

# Oakwood News

## May 26, 2017

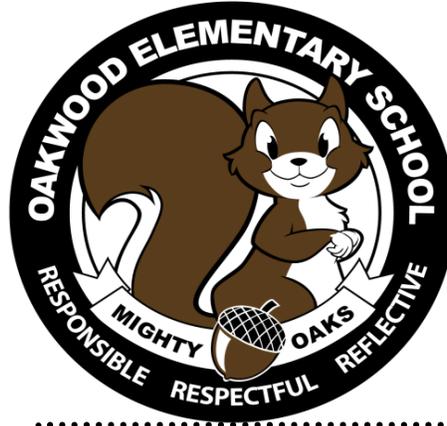
### Upcoming Events

May 29~ No School -  
Memorial Day

May 30~ Extended Deadline  
to register for GRASP  
summer program, turn in by  
10:00 a.m.

June 1~Popcorn Day

June 2~Wojo's Shopping  
Day



### Help Needed!



### LAST CALL FOR ...

### GRASP

### (Grand Rapids Academic Summer Programs)

The deadline to register for GRASP to keep your child from experiencing summer slide in the areas of math and/or reading has been extended.

We can accept your registration if you return the attached form with payment by Tuesday morning, May 30.

**Any turned in after 10:00 a.m. that day cannot be accepted.**

### Field Day Volunteers Needed!

We need parent volunteers to run our field day event on June 8<sup>th</sup>! A letter was sent home with students this week with a volunteer sign up form at the bottom. Please return this to school with your child if you are able to help on this fun-filled day for our students.

### Wojo's Shopping Dates

Our next Wojo's shopping day to benefit the OES PTA is next Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mention Oakwood Elementary at checkout and our PTA will receive 10% of your purchase amount!

Mark your calendar for  
*June 2<sup>nd</sup>*

## Parent Survey Review

Earlier this spring, we asked you to complete a short survey to give us feedback about your perceptions of our school, our staff, our programs, our instruction, and more. You responded and we are very appreciative.

We used your responses to really take a look at what we might do to improve your family's experiences while your children attend Oakwood. I'd like to share some of our thoughts as we reflected on your input.

One item that came up as a concern for parents was **communication**. You responded that inconsistencies in communication have been an issue. The Oakwood staff discussed this and we are addressing it in a few ways.

1. Green communication folders will go home each day instead of one time per week in all classrooms.
2. Beginning next school year, each teacher will have a website where you can go to see the latest news happening in each classroom. These sites will be updated weekly and formatted the same way. This will make it easier for parents to find classroom information from year to year and from teacher to teacher. The front office will have one, too!
3. Our staff worked to brainstorm some ways to make parent teacher conferences much more effective and structured so that you will be able to meet with each of the teachers who instruct your child in our departmentalized model. Stay tuned to hear how we plan to remedy this very important issue for the 2017-2018 school year! We will ask for your input again to see if we hit the mark.

On behalf of our entire staff, I'd like to thank you for the responses and the important feedback you gave us by completing the survey. Please continue to participate in any surveys that are sent home. The data we collect are most definitely analyzed, interpreted and then becomes the foundation on which we can build a better learning environment. Your perceptions, opinions, and observations matter! Listening to your voices and responding by making changes in what we do will only make OES better.

Have a fabulous Memorial weekend!

 OES principal