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Oakland Terrace Elementary School

Satellite Campus at Sligo MS: 9:05 a.m.—3:20 p.m.
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*Imagine
the
Possibilities*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The sights, sounds and smells of the season are all around us and the spirit of giving is alive and well at Oakland Terrace. Our first SGA community outreach project of the school year benefited children who live in group homes, shelters, foster homes and orphanages in our area. Due to the generosity of many families and staff members, we collected 445 pajamas for The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. As part of this pajama program, Scholastic donated one book for each pair of pajamas donated. It was touching to see the excitement on the faces of the children as they brought in pajamas and hear their stories of shopping for *just the right pair*. What a wonderful learning experience for us all!

“While we try to teach our children about life, our children teach us what life is all about.”

~ Angela Schwindt

Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important. Research shows that there is a significant relationship between consistent attendance and academic achievement. The Maryland State Department of Education has established standards for school attendance, including both lawful and unlawful absences. As part of the Maryland School Assessment Program, all schools in the state of Maryland are monitored and evaluated on their attendance records. Students are expected to attend school regularly and be punctual.

- Students will be recorded as *a.m. absent* if they arrive at school more than two hours late.
- Students will be recorded as *p.m. absent* if they leave school more than two hours early.
- Students will be recorded as either *a.m. absent* or *p.m. absent* if they are absent from school for more than two hours, but less than four hours during the school day.
- Students will be recorded as *full-day absent* if they are present for less than two hours of the school day.
- Students will be recorded as *full-day present* if they are present for more than four hours of the school day.

If your child is absent, tardy or needs to be dismissed early, please send a note explaining the reason. This information is necessary for attendance coding purposes. Vacation trips are not considered excused or “lawful” absences. According to State regulations, the following is a listing of “lawful” absences for elementary students:

- Death in the immediate family
- Illness of the student
- Court summons
- Hazardous weather conditions
- Observance of a religious holiday
- State emergency
- Suspension
- Lack of authorized transportation
- Other emergencies

Student Government Association (SGA)

Congratulations to the following students who will serve as the 2010-2011 Oakland Terrace Student Government Executive Board and Representatives. We are extremely proud of each and every student. We are sure that they are striving to make Oakland Terrace even better.

Executive Board

President	Isobel (Izzy) Hermans
Vice President	Celia Richardson
Secretary	Abigail (Abby) Weaver
Treasurer	Jonah Ruskin
Historian	Zora Hermans

Grade 1

Ms. Callahan	Ariana Grosman & Abel Seifeslassie
Ms. Fraser	Amelia Cannon & Jack Tebo
Ms. C. Johnson	Bridget Connaghan & Walter Sorto-Maximo
Ms. Joseph	Peampat Suphapon & Lisa Jentsch
Ms. Kim	Annie Goldman & Emily Wilhelm
Mr. Moxley	Laura Marra & Ella Petrucci
Mrs. Mulligan	Jack Ford & Jessa Nather
Ms. Weyman	Jake Buck & Jiaioli Bowden
Mrs. Wolf	Olivia Adams & Max Rosemond

Grade 2

Ms. Bell	Kate Heaphy & Will McDonnell
Ms. Bensman	Sarah Butchko & Matthew Mueller
Ms. Debelius	Layna Teitelbaum & Lee Spire
Ms. Finelli	Grace Thomas & Anthony Lanzano
Ms. Noxon (Kraisinger)	Megan Simpson & Ethan Convis
Mr. Ramienski	Dagmawi Theodros & Alyssa Jones
Ms. Seibert	Jerry Shanahan & Auburn Robinson
Ms. Sullivan	Marianna Moreau & Khai Ta
Ms. Young	Emelie Vigliotta & Liam Johnston

Grade 3

Ms. Bush	Simon Chervenak & Sammy Hermans
Ms. Dann	Carlos Coello & Lila Feldmann
Mr. Gale	Leo Petrucci & Anna Cappellina
Ms. L. Johnson	Riley Berkowitz & Benjamin Boa
Ms. Rosin	Daniel Rivera & Risa McGinnis

Grade 4

Ms. Clemmer	Carlos Bueso & Lexie Scharnberger
Ms. Fields	Carmela Vecchio & Ricardo Molina
Ms. Hart	Conor Johnston & Ileana Cristo Arias
Ms. Papia	Sophia Dennis & Cosey Nweke
Ms. Shuster	Meili Bowden & Ajay Srinivasan

Grade 5

Ms. Galbo	Diana Rodriguez & Declan Robison
Ms. Grier-Jose	Michael Petrizzo & Kacie Arauz-Gutierrez
Ms. Lyons	Kelly Flores & Tselot Yebeltal
Ms. Mason	Stella Mitchell & Jackson May
Ms. Shane	Abel Berhane & Aranza Gasca

Discipline

Our goal is to create an environment conducive to learning. The staff is committed to assisting the students with developing the self-discipline necessary for providing an appropriate atmosphere for instruction. To achieve this goal, cooperation between the home and the school is essential. Both the home and the school must share in assuming the responsibilities that are necessary to assure the rights of all students in order to provide an instructional environment of the highest quality.

Our expectations for student discipline align with our Character Counts! Program. Please take time to review the pillars of character with your child. Ask your child, “How do you show (*insert name of pillar*) when you are at home or at school?”



Trustworthiness: Be honest in your words and actions.

Respect: Speak and listen courteously to all students, staff and visitors.

Responsibility: Follow directions the first time given and be accountable for your words and actions.

Fairness: Take turns and share. Treat others fairly.

Caring: Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. Help people in need.

Citizenship: Use appropriate behavior in the classroom, restroom, halls, cafeteria, playground and on the bus. Do your part to make your school a better place.

Yearbook Cover Contest

All Oakland Terrace students are invited to participate in the Yearbook Cover Contest. Please see the attached contest guidelines. The contest ends on Friday, January 7, 2011.

Oakland Terrace Fundraiser

Do you like to save money? Oakland Terrace Elementary School is conducting a school-wide discount card fundraiser. The Oakland Terrace card features discounts to local restaurants. Please see the attached flyer for more information about how you can support the school. We will begin selling the cards after winter break.

Important Reminders

- Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions each day.
- Please be sure to check the **Lost & Found** periodically. Also, make sure your child’s belongings are labeled.
- Please check your child’s school supplies over the break. The month of January is a great time to replenish.
- Please do not send students to school before 8:45 a.m. There is no adult supervision prior to this time.

Inclement Weather Procedures



Winter weather emergencies, such as snow and ice, may cause disruptions in school operations, including the closure of school, a delayed opening, or an early dismissal. Please be sure your child knows where to go should schools close early in an emergency. Talk about the plans you make before your child goes to school so he/she does not have to call you (or feel scared if you can't be reached). Remind your child periodically of these arrangements. There is obviously no way that all students and parents can telephone each other in such circumstances and we want all children safely delivered to the proper people and locations.

When weather is severe, schools may be delayed, close early, or close for the day. An announcement will be issued as soon as the decision is made. To stay informed, please listen to area radio and television stations, County Cable Channel 6, and MCPS TV (Comcast Channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36 and RCN Channel 89). You may also check the Internet at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, and a recorded telephone message at 301-279-3673. Emergency e-mail announcements are available by signing up for MCPS QuickNotes on the school system's home page.

Delayed Opening: When MCPS announces a delayed opening, the school day begins two hours later than the regular school start time. At the **main campus**, the school day begins at **11:15 a.m.** and at the **satellite campus**, the school day begins at **11:05 a.m.** Bus schedules operate on a 2 hour delay as well and, therefore, the pick-up times are two hours later than normal.

Early Release: When MCPS announces an early release due to inclement weather, schools close 2 ½ hours earlier than the regular school closing time. At the **main campus**, school will end at **1:00 p.m.** At the **satellite campus**, school will end at **12:50 p.m.** Buses will operate on that same early schedule and, therefore, drop-off times are 2 ½ hours earlier than normal.

School Closure: When schools are closed all school and community activities in public facilities are canceled. In extreme conditions, administrative offices also may be closed.

Emergency Weather Contingency Plan: This plan adds student instructional days to the end of the scheduled school year if schools are closed more than four days because of weather emergencies. The planned school year ends on Thursday, June 16, 2011. However, if schools are closed for more than four days due to weather emergencies, the following schedule would extend the school year in order to add the necessary make-up days:

1. If schools are closed for five days, the school year will be extended by one day to June 17, 2011.
2. If schools are closed for six days, the school year will be extended by two days to June 17 and June 20, 2011.
3. If schools are closed for seven days, the school year will be extended by three days to June 17, June 20, and June 21, 2011.
4. If schools are closed for eight days, the school year will be extended by four days to June 17, June 20, June 21, and June 22, 2011.
5. If schools are closed for nine days, the school year will be extended by five days to June 17, June 20, June 21, June 22, and June 23, 2011.

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Important Dates to Remember
2010—2011 School Year

<i>December 24</i> <i>January 2</i>	School Closed (Winter Break)
<i>January 3</i>	School Resumes
<i>January 4</i>	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
<i>January 5-12</i>	Variety Show Audition Packets Available
<i>January 11</i>	First Grade Math Night 6:30 p.m. (Main Campus)
<i>January 11-</i> <i>February 11</i>	Primary Reading Assessment (MCPSAP-PR) Window Grades K-2
<i>January 17</i>	No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
<i>January 18-</i> <i>February 11</i>	MAP-R Testing Window Grades 3-5
<i>January 19</i>	Variety Show Audition Packets Due
<i>January 21</i>	Second Marking Period Ends
<i>January 24</i>	No School (Professional Day for Teachers)
<i>January 25-27</i>	Variety Show Auditions
<i>January 29</i>	PTA-Sponsored International Night 6:00—9:00 p.m. (Einstein High School)
<i>February 1</i>	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
<i>February 2</i>	Class Picture Day
<i>February 3</i>	Club Picture Day
<i>February 3</i>	Instrumental Music Concert 7:00 p.m. (Main Campus)
<i>February 21</i>	No School (President's Day)

*The Oakland Terrace Elementary School staff wishes everyone
health and happiness in 2011*