

OAKRIDGE

February Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Oakridge Families,

We are excited to focus on kindness and empathy in February. This month you will find a short introduction to our monthly character trait and weekly focuses. Our school team would like to share ideas with you to support your child at home in developing these skills. We love having supportive school and home partnerships to support our students.

Our focus areas align with the Graduate of Granite characteristics. The Graduate of Granite characteristics represent skills and dispositions that support a student's academic success. These traits are included on report cards along with academic skills. This component will be included in our monthly newsletters going forward.

We look forward to seeing you next week at conferences to celebrate your students and their accomplishments.

Mrs. Bergara

Events

ONGOING

 **Lion King Rehearsals**
*See Lion King section for the schedule


 **Spanish Program**
Tue & Thu 7:45a

 **Breakfast**
Every school day 8:10-8:40a

 **Donate to Education Foundation**
Box at front of school all month!

FEBRUARY

 **5th Winter Beach Bash @ Lunch**
Wear beach shirts, shorts, hats!

 **7th & 8th Parent Conferences**
[Schedule your SEP on this link](#)
[More information on SEPs](#)

 **7th & 8th Book Fair**

 **8th Playworks Jr. Coach Mtg.**
Select 4th & 5th graders | 3:20p-4:20p

 **8th Early out day - SEPs**

 **9th No school - SEPs**

 **12th 4th grade Capitol Field Trip**

 **14th Mancini Capitol Theater Trip**

 **15th Early out day**

 **16th No school for students**

 **19th No school - Presidents Day**

 **22nd Playworks Jr. Coach Mtg.**

 **23rd Music Dress Up Day**

 **28th 5th grade Abravanel Hall Trip**

 **28th 5th grade Tanner Dance Informance**

MARCH

 **1st Kindergarten Orientation 24-25**
10:00a-11:00a in the Multipurpose Room

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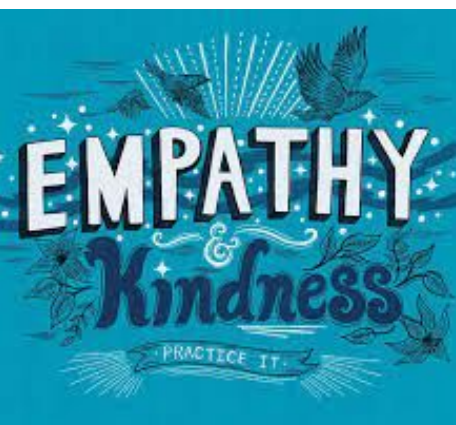
News from our Cafeteria

Join us on Monday, **February 5th**, for a **Winter Beach Bash**. Wear your favorite beach shirt, shorts, hat and enjoy a *Cool Tropics* slush during lunch. This is a new menu item available for all students to try on February 5th. After that, the slush will be available periodically for students who are purchasing school lunch.

If your child is bringing home lunch, please send them with the utensils and condiments they will need to eat their lunch. We do not have these available for students who are not purchasing a school lunch.

PBIS Monthly Focus: **Kindness & Empathy**

- **Feb. 5** Be proud of yourself and have humility
- **Feb. 12** Use kind words to communicate
- **Feb. 19** Show sensitivity to others
- **Feb. 26** Show grace to others by allowing them to make mistakes



This month we are focusing on **kindness** and **empathy**. We are sending home February kindness calendar that you can complete with your family to continue the discussion we are having at school. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of kindness and empathy.

We hope this focus will encourage discussions about the importance of being kind and seeing the needs of others.



REGISTER
FOR 24-25!



OAKRIDGE ELEMENTARY

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Address (if you're in boundary)

More info at schools.graniteschools.org/oakridge

GET READY FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR BY COMING
TO OAKRIDGE'S KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AND
MEETING THE TEACHERS!

MARCH 1, 2024

IN THE
MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM

PTA News

A reminder that **Valentine's Day** parties will be on **Thursday, February 14th**. Please coordinate with your teachers if you haven't heard anything but would like to be involved.

Book Fair (Feb 7th from 3:20-7:15 PM, Feb 8th 1:15-7:15pm) – We are excited to team up with Story Cupboard for our February book fair. Story Cupboard is a local company that many other nearby schools have started using. We have heard great reviews about their variety of award winning books and can't wait for all our Olympians to find their new favorite book at our next book fair. Like previous book fairs this is a fundraiser, and a portion of all sales will go back to our school & PTA. **Volunteers are needed!** [Sign up here](#)

24-25 Open Board Positions

We are looking for 2 new board members for the 2024-2025 school year.

Current openings:

Membership & Legislative/Advocacy VP.

Please email oakridgeolympiansPTA@gmail.com if interested

Appreciation Snacks

February - 5th Grade Stocks Teachers' Lounge - [Sign up here](#)

March - Kindergarten Stocks Teachers' Lounge - [Sign up here](#)

For more updates, follow us on Instagram [@OakridgeOlympians_PTA](https://www.instagram.com/OakridgeOlympians_PTA)

Thanks again for all your help & support!

Oakridge PTA Board

PTA Events

General PTA Meeting
Thursday, February 1st
@9a - Room 15

5th grade is stocking snacks in the teacher lounge February
Kindergarten is March

SEP Conferences & Bookfair
2/7 & 2/8 | Need Volunteers!
[Sign up on this link](#)

Valentines Parties
2/14 | Ask teachers for more info!

[Become a member of the PTA](#) or [make an open donation here](#)



Parent Teacher Conferences!

Dear Oakridge Families,

Our parent teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 7th and Thursday, February 8th. **To schedule your child's conference, please access the information [on our website](#) to schedule through the Pick A Time app.**

Please note **Thursday, February 8th is an early out day.** There is **no school on Friday, February 9th.**

Hello Lion King Families,

For students with speaking parts, please keep practicing at home and working on memorizing your lines. We are also hoping that everyone is practicing the songs at home! It's super tricky to sing and dance at the same time, so we need to make sure everyone knows the songs really well so that we don't forget to sing while we are dancing!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with our musical! We still need some spots filled, so please look over [the list](#) again and see if you can help in any way. Let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to help in a different way.

Thank you so much!!

If you have any questions about casting, rehearsal, or anything related to the play, please contact **Rachel Buchanan** rachel-buchanan@comcast.net

**Rehearsal Schedule
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Lion King Schedule

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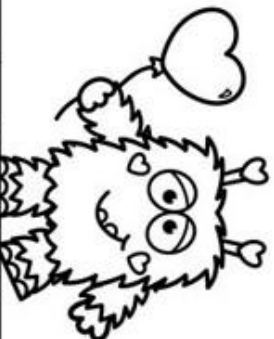
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		All Cast Auditorium		All Cast K-2: Music Room 3-5: Auditorium
All Speaking Parts Hyenas Lionesses/Cubs "Can You Feel the Love" & "Be Prepared" Singers		All Cast Auditorium		NO SCHOOL
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Name: _____

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Kindness Calendar

Directions: Shade in each day you complete an act of kindness.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Set a kindness goal for this month.	2 YOU CHOOSE!	3 Ask an adult if you can help dust or vacuum.
4 Put away a toy you weren't playing with.	5 Ask your teacher how their weekend was.	6 Talk to a classmate you don't normally talk to. (Try to make a new friend!)	7 Make a Valentine's Day card for someone.	8 Hold the door open for someone.	9 Do something to make someone laugh.	10 Hang up your coat and put away your shoes.
11 Ask someone how their day is going.	12 YOU CHOOSE!	13 Write a nice note on a post it and leave it for an adult you love.	14 Valentine's Day Tell someone you love them and why.	15 Let someone borrow your pencil.	16 Call someone who lives far away and ask them how their week was.	17 With an adult, make cookies or a special treat for a neighbor.
18 Make your bed.	19 President's Day Lead (teach) others how to be kind.	20 Ask someone to play a game with you.	21 Offer to organize the classroom library during recess.	22 Offer to sharpen pencils during recess.	23 Go through your winter clothes and choose an item that no longer fits you and donate it.	24 Give someone a hug!
25 Invite someone to play with you.	26 Give someone a compliment.	27 Recycle old papers.	28 YOU CHOOSE!	29 Read a book to someone.	<p>"Leave footprints of love and Kindness wherever you go."</p> <p>- unknown</p>	

Parent Focus App

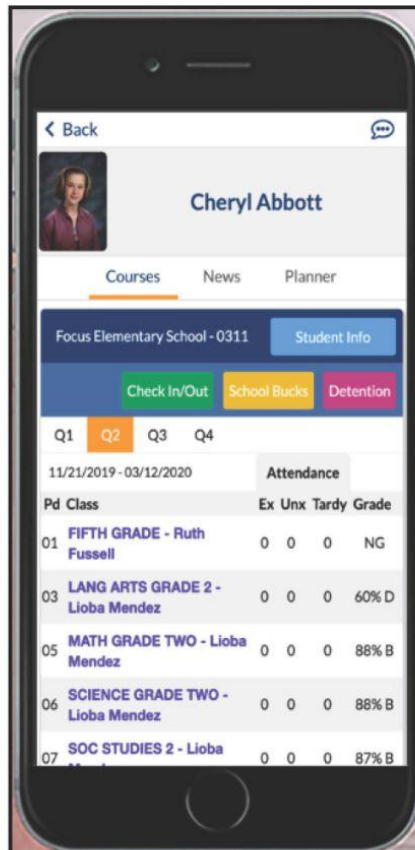


Focus School Software
Community Mobile App

Android



iOs - iPhone



Proficiency-Based Learning (PBL)

PBL provides an increased emphasis on Core Standards in three ways:

- 1** Focused teaching of core standards.
- 2** Collecting evidence of student learning on core standards.
- 3** Reporting student progress on core standards.

Why PBL?

PBL helps the District better understand and communicate students' strengths and areas for growth, which provides better data to use in determining where student supports and/or learning extensions are needed.

Recency

PBL uses the most recent evidence of student learning to determine the proficiency score on a specific standard. This allows for student growth over time during the instructional sequence.

	PBL	Old Method
Homework	Expected but not scored.	Usually at least 20% of grade
Extra Credit	Not part of PBL.	Varied by teacher. Used in many forms.
Behaviors	Part of Characteristics score.	Varied by teacher. Usually part of grade.
Standards Taught	Grades align to specific standards.	Varied by teacher on what to cover.
Reassessment	Expected within a time frame.	Varied by teacher. Not expected.
Assignment Redos	Expected within a time frame.	Varied by teacher. Not expected.
Multiple Modalities of Evidence	Expected to use modalities of evidence.	Varied by teacher.



Questions or Concerns?

PBL has been a fundamental shift away from counting points and completing tasks to recognizing growth and aligning grades to specific standards. It takes time and continuous training to help all educators understand and fully implement these shifts. Please reach out to your student's teacher(s) or principal to discuss any questions or concerns.