

# Oakwood Times

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*The mission of Allendale Public Schools, in partnership with the community, is to provide the best educational environment possible, challenging all students to reach their highest potential.*

## Oakwood Intermediate School Awards Assembly

### Important Dates

- Friday, February 10, Oakwood Valentine Party, 3:30—5:15.
- Thursday, February 16, Professional Development Day, **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS DK—5TH.**
- Friday, February 17—Monday, February 20, Mid Winter Break, **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS DK—12TH.**
- Friday, February 24, Mother / Son event, 6—8 PM.
- Monday, February 27, PTO meeting, featuring the Falcons Kids Choir, 6:30 PM.
- Friday, March 2, **half day for students, dismissed at 12:05.**
- Monday, March 5, Oakwood Fine Arts Fair, 6:30—7:30.
- Tuesday, March 6, Kindergarten registration, 2—6PM
- Thursday, March 15, Math and Science Night, 6—8 PM.
- Saturday, March 17, PTO Fitness Frenzy, 9 AM—noon.
- Friday, March 23, Father / Daughter dance.
- Wednesday, March 28, Parent / Teacher conferences, 5:30—8:00 PM.
- Thursday, March 29, Parent / Teacher conferences, 12:30—3:30. **Half Day for students, dismissed at 12:05.**

This coming week Oakwood has the great pleasure of celebrating the academic successes of a number of our students. On Thursday and Friday mornings Oakwood students will gather in the gymnasium to participate in the first semester Awards Assembly. During the assembly students will be recognized for academic achievement through the Honor Roll and Principal's List. Each of these awards signifies students reaching an academic benchmark through the first semester of their classes.

The Honor Roll certificate is awarded to all students who achieved any form of an A or

B in all of their core classes through the first semester, while the Principal's List certificate is awarded to those students who received any form of an A in all of their core classes. Along with the academic awards we will recognize students for first semester perfect attendance.

Parents are invited to attend the assemblies. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade assembly will begin at 8:45 on Thursday (Feb 9) in the Oakwood gym and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade assembly is scheduled to begin at 8:45 on Friday (Feb 10).



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### Bike Safety

Even during the winter months, there are many students who enjoy riding their bikes to school and during after school hours. Please remind your children to stay on the sidewalks when riding around the neighborhood and school campus. If they do need to ride along the street, teach them the "rules of the road" about how bikes should be traveling on the same side of the road and in the same direction as cars. Let's keep our campus safe for the bikers and the drivers!



## PTO NEWS

**Thank you** to Papa John's Pizza for providing dinner and to "Out of the Box" for providing some fun family game time at our January PTO meeting! The food was delicious and it was fun to try out some new games. Out of the Box (located in Zeeland) also donated 25% of its sales that night and the rest of that week to Allendale's Game Club. More parent volunteers are needed for this group—please contact Barb Beck if you'd like to be involved.

### Open Positions

The following positions on the PTO board will be open next year: President, Lead Volunteer Coordinator, and Secretary. Serving on the PTO board is a rewarding experience and a great way to become involved in your child's school. Please contact any board member for more information! We need YOU!

### Upcoming Events

**Mother/Son Event:** Our Mother/Son Event will take place at Crazy Bounce in Holland on Friday, February 24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Look for more information to come.

**Father/Daughter Dance:** The Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, March 23.

**Math/Science Night:** The Math and Science night will be held on Thursday, March 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Family Fitness Frenzy:** Family Fitness Frenzy is fast approaching! It will take place on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Have you ever looked at your child's Fitness Frenzy's t-shirts from previous years (designed by our own Dani Suhy!) and thought you might like one for yourself? This year, t-shirts are available for adults as well as pre-school children. For every \$25 raised, an additional t-shirt is earned. Example: \$25 raised, your child receives a t-shirt. \$50 raised, your child receives a t-shirt and you may order an additional t-shirt in any size. \$75 raised: your child receives a t-shirt and you may order two additional t-shirts, etc. In addition, for every \$10 raised, your child's name will be put in a drawing to earn some great prizes. The PTO

is involved in many activities such as sponsoring assemblies and special events, purchasing school supplies, as well as helping everyone enjoy field trips regardless of cost and financial ability to pay. It is not necessary to raise money to participate in Family Fitness Frenzy, but since this is the PTO's main fund raiser, your financial participation is much appreciated! By the way, it is not too late to get involved at the ground level for FFF! Please contact any PTO board member if you'd like to be in on the planning for this fun event.

**PTO Meeting:** Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakwood Cafeteria.

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## Gifted and Talented

Allendale offers several opportunities for qualified 3rd - 5th graders in the Gifted and Talented program. One opportunity is Accelerated Math classes which teach 4th grade math to 3rd grade students, and so on through the grades.

A second opportunity is the Explorer Class which meets once a week in 3rd grade, but daily in 4th and 5th grades. This is a project-based class where we work on different projects throughout the year.

If you are the parent of a **2nd- 4th grader** and would like your child tested for the ASCENT (Gifted and Talented) Program, please fill out the **Nomination Form** by **Feb. 24**. Nomination forms can be found on the website under Parents, Gifted and Talented, or you can pick one up in the school office. Questions? E-mail Barb Beck at [beckbar@allendale.k12.mi.us](mailto:beckbar@allendale.k12.mi.us) or call 892-5580 ext. 3201.