✓ Cross in FRONT of the bus upon verbal direction from bus driver (never behind) ✓ Listen to bus driver directions
Evacuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow bus driver directions ✓ Help others when appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stay quiet and listen for directions ✓ Leave belongings on the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exit quickly and safely

Transportation is a privilege. Students must follow the above expectations in order to keep their riding privilege.

“SIT DOWN, SIT BACK, PUT YOUR HANDS IN YOUR LAP!”

Student Name: _____ Bus #: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Education

788-7150

Golden Eagles Program

Join the Oakridge Golden Eagles for activities, trips, dinners and more! Stop by the Senior Center located at south building on Apple & Carr.

Contact Melody Clarke at 788-7155 if you'd like to be put on the mailing list for the activities brochure.

Oakridge Community Yard Sale

Date: September 24th

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The yard sale will be held at 1050 Carr Rd (old Carr Elementary building)

Oakridge Golden Eagles and Oakridge School will be hosting a joint yard sale. School desks, chairs, cabinets, and much more will be for sale. We are also opening the sale up to residents to buy a spot and sell their items.

The cost is \$10 for a 10' spot. You have to furnish your own table and chair. Please call Melody at 788-7155 if you are interested.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Date: Monday, November 21st

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: High School Cafeteria

Oakridge Community Education will be hosting its annual "Turkey Dinner" on Monday, November 21st at 6:00 pm in the Oakridge High School cafeteria. This delicious dinner is served FREE to seniors 55 years and over. All you need to bring is yourself and a hearty appetite. Please call 788-7155 to make a reservation.

*We will take reservations for Oakridge residents FIRST until Nov. 4th. Non residents can call after Nov. 7th to sign up if there is still room available.

Senior Center Fundraiser

Soup and Dessert Supper

October 24th, 2016 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
For a donation you can sample several delicious soups and desserts. Then vote for your favorite.

Bring your friends and family for a nice meal!

Soaring Eagle Travelers

Tommy Guns Garage

Date: October 5th

Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Cost: \$110.00

Michigan Princess Riverboat Cruise

Date: October 25

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$60.00

Firekeepers & Gun Lake Casino

Date: November 19

Time: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$25.00

Zenders Holiday Show & Bronners Shopping

Date: November 10

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$65.00

New Years Eve & The Red Barn Theater

Date: December 31 & January 1

Depart 1:00 pm Dec 31

Return: 2:00 pm Jan 1

Coming in the Fall of 2017 Ireland Adventures

For more information on any of the trips, please call Melody at 788-7155.

Golden Eagles Activities at a Glance

September

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday	9/12	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 am
Monday	9/12	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 am
Monday	9/12	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Thursday	9/15	GEP Meeting	Senior Center	10:00 am
Thursday	9/15	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 am
Monday	9/19	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Monday	9/19	Pot Luck Dance	ECC Building	5:30 pm
Tuesday	9/20	Painting Class	Senior Center	12:00 pm
Wednesday	9/21	Painting Class	Senior Center	12:00 pm
Thursday	9/22	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 am
Saturday	9/23	School/Community Yard Sale	ECC Building	8:00 am-2:00 pm
Monday	9/26	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Wednesday	9/28	Gal's Together	Senior Center	11:00 am
Thursday	9/29	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 am
Friday	9/30	Breakfast Bunch	Carmens Cafe	9:00 am

October

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday	10/3	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 am
Monday	10/3	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 am
Monday	10/3	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Wednesday	10/5	Tommy Guns Trip	Depart from OMS	8:00 am
Thursday	10/6	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 am
Monday	10/10	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Monday	10/17	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Thursday	10/20	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 am
Monday	10/24	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Monday	10/24	Soup & Dessert Supper	Senior Center	5-7:00 pm
Tuesday	10/25	Princess River Boat Trip	Depart from OMS	8:30 am
Friday	10/28	Breakfast Bunch	Denny's 3520 Green Street	9:00 am

November

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday	11/3	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 am
Monday	11/7	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 am
Monday	11/7	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 am
Monday	11/7	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Thursday	11/10	Firekeepers/Gun Lake Casino	Depart from OMS	7:30 am
Monday	11/14	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Friday	11/18	Breakfast Bunch	Carmen's Cafe	9:00 am
Monday	11/21	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Monday	11/21	Thanksgiving Dinner	OHS Cafeteria	6:00 pm
Monday	11/28	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Tuesday	11/29	Zenders Trip	Depart from OMS	8:00 am

December

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday	12/5	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 am
Monday	12/5	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 am
Monday	12/5	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Monday	12/12	Christmas Pot Luck	Senior Center	5:30 pm
Monday	12/12	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 pm
Wednesday	12/14	Cookie Exchange	Senior Center	12:00 pm
Friday	12/16	Breakfast Bunch	Whitlow's 4610 Airline Rd	9:00 am

The Senior Center will be closed December 19th through January 2nd for the holidays.

2016-17 School Calendar

September

- 6 First Day of School
- 28 Half day students for Teacher Curriculum Development

October

- 12 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 26 Half day students for Teacher Curriculum Development

November

- 2 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 4 Half day for Elementary students - **End of 1st MP**
- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – Elementary
- 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – Elementary
- 11 Half day for Elementary - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Elementary
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – MS/HS
- 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – MS/HS
- 23 Half day for students and staff
- 24-25 No School - Thanksgiving

December

- 7 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 19-Jan 2 No School - Christmas Vacation

January

- 3 School resumes
- 11 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 25 Half day for MS/HS students (exams)
- 26 Half day for MS/HS students (exams)
- 27 Half day for all students (exams MS/HS) - **End of 2nd MP& 1st Semester**

February

- 1 Half day students for Teacher Curriculum Development
- 15 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 17 Half day all students for Mid-Winter Break
- 20 No School for Mid-Winter Break

March

- 15 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 30 Half day for Elementary students – records day
- 31 Half day for students and staff – **End of 3rd MP**

April

- 3-7 No School – Spring Break
- 13 Half day for all staff and students
- 14 No School – Good Friday
- 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – MS/HS
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – Elementary
- 19 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – MS/HS
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening – Elementary
- 21 Half day for Elementary - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Elementary

May

- 3 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 17 Late Start - In-service for teachers
- 26 Half day for all staff and students
- 29 No School - Memorial Day

June

- 9 Half day for MS/HS students (exams)
- 12 Half day for MS/HS students (exams)
- 13 Last day/Half day for all students (MS/HS exams) – **End of 4th MP**





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