

# Oak Grove School

"Where Students Come First!"

DISTRICT



Weekly Update • October 19, 2009



**OUR JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS JOINED LIBERTYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR A PERFORMANCE LAST THURSDAY. OUR STUDENTS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. LOGAN FARRIS, PERFORMED BEAUTIFULLY. IT WAS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE BEING A PART OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR.**

Click [HERE](#) for our October calendar



## Important Dates to Remember

**October 19**

7:15 p.m. ~ Board of Education meeting

**October 20**

Grade 2 ~ Home Alone Presentation

**October 23**

Snowflake @ Oak Grove

**October 26- Red Ribbon Week Starts**

Grade 1 Field Trip ~ Krolls Farm

**October 28**

Grade 7 ~ Camp Duncan

**6:30 p.m.** ~ Grade 8 parent meeting for High School Transition



## *From the Principal's Desk~*

Dear Oak Grove Parents:

Many children and parents are looking forward to the Halloween parties and K-3 Parade at Oak Grove School. We realize parents and teachers spend a lot of time planning the student parties in an effort to make them enjoyable for all.

The annual Halloween Parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The parade route will be the Elementary playground area, passing the Elementary office, and reentering the building by the Kindergarten doors. We encourage parents and special guests to view the parade from the outside along the route. In case of rain the parade will go through the Patt Gym instead of going outside.

All parties end by 2:15 p.m. and we are asking parents to exit the building promptly at the conclusion of the parties to alleviate parking lot congestion. We must have enough space for the busses to pick up children and exit the parking lot in a safe manner. We appreciate parent cooperation to help make dismissal safe and timely.

Thank you,

Dave Karolewicz  
K-4 Principal



### **Halloween Party Times**

#### **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

K am	10:00 - 11:00
K pm	1:20 - 2:15
K-Plus	12:50 - 2:15
1 <sup>st</sup>	1:20 - 2:15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:30 - 2:15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-1:20 / 1:50 - 2:15
4 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 - 2:00
5 <sup>th</sup>	12:15 - 1:00

12:30 p.m. K-3 Parade

# BAND NEWS



Upcoming Band Events:

Monday, November 2nd: Symphonic Band at Highland School for Pre-festival Jr. High rehearsal - 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3rd: Concert and Beginning Bands Fall Concert in the Pat Patt Gym - 7:00 p.m.

Many band members still need to download the Oak Grove Band Handbook for 2009/10. It is available on the Band web page [www.ogschool.org/band](http://www.ogschool.org/band). Please read the handbook and print, fill out, sign and return the last page of the handbook to the directors. Please fill in band event dates for your group on your home calendar.

Lesson schedules, band dates, private instructors, demonstration videos and more can also be found on our web site. Check it often to keep up to date on band goings-on.

**Many students still do not have the required Essential Elements book. We are now using the books in lessons.**

Symphonic Band: Essential Technique, Book 3 (green).

Concert Band: Essential Elements, Book 2 (red).

Beginning Band: Essential Elements, Book 1 (yellow).



## Oak Grove Community Service Project

You will be very upset if you miss this volunteer opportunity for your family. Feed My Starving Children is a food packaging project that helps those in need. Each volunteer is given a job to add an ingredient to the food. The people of Lake County have set a goal to package 1,000,000 meals in one week-end. Sign up to work with Oak Grove School kids, staff and parents on Saturday, December 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lake County Fair Grounds. I participated last year and found it very satisfying as well as fun for adults and children 8 years old and above to do together. Wear your Oak Grove Spirit wear or our school colors blue and white

Sign up -

[http://www.onemillionmeals.info/volunteer\\_sign\\_up.php](http://www.onemillionmeals.info/volunteer_sign_up.php)

Remember choose Saturday, December 5 from 1-3 p.m.

Hope to see you there,

Dr. Janice Matthews

### Trick or Treat for Unicef!

Please join the Beta Club this year to help raise money for UNICEF! Did you know that six cents provides water for one thirsty child! Please have your child bring change to school because every kid counts! [ONLINE DONATIONS](#) are also an option.





## PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS

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- The 8th grade Parents
- Informational meeting will be
- held on October 28, 2009 at
- 6:30 p.m. in the Junior High
- Library. LHS transition will
- be discussed.
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Cook Memorial Library sends a Book Mobile each week to our neighborhood, Mondays from 3-5p.m., in the Village Hall parking lot (corner of O'Plaine and Rt. 137). Lots of items for kids and adults! Books, magazines, DVD movies, CD music, books on tape, and more! And if you reserve a book through Cook Memorial Library's online service, you can pick it up at the bookmobile! Check it out!

### Wednesdays at Wendy's

Can Food = Free Frosty  
on October 28, 2009

Help the Oak Grove Brownie Troop 1214  
Feed the hungry in Lake County!

Bring a food item to Wendy's at Rt.  
45 and Peterson Rd. in Libertyville  
for the Food Pantry P.L.A.N. (People  
Lending Assistance Network) and re-  
ceive a free FROSTY!

15% of proceeds from ALL diners will  
go to help P.L.A.N. feed individuals  
and families who need assistance.

# Cross Country News ~



## WHAT A WEEKEND FOR CROSS COUNTRY!

We began the weekend, Friday evening, walking the course at 5:15 pm at Maxwell Park in Bloomington, Illinois! We finished walking the course right as the sun set and headed back to the Hampton where Maria Roberts had organized a dinner from Olive Garden for the cross country team. All of the parents volunteered to help bring desserts to feed our runners and we enjoyed a wonderful PASTA DINNER together! Some of the runners enjoyed the pool for about an hour before heading off to bed. We all awoke with nerves and excitement for the big day. We ate breakfast in the lobby and headed over to the race location where we took our Team Picture. A plaque with our picture was purchased by Oak Grove for all to see the 2009 team! This picture will be displayed in the trophy case next to our Sectional Trophy from last weekend! The girls placed chips on both of their shoes and began to warm up! All of the parents again were there at the starting line to give words of encouragement and support to their children. After a beautiful voice of a child singing our National Anthem was heard over the PA system, the runners made their way to the starting box. The alternates, Coach Brown, Coach Kiefer and parents stepped back as it was time for the girls to use their Eagle Wings and fly through the race! We ran all over the 2 mile course snapping pictures, cheering on the girls, and watching as they ran their hearts out! It was an amazing experience for everyone there! Each girl finished strong and looked amazing! We couldn't have been more proud! Immediately afterwards **Max Roberts** was placing the chips on his shoes as he began to prepare for his individual race. Again, all of the girls, parents, and coaches were there in support! One of the most amazing things I have witnessed throughout this season has been the true dedication and support of fellow athletes and families of their peers or children! Max had a great start and the nerves were felt by all! Max was mentioned on the IESA website as a possible top finisher and we all knew he had it in him, but he also had to run his best race! That is exactly what he did! 25 medals were given out at state and Max received the 25th medal! He improved his time by 37 seconds since last year and medaled by a second! Max was recognized in the awards ceremony at 1:00pm with the other top 25 Class A girls and boys runners! The season ended in the most beautiful way! All runners worked together and encouraged each other to do their best and that is exactly what they did! If you see our Oak Grove runners in the hallway, please congratulate them on a job well done!

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO BONNIE BROWN!** You were the best assistant I could have asked for! And also to **SHANNON SCHWEIGER** for creating each child a souvenir for this amazing accomplishment of making it to State!

Please check the [Cross Country Website](#) for times and other information.

Coach Kiefer

# Flying Eagles Storm State!!!

Bloomington was the site for the success of the cross country team this weekend. We sent our girls team where they placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the State, an awesome achievement. Congratulations, **Julia Neiweem, Emily Moroz, Sarah Pirih, Maggie Cashman, Leah McKeon, Samantha Campbell, and Samantha Stavropoulos**. And congratulations to **Max Roberts**, he medaled by placing in the top 25 downstate. Thanks for all the time and effort Coach Kiefer and Coach Brown. A great weekend for the Flying Eagles!!!



The Lady Eagles had a fantastic showing in the conference tournament, congratulations to both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball teams on a great season. A special thank you to Coach Izenstark and Coach Crary. Go Eagles!!!

Check us out on the WEB  
[www.ogschool.org/sports](http://www.ogschool.org/sports)

## Basketball Tryouts This Week!!!

Cheer and Poms start this month!  
Get your physicals to Mrs. Magdalener.

First Wrestling Practice December 1<sup>st</sup>



*Congratulations also goes out to our Volleyball teams!*



# Make a Difference!!

For details on how to make a difference, go directly to **Virtual Backpack** on the Oak Grove Website and click the link for **Student Council: Make a Difference.**

## Make A Difference Day

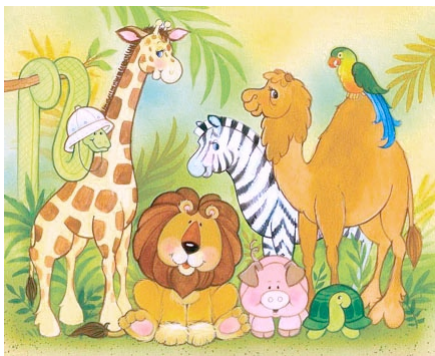
The national day to help others October 24, 2009, the 19th annual Day



The week of Oct. 19th – 24th we will have activities for children to take part in from 3:30 – 5:00 at Oak Grove School to help **Make a Difference.**

K. – 2nd grade – Oct. 19th  
3rd – 4th grade – Oct. 20th  
5th – 6th grade – Oct. 21st  
7th – 8th grade – Oct. 22nd

### K - 4 GONE WILD WITH GOOD CHARACTER!



K - Adam Campbell

1 - Julia Horak

2 - Ryan Garcia

3 - Olivia Johnson

4 - No Honoree

EACH WEEK MANY K-4 STUDENTS RECEIVE A "GONE WILD WITH CHARACTER" NOMINATION. THESE ARE DISPLAYED ON THE WALL ACROSS FROM THE PAT PATT GYM. THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS NAMES WERE RANDOMLY PICKED THIS WEEK TO SAY THE CHARACTER COUNTS PLEDGE ON MONDAY MORNING. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO WERE NOMINATED THIS PAST WEEK.





**THE OAK GROVE CHOIRS**  
**WILL BE SINGING AT A**  
**WOLVES GAME ON**  
**WED. JAN. 27<sup>TH</sup>!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! BOTH OG CHOIRS WILL BE SINGING BEFORE A CHICAGO WOLVES GAME. TICKETS WILL BE \$20, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM OAK GROVE AND A WOLVES HAT. FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! THIS WILL BE A NIGHT YOU WON'T FORGET! TICKET ORDER FORMS AND PERMISSION SLIPS COMING SOON!**



-Mr. Farris

COME EARLY AND CHECK OUT THE  
PREGAME FIREWORKS AND LASER SHOW!



1-800-THE-WOLVES | CHICAGOWOLVES.COM

# Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls!



Clinics & tryouts for this year's Oak Grove Poms team are just around the corner!

Clinic 1: Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30

Clinic 2: Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30

Tryouts: Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30

Girls wishing to tryout this year will need a current sports physical on file with the school nurse, and the signed permission form from the poms informational packet returned to Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Taylor on or before October 26<sup>th</sup>. (Extras of this packet can be found in the virtual backpack or on Mrs. Miller's website.)

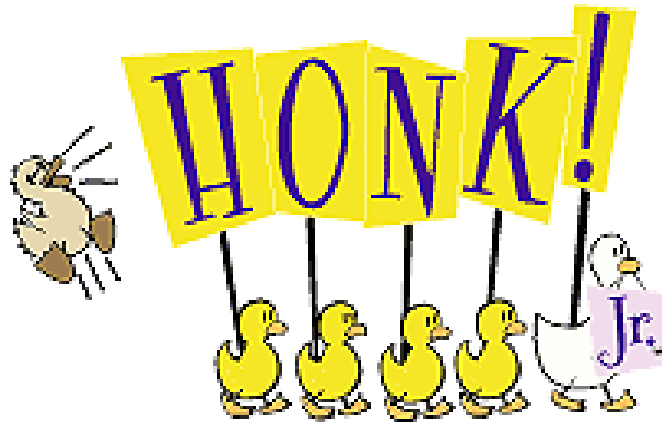
Girls should wear stretch or gym shorts, a fitted shirt, socks and gym shoes on all three days. Hair and bangs must be pulled up and out of ones face.



We look forward to seeing you there!



Oak Grove is pleased to present the 2010 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play



**Performances:**

Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm  
Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 7:00pm

**Mandatory Parent/Student Information Meetings:**

*To be involved either on stage or back stage, each student must bring a parent to one of the mandatory 8<sup>th</sup> grade play informational meetings:*

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**OR**

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**In the Elementary Cafeteria**

Questions? Contact Miss Driver at [driver@ogschool.org](mailto:driver@ogschool.org) or at 367-4120 x2400.

## Apple Holler Field Trip-Kindergarten

All Kindergarteners took a field trip to Apple Holler in Sturtevant, WI. We saw a show about Johnny Appleseed, picked an apple from a tree, selected a pumpkin and took a hayride through the apple orchard where we saw dozens of varieties of apples growing! We explored the corn maze, saw goats and found many other fun activities. A fabulous time was had by all, despite the cold and damp weather!





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## OAK GROVE SCHOOL

### *"Best of Class" ifieds*

Your place to advertise items for SALE and GIVE-AWAY

**FOR SALE:** BRUNO electric handicapped scooter w/basket. Good cond. – needs battery- \$250.00 OBO. 4 piece Broyhill pine wall unit- 2 bookshelves w/ 2 corner pieces. – will sell indiv.- bookshelves \$200.00 corner pieces \$75.00 OBO

Julie Adams 847-327-9414 or Julie.Adams@comcast.net

**FOR SALE:** Backyards Adventures Play Set Includes monkey bars; 3 swings;trapeze bar; tower; rocket slide; stairs and ladder. In GREAT condition...Call Jeanne @ 847-573-9323 with Best Offer.

**FOR SALE:** Large Pony for sale. Nick is a Welsh Arabian and the perfect beginner pony. His talents range from leisure riding to the show ring. Please call Debbie Andrew 847-668-5482 with any questions

**FOR SALE:** Precor EFX 5.23 Elliptical Trainer for sale ~ barely used. \$1800 or best offer. Unit is four years old. E-mail [vong.em@comcast.net](mailto:vong.em@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** Two two-year old chinchillas, plus cage, food & everything you could need! Contact Susie Kiefer @ [smea14@aol.com](mailto:smea14@aol.com) if interested. Price negotiable. They are played with each night about 20 minutes & do best with children ages 9 & up.

**GIVE AWAY:** Low wooden balance beam with metal legs, approx. 6"-8" off ground and approx. 7' long, some rust, suggest painting to restore. Contact Ann Incardona 847-910-0018

**GIVE AWAY:** Baby Russian Dwarf Hamsters! Please contact Jen Formica at (847) 362-1147 if interested

The Oak Grove PTO is pleased to begin our third year of the *"Best of Class" ifieds*... the Classified Ad page exclusively for the OGS community where all PTO members and Oak Grove Staff may advertise their no-longer-needed items. Ads may be placed "For Sale" or "Give-Away". All items need to be tangible, no services please. Each ad will run for two consecutive weeks in the Oak Grove News. The cost to advertise "For Sale" items is \$5.00 for two lines. Give-away items are free! Each line is approximately 21 words. There is a minimum purchase of 2 lines at the cost of \$5.00. You may purchase extra lines in 2-line increments at the same cost of \$5.00. All ads are due to Kathy Blaha via e-mail at ([ogsclassifieds@comcast.net](mailto:ogsclassifieds@comcast.net)) no later than **Noon on Wednesday** for the following *Oak Grove News* publication. Please put "OGS" in the subject line of your e-mail. All payments must be by check made payable to Oak Grove PTO and mailed to Kathy Blaha at 31360 Reigate Lane, Green Oaks, IL 60048. The Oak Grove PTO reserves the right to refuse an ad. Any questions, please e-mail Kathy Blaha at [ogsclassifieds@comcast.net](mailto:ogsclassifieds@comcast.net).

**Click [\\*HERE\\*](#) to view the following  
flyers in the  
VIRTUAL BACKPACK**

Student Council/Make A Difference

Oak Grove Orchestra

Chess Club Schedule and Registration Form



PTO Lunch Calendar

Cook Memorial Library Programs

Jr Wildcats 5th-8th tryout dates

Improv Playhouse Fall Schedule

Band Calendar

Afterschool Club

Homework Club Permission Slip

Brownie Troop Food Pantry Items Needed

Wendy's Coupon

Poms/Dance Clinic

Wildcat Tree/Wreath Sale

Oak Grove Poms Info Packet

Nutcracker Performance

LHS JV Pom's Holiday Party





# COMPUTER CLUB PERMISSION SLIP



The OGS computer club is a social club open to in grades 5 through 8. The applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Computer club meets on Mondays from 3:30-4:10 starting on October 26th, in the JH computer lab.

Transportation home is NOT provided by the school.

Please fill out the permission slip and bring it with when you come to computer club.

*Please Print*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*“My child has permission to join the Oak Grove Computer Club. I understand that the school does not provide transportation home after this event.*

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_