



Olympians

November Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Oakridge Families,

During the month of October, our teachers have attended professional development to learn our new math curriculum, I-Ready. Our kindergarten, first, second, third grade teachers, and Mrs. Black have also completed LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training modules. The teachers and staff at Oakridge are committed to continue our learning to best meet our students' needs.

Here is a little information about I-Ready. The lessons span approximately one week. Each day is a session centered around a single, powerful problem. The lessons start with an Explore session, followed by 1-3 Develop sessions, and end with 1-2 Refine sessions. Classroom instruction incorporates the Try-Discuss-Connect routine to spark meaningful partner and whole class discussions. This helps to strengthen student's understanding of core concepts and become independent learners. Click on the link below to see how this works in a classroom.

<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/cBp8auDFJfoojR2TTRxv8m?>

I-Ready is a discourse based curriculum where students learn by solving and talking to each other. Explaining their thinking is central to learning. Knowing why something works is as important as knowing how to do it.

Our students in 1st-5th grades will soon have access to personalized learning with I-Ready individual software licenses. Students will be assigned tasks and learning based on the results of their diagnostic and other assessments.

We will be hosting family math nights in the future to share more information with you about what your children are learning, the strategies and methods used to teach them, and how you can support learning at home.

Safety Information

The Oakridge staff had a training this month on lockdown and lockout drills. During the month of November, we will be practicing a lockdown drill with our students. During a lockout, students and staff are brought inside the building and all exterior doors are locked. School activities are allowed to proceed as normal inside the school. Unless otherwise directed, parents and visitors will not be allowed on the campus until the protocol is lifted.

If there is a threat to student safety on campus, a school may be placed on Lockdown. This protocol requires all students, staff and approved visitors to move to the nearest room and lock the door.

Our Students Rock

Our beginning of year Acadience Math proficiency levels were as follows:

Kindergarten- 77%
1st grade- 80%
2nd grade-67%
3rd grade-75%
4th grade-72%
5th grade-80%

*Students will participate in benchmark testing again at the middle of the school year and at the end.



Open Enrollment- Early Enrollment Period

The dates have changed to apply for an open enrollment permit to attend a school outside of the boundaries where you live.

Open Enrollment - Early Enrollment Period • **November 15 - February 3 (first Friday in Feb)**

<https://www.graniteschools.org/psp/open-enrollment/>

Applications will be available online.

School Goals 2022-2023



School Community Council

What does the school community council do?.....

The School Community Council determines the school's greatest academic need and prepares a plan to address that need with the school's portion of the money distributed from the School LAND Trust program.

At our next meeting on Monday, November 14th @ 3:30, the council will begin discussing next year's trustland's budget and plan ideas. Our school trustlands allocation is approximately \$43,000 per year. The trustlands goal for this year is as follows:

By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, at least 80% of students will make typical or above-typical progress according to their Pathways of Progress goal on Acadience Math.

A pathways of progress goal is a researched based tool for:

- establishing individual student progress monitoring goals
 - evaluating individual student progress and rate of growth
 - evaluating the effectiveness of support at the classroom, school, or district level
- Acadiencelearning.com*

At the middle of the 2021-2022 school year, 52% of students were making typical or above-typical progress on their Pathways of Progress goal. At the end of the 2021-2022 school year, 59% of students at Oakridge were making typical or above-typical progress on their Pathways of Progress goal.

To help us achieve these goals we have outlined the following action steps:

- hired paraprofessionals to support math interventions and extensions with students.
- purchased core-aligned math resources & kits
- provide math professional development by paying for conference registrations

Did you know...



Oakridge got an A on our state report card. *Our students achieved exemplary status for achievement scores and growth!*

In 2021-2022 Oakridge students achieved 71% growth in English Language Arts, 73% growth in Math, 75 % growth in Science and 78% growth of students who have scored in the lowest quartile.

Growth between 70 to 99 is considered to be very high. This means a large number of students at Oakridge are meeting their yearly growth targets.

Our proficiency rates on the RISE assessment were 77% in Language Arts, 76% in Math, and 76% in Science.



Meet our Staff

Mr. McDonald 5th Grade Teacher

I have three kids and love to play board games and Lego with them. My favorite sport to watch is car racing, but my favorite to play is volleyball. Our family has had up to eight pets at once, though we currently have six (1 dog, 2 cats, 2 lizards, and a snake).

Favorite book Scott Pilgrim Versus the World

Favorite color Yellow

Favorite food Sushi

Mrs. Valencia Media Specialist

I love to read, create/craft, & spend time outside.

- Favorite book Wonder
- Favorite color Pink
- Favorite food Tacos

PTA Updates

PTA News

Hello Oakridge Parents! Thank you so much for volunteering to make our Fall Carnival, Reflections, and Eye Exams a success! Thank you especially to Melissa Davis and Rachel Mackay for taking the lead and chairing Fall Carnival this year! I think we can all agree it was a huge success and a great time was had by all! Thank you also to Siena Hansen for chairing Reflections and to the 5th grade parents for supplying snacks for the teacher's lounge for October. Here's what we have coming up in the weeks ahead:

October 31st: Comfort Kits Due! Please send your comfort kits back to school with your child by Monday, October 31st.

November 3rd: 9-10am: PTA Meeting! All are welcome to come to PTA meetings! We'd love to have you!

November 10: Parents and Pastries! Join us for this special morning at 7:45 to enjoy a donut and special time with your student. Any special adult in your child's life is welcome to join them, whether a parent, grandparent, neighbor, uncle, or friend! We still need a few volunteers to help run this event, especially help setting up before people arrive. Please visit tinyurl.com/olympianspta to sign up to help make this event a success!

PTA is now on INSTAGRAM! Follow us at oakridgeolympians_pta to find out all about events, volunteer opportunities, and other relevant information about everything going on at Oakridge! Thanks Oakridge families and we look forward to seeing you all at the Halloween parade and for some early morning donuts!

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Upcoming Dates

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1 3rd & 4th grade fieldtrip to the Capitol

3rd 9:00 PTA mtg.

7th & 11th 3rd-5th gifted testing

10th Parents & Pastries

14th 3:30 School Community Council mtg.

23rd-25th Thanksgiving Break No School

School Hours:

8:35 1st Bell

8:40 Tardy Bell

3:20 Dismissal

1:15 Friday/Planning Day Dismissal

Kinder Hours: 8:40 – 11:40 a.m. Kindergarten

12:20 – 3:20 p.m. Kindergarten

8:40 – 10:40 a.m. Friday/Planning Day Dismissal

11:15 – 1:15 p.m. Friday/Planning Day Dismissal