

OAKRIDGE

March/April Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Oakridge Families,

One role of our school community council includes reviewing school academic data to help set school goals for our continual improvement plan. We recently celebrated our students' growth and achievement on the Acadience math and reading benchmark assessments. 88% of our students made typical and above growth on the middle of year Acadience math assessment. 83% of our students made typical and above growth on the middle of year Acadience reading assessment. We are so proud of our teachers and students for all of their hard work.

Our council is working with representatives from Millcreek City and Unified Police Department to address the safety concerns shared in the safety survey. Thank you for sharing this feedback to help us keep students safe on their way to and from school.

Our next council meeting is on April 15th @ 3:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Events

ONGOING

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

MARCH

 **20th Kinder & 2nd Grade - Little Mermaid Churchill Field Trip - 9am**

 **Learning Environment Forms available in the office**

 **Spanish Program**
Tue & Thu 3/21 (last day!) 7:45a

 **26th Lion King School Performance**

  **27th Lion King @7-7:40pm**

***Doors open at 6:30**

  **28th Lion King @7-7:40pm**

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 **29th Hat day! Wear your fav hat!**
Student Leadership Theme

 **29th 4th Grade - Ballet West Field Trip - 9:45am-12:15pm**

 **29th Student of the Month Assembly (Parent Attendance)- 12:30p**

APRIL

 **1st-5th No School - Spring Break!**
Back from Spring Break April 8th

11th **PTA Mtg. 9:00**

15th **School Community Council mtg. 3:30**

 **17th 1st Grade - Red Butte Field Trip 9:00am-1:00pm**

19th **PTA sponsored Breakfast Bites 8:00-8:30**

 **26th Student of the Month Assembly (Parent Attendance)- 12:30p**

 **29th No School**

Grade level goals for 4th quarter:

Our Oakridge teachers and students are working hard to meet their grade level goals. During the fourth quarter, each grade set a goal for individual students to achieve by the end of the year. A data display with the goals is in the main hall to celebrate our students as they reach the goals. Stop by and check it out the next time you are in our building. **We love watching our students succeed!**

K goal

- I can spell 10 sight words.
- I can count a number of objects up to 20.

1st grade goal

- I can read 47 words in a minute.
- I can know my math facts through 10.

2nd grade goal

- I can read 85 words in a minute.
- I can add and subtract 3 digit numbers.

3rd grade goals:

- I can reach my personal DAZE goal in reading.
- I am a master of multiplication facts.

4th grade goal

- I can reach my personal math goal in 4th grade math concepts.

5th grade goal

- I can increase my DAZE score in reading.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support your child. I love the opportunity to work with fabulous students, parents, and faculty members.

Mrs. Bergera

PBIS Monthly Focus: **March-Responsibility**



- **Mar. 11** Goal Setting
- **Mar. 18** Growth mindset
- **Mar. 25** Hard work

PBIS Monthly Focus: **April-Reliable**

- **Apr. 8** Integrity
- **Apr. 15** Take Initiative
- **Apr. 22** Be Brave
- **Apr. 29** Do what you say

PTA March News

Vice President is open for 2024-2025.
Co-vice presidents are welcome too! Please email oakridgeolympianspta@gmail.com with any questions/interest.

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Read Across America

Read Across America is the month of March. Weekly reading incentive prizes are awarded at the end of every week to students who return their Reading Logs. *Happy reading!*

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Save the date for Arts Night! This year's event will be on Friday May 3rd, 5:00-7:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction, food, fun activities, raffle baskets, and a live auction of our students' class projects. All proceeds directly benefit the curriculum programming at Oakridge.

We are currently looking for more donations for the silent auction - if you have an item or service that you or your business would like to donate, please contact Jessika Brown (jessikabrown007@hotmail.com).

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

PTA Meeting

Next PTA meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 9:00am

Kinder Staff Lounge

Restock: [Sign up here!](#)

Kindergarten is up for the staff lounge in March.

All grades stock in May.

Breakfast Bites

Breakfast Bites will be held the morning of Friday, 4/19 from 8:00-8:30am



PTA April News

4/11 PTA Meeting @ 9:00am

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Last month's [March PTA Meeting Minutes](#)

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4/19 Breakfast Bites from 8:00-8:30am. BYOB. We will bring it inside the cafeteria if it rains. We are looking for some helpers for set up, clean up, and restocking during the event. [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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Staff Lounge: PTA is stocking the lounge the month of April. All grades will be up in May. [Sign Up Now](#)

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Teacher Appreciation Week 5/6-5/10. [Check out their Favorite Things.](#)

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Middle of Year Comparisons

Students in __ grade 22-23 school year	2023 MOY Reading Acadience	Students in __ grade 23-24 school year	2024 MOY Reading Acadience	Growth from 23 MOY to 24 MOY
Kindergarten	70	First grade	80	10% growth
First grade	58	Second grade	82	24% growth
Second grade	71	Third grade	78	7% growth
Third grade	83	Fourth grade	95	12% growth
Fourth grade	89	Fifth grade	94	5% growth

Students in __ grade 22-23 school year	2023 MOY Math Acadience	Students in __ grade 23-24 school year	2024 MOY Math Acadience	Growth from 23 MOY to 24 MOY
Kindergarten	79	First grade	98	19% growth
First grade	69	Second grade	85	16% growth
Second grade	54	Third grade	70	16% growth
Third grade	82	Fourth grade	86	4% growth
Fourth grade	70	Fifth grade	90	20% growth

Oakridge Elementary

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LEARNING ENVIRONMENT REQUEST FORM 2024-2025 School Year

It's that time of year where we address the educational concerns that affect classroom placement for the coming year. We will carefully look at each child's individual needs as we assign students to classes. The process described below has been carefully considered, developed, and approved by our school team.

We know that each member of our staff is fully capable of meeting a wide range of educational needs. When we assemble classes, we strive to make them balanced. The primary goal is placing children in a rich instructional environment. Several factors are considered as we form classroom groups, including but not limited to the following:

1. Range of academic performance
2. Range of social and behavioral performance
3. Balance of boys and girls
4. Balance of independent and dependent workers
5. Balance of special needs
6. Separation of students who may not work well together

"Classroom chemistry" has a tremendous effect on the success of each student. Because of this, we strive to create groups of students that are balanced in every area possible. By May each year, our teachers will have spent nearly 990 hours with our students in an academic setting. We are all concerned that each student continues to grow and achieve to the best of his/her ability in the best atmosphere possible.

Learning Environment Request Forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be available for parents to pick up in the office starting on Wednesday, March 20th. They can be picked up by a parent during our regular office hours- Monday-Thursday 8:00am-3:45 and Fridays 8:00-2:30. This form should be filled out if a parent feels there are circumstances regarding their child, which require special consideration, and which the teacher and principal may not be aware. We offer you the opportunity, if needed, to give us input about your child and the educational setting you believe would suit them best. We immediately begin reviewing and creating lists in mid-April, so the promptness in returning your form is appreciated. **We will do our best to honor your requests, although not all may be possible due to the need to balance our classes. Requesting a specific teacher is not as beneficial as understanding your student's needs.**

We appreciate your trust and support in our effort to make your child's learning experience successful and happy.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bergera

Granite Police Art Contest!

Do you love to create art? Want to win an iPad, or even a \$100 gift card? Then this is the contest for you! **Bring your art piece (any medium, as long as it's hand-made and on 8.5x11 paper) to the office, labeled on the back with:**

- Oakridge Elementary
- The artist's name (that's you!)
- Phone number
- Email
- Grade / Teacher

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Kids & Cops Art Competition

How to Enter:
Create a drawing, sketch, painting, computer graphic or photography piece (8.5 x11 Flat Art) based on the following prompts:

- Anti-Violence
- Cops In my Community
- Anti-Drug Use
- Anti-Bullying
- Anti-Texting and Driving

Give your finished art piece to the front office by **Thursday, April 11th, 2024**

1st Prize Wins iPad

- 1st-3rd prizes given for each age group (Elementary, Middle School, High School)
- Honorable Mention prizes given

Parents can direct any questions to their School Resource Officer

“Lion King” Important Parent Information



Seating is first come, first serve. Doors open at 6:30p

It is hard to believe that our production is only a few weeks away! We have a lot to do, but your children have been working so hard! It is going to be a great show! Please read all of the information included and take a close look at the March calendar. Thank you so much for your support and all of the time you spend getting your kids to and from rehearsals! It is so exciting that our show is almost here!

Tickets

- **Tickets will be sold in-person on the morning of Friday, March 8th, from 7:45-8:15.** There will be a ticket table inside the front entrance of the school. All tickets are \$5.00 and general admission.
- Tickets will also be available for purchase and pick-up in the Oakridge office starting on Monday, March 11th.

Performances

- Cast members should come dressed in their black base layers with hair performance ready-see attached sheet for costume and hair information.
- Tuesday, March 26th: Students should arrive at regular school start time (dressed in their black basics with hair ready) and go to their regular classroom first. We will make an announcement shortly after the start of school for students to head to their assigned dressing room. We will be taking cast pictures at the end of the assembly and students will join their classes when they are finished. Make sure they bring a change of clothes with them for the rest of the school day. The assembly is for Oakridge students, teachers, and staff members only.
- Wed. March 27th & Thurs. March 28th: Students should arrive between 6:15-6:30pm to get into their costumes. The dressing rooms will not be supervised before 6:15 so please do not bring your child early.

Important Dates

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS

- Friday, March 22nd 1:30-3:30 pm
- Monday, March 25th 3:30-5:30 pm

SCHOOL PREVIEW PERFORMANCE & PICTURE DAY (No parent audience)

- Tuesday, March 26th (arrive at regular school time)

PERFORMANCES (Students arrive at 6:15pm, auditorium doors open at 6:30)

- Wednesday, March 27th 7:00-7:40 pm
- Thursday, March 28th 7:00-7:40 pm

Rehearsal schedule on next page

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Lion King Schedule

MARCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
small groups as needed 4	small groups as needed 5	All Cast 6	small groups as needed 7	All Cast 8
small groups as needed 11	small groups as needed 12	All Cast 13	small groups as needed 14	NO SCHOOL 15
All Cast 18	All Cast 19	All Cast 20	All Cast 21	Dress Rehearsal 1:30-3:30 22
Dress Rehearsal 3:30-5:30 25	Oakridge Assembly 9:30 am 26	Performance 7:00 pm 27	Performance 7:00 pm 28	29

Costume and hair guidelines on next page

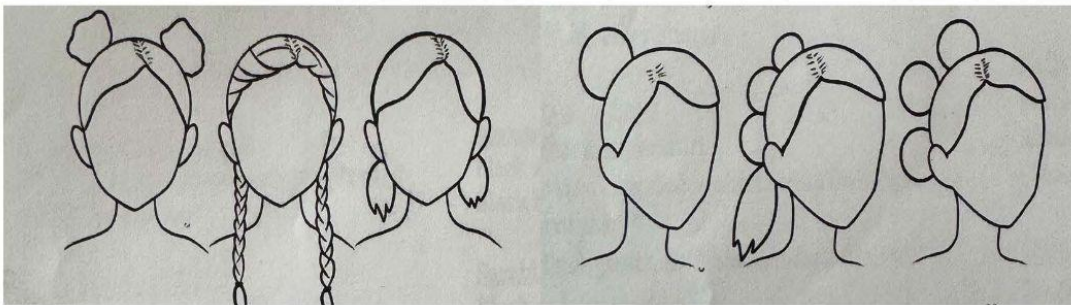
“Lion King” Costumes and Hair

Black Base Layers

- **ALL PERFORMERS need to provide their own plain black base layers to be worn underneath their costume pieces.** This means a plain black short sleeved T-shirt, and plain black leggings/joggers/sweatpants.
- Lionesses/Lion cubs are the only exceptions: They will wear a plain black T-shirt or short sleeved leotard, and black biker shorts/spanx. The shorts will not be seen when performing.
- All students will be performing bare foot. Please send them without any socks, and in shoes that are easy to take on and off.
- These should be worn for all dress rehearsals and performances.

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Graders

- Kindergarteners, 1st, and 2nd graders will be wearing animal headbands. Please style hair so it is up and away from their faces, and so a headband will fit.
- Boys: Style hair as you normally would, natural looking and nothing too slick.
- Girls: Think animal ears: two buns, braids, or pigtails-high or low. A single ponytail, bun or braid, row of buns, or bubble braids are also fun. Girls can also wear their hair half up/half down-straight or curly. Here are some ideas:



3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders

- 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be wearing animal headpieces that fit onto the base of a baseball hat. (Gazelles will be wearing flower wreaths.) Please style hair flat on top so it can be worn easily with a hat or head wreath.
- Boys: Style hair as you normally would, natural looking and nothing too slick.
- Girls: Hair down-straight or curly, low braids, or low pigtails.

Kinder Reading Achievement!

This is a quick shout-out to our **super smart** Kindergarteners. Over 90% of Oakridge's kinder students know their letter names and sounds, what an achievement! Give your little one a pat on the back for contributing to this certificate, they deserve it!



Skyline Preschool



Say **“YES”** to **Skyline's Eagles Nest Preschool**. We are now registering for the school year **2024-2025**.

Preschool is Monday-Thursday from 9:05 to 10:50 for children ages 3–5. Our goal is to provide a quality, fun, and affordable educational and social experience for both our community preschoolers and high school students.

Registration forms and information can be found online at our [Weebly page](#), [Skyline's Webpage](#), Skyline's front office, or contact Lisa Doutré McDermott at ldmcdermott@graniteschools.org

Churchill Music Auditions for 24-25



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Music Auditions

IF YOU ARE COMING TO CHURCHILL JR AND YOU WANT TO BE IN ADVANCED BAND, ORCHESTRA, CHOIR, OR JAZZ BAND GO TO THE CHURCHILL WEBSITE TO SUBMIT YOUR AUDITION RECORDING

APRIL 8- 12

GO TO THE CHURCHILL JR. HIGH WEBSITE, THEN THE ART TAB, NEXT THE MUSIC TAB, AND THEN CLICK THE FORM!

[Click here to see the requirements so that you can prepare your audition! :D](#)