

Hello, Oakwood Families:

Welcome to March! I hope your week is off to a great start. There is a lot going on at Oakwood and in the district. Below please find several pieces of very timely information.

### **PTO Meeting**

The next PTO Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7 (tonight) at 6 pm in the Evergreen Library. Join us to find out what is happening in our elementary buildings, meet new people, learn about the many volunteer opportunities available, and more!

### **March is Reading Month (MiRM)**

March is a great month for a number of reasons, and one of those is the fact that we celebrate **March is Reading Month** in all three elementary buildings. We are excited about all the additional opportunities this month to read and celebrate reading! Students will have even more chances to enjoy reading and win new books. Our MiRM team has put together a great calendar for the month which includes a number of fun theme days. You can find our calendar of events attached to this email.

### **PTO's "reAd Fundraiser and Challenge" Has Begun!**

We have a great Elementary PTO that works very hard to support our students. Last year, one of their successful projects was a fundraiser that focused on students' reading. The fundraiser was so successful, the PTO has decided to run it again this year. The fundraiser, named the "reAd Fundraiser and Challenge" will run from March 6 - 19. Late last week your child brought home a packet of information about the fundraiser. We hope that you and your child will take part in this fundraiser and challenge. Everyone wins when our students read. Thanks so much for your support! Students can begin to record minutes on the reAd Fundraiser Minutes Log now! Happy Reading!

### **PTO Let's Glow Party**

Our PTO Let's Glow Party is Saturday, March 11 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Allendale High School gymnasium. Bring your son out for an evening of fun! There will be a DJ, face painting, photo booth, refreshments, cookie decorating station & more. Come as you are or dress to impress, this glow party doesn't care! See the attached flyer for sign-up details. Sign up soon – the event is this Saturday.

The Let's Glow Party team is still looking for volunteers to help with the event on Saturday. Anyone wishing to help can sign-up by clicking on this link: [Let's Glow Volunteers](#)

### **AHS Presents: Little Shop of Horrors**

The AHS theater program is presenting *Little Shop of Horrors* this Thursday & Friday, March 9 & 10 at 7:00pm and on Saturday, March 11 at 3:00pm. The performances will be held in the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center. To reserve your tickets for one of the shows, go to:

[Little Shop of Horrors Tickets](#)

### **Interact Rotary Club Parents' Night Out**

Parents' Night Out event coming up on Friday, March 10 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm in the Evergreen Elementary cafeteria and gym. This event is being put on by the AHS Rotary Interact Club. It is a great opportunity for parents to go out to dinner and do something fun or just relax and let their kids have fun and be entertained.

The Rotary Interact Club will accept donations at the check in table and any money collected will be put towards the material cost of building a house in El Salvador during our spring international service trip. See the attached flyer for more information or stop in the Oakwood office for a copy.

**APS Mental Health Committee Offering Parenting Workshop**

On Thursday, March 16, the APS Mental Health Committee will be hosting a parenting workshop titled: *Inquiring Minds: Understanding Your Student's Needs and Guiding Them To Success*. The evening will consist of a keynote speaker and several break-out sessions. It is open to all families in the district. It will be held here at Oakwood with dinner and childcare provided. See the flyer attached for more information. Click on the link [HERE](#) to register for dinner and childcare.

**Be Kind to Your Mind T-Shirts**

We have had many requests to reopen the store so that families can purchase *Be Kind to Your Mind* shirts. The online store will be open from now until March 17. These shirts will also be worn in the month of May in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. To purchase a shirt, [click here](#). All three designs were created by APS students.

**No School Reminder - Friday, March 17th**

On Friday, March 17th, our APS students will have a day off from school while APS' instructional staff receives professional development. Enjoy the day off!

**GVSU STEM Summer Camp**

GVSU has STEM Summer camp options for Kindergarten through High School. All registrations are open now including the most recent addition, GenCyber Camp. Go to this [Link](#) to explore the different options or copy and paste <https://www.gvsu.edu/camps/> into your browser.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. I am happy to help in any way I can.

Proud to be Your Child's Principal,  
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