

Hello, Oakwood Families:

I hope you have enjoyed the weather this week. We wish all of our APS graduates a fun and memorable evening tomorrow for their commencement ceremony. What an accomplishment! We have much to accomplish yet this year too, here at Oakwood. Please encourage your child to finish strong and bring their A game all the way through our last day together. Below please find some information and important dates to be mindful of as our school year quickly comes to an end.

#### **Monday, May 29 - Happy Memorial Day**

Just a reminder that Allendale Public Schools will be closed on Monday, May 29. We say 'Happy Memorial Day' because we are thankful for the life we live today, that was provided by the sacrifices of generations before.

#### **Reminder - Oakwood Book Swap**

Oakwood will host its annual Book Swap this Friday, May 26. If you have books at home that you would be willing to contribute to the Oakwood Book Swap, you are encouraged to send them to school with your child no later than Friday morning. In return, your child will receive up to five "book tickets" that can be used to "purchase" books during the Swap. All donated books can be brought to Oakwood's Media Center.

#### **Oakwood Field Day Volunteers Needed**

The Oakwood Field Day will take place on Thursday, June 8, from 9-11:15am. Mr. Rytlewski, our PE teacher, has a full morning of fun outdoor activities planned. We are looking for approximately 32 volunteers to assist with activity stations. No special skills needed - Mr. R. will train our parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping make field day a memorable event for our students (and yours), please use the Sign-Up Genius Link here: [Oakwood Field Day Volunteers](#)

All parents are welcome to come watch their child participate in our Oakwood field day. All visitors are asked to park in the east lot closest to the AYSO soccer fields and walk around the backside of the building to our field day stations. Our 4th grade students will be set up in the playground area. Our 5th grade students will hold their events on the soccer field area. This day is always one of the highlights of the year for many of our students. We look forward to a fun day of making memories with our classmates and the Oakwood staff.

#### **Michigan Department of Education - Medicaid Information**

During the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), many changes were made to the Medicaid program's eligibility, administration, and policies to ease rules for providers and prevent Medicaid beneficiaries from losing health care coverage. Per recent federal legislation, Michigan will restart Medicaid eligibility renewals in June and amend certain waived policies that were in place during the pandemic.

The Department of Education has been asked to distribute information to local school districts so they can share it with their families. There are two documents attached to this email that include additional information for our families to be aware of. Please see the attached documents titled: "StayCovered" and "Medicaid Redetermination." If you are interested in more information, it can be found at the MDHHS website: [www.michigan.gov/2023BenefitChanges](http://www.michigan.gov/2023BenefitChanges) or on the DIFS website: [www.michigan.gov/StayCovered](http://www.michigan.gov/StayCovered).

#### **Child Protection Registry**

The State of Michigan is offering a free program to stop adult-oriented advertisements from reaching emails and mobile phones (text messaging ads). The Michigan Child Protection Registry, created by Michigan's state legislature in 2004, allows Michigan schools and families to protect their students from receiving adult-themed content and is located at [www.ProtectMiChild.com](http://www.ProtectMiChild.com).

#### **6th Grade Band Information**

A beginning band rental meeting will take place on May 31 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the MS cafeteria for any 5th grade families looking for information on renting/purchasing a band instrument for next year. For more information, contact Mr. Langejans at: [langejanskev@apfalcons.net](mailto:langejanskev@apfalcons.net)

#### **5th Grade Parents - Allendale Middle School Information**

Mr. Plain, the Allendale Middle School Principal, has asked us to pass the attached note on to our 5th grade families. The note contains information about various opportunities at the middle school, academic support and building tour information.

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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