

Hello, Oakwood:

We are coming into the last week of March, with only nine short weeks of school left when we return. I hope you all enjoy your time away from school and get a chance to rest and recharge. The spring is a busy time around Oakwood with lots of learning to happen yet, our MSTEP testing period, field trips, and more! See the notes below for information and opportunities over the next two weeks:

Goodbye to March is Reading Month

Every year the month of March is a special time at Oakwood, and this year's March was no exception. Our students were encouraged to commit to reading an "extra amount" this month and many of them did just that. Our reading minutes were at an all-time high this year! Congratulations to our students and families! Thank you for the support you provide to your student and our staff as we inspire all our students' love of reading.

On Thursday, we will celebrate our last day of March is Reading Month as we head off for Spring Break. Our theme for Thursday is: *Relax with a Good Book*. Students and staff are encouraged to wear and learn in comfy/PJ clothes on Thursday this week!

ReAd Fundraiser Final Push

Tonight, at 11:59pm, will be the last opportunity for anyone wishing to make a donation in support of our ReAd Challenge. Thank you to everyone who shared your support of reading this month - and every month. Our students learn first from what they see and hear at home. We appreciate your conversation about the importance of reading - it is a life skill that students will use in all areas of their lives!

Oakwood Fine Arts Night - Monday and Tuesday

It is finally here! The halls of Oakwood are filled with color and soon the gym will be filled with music as well. Please join us in celebrating the arts during Oakwood Fine Arts Nights! Monday, March 27, will feature musical performances by 4th-grade students and Tuesday, March 28, will feature musical performances by the 5th-grade students. Both evenings will run from 6-8pm. The Singing Falcons will perform each night. Both nights families are encouraged to walk through the halls to enjoy artwork by all of the Oakwood students. See attached flyers for more information on the musical portion of the evening.

Before you leave the Fine Arts Night, be sure to stop by the art room to pick up your child's portfolio filled with all of the artwork that they have created so far this year!

Spring Break

APS will be recognizing Spring Break the first full week in April. All school buildings will be closed from Friday, March 31 through Friday, April 7. School will resume on Monday, April 10.

Skating Night

Our PTO Skating Party is offering a fun, family skate party over Spring Break. It will be Tuesday, April 4, from 6-8pm at Tarry Hall Skating. Over the past few years, our Y5-5 PTO has organized family skating parties, which have been big hits with our students. No RSVP needed - just show up and enjoy!

April Lunch Menu

We are fortunate to be able to offer two lunch choices to our students in the APS district. Our April lunch menu is attached.

Opportunities for Students:

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.

Allendale AYSO Soccer

Soccer registration for Allendale AYSO opens on April 30th, 2023, and closes on June 3rd, 2023 for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 season. Please click the link at allendalesoccer.org for more 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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