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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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Dear Oakland Terrace Parents:

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the mid-point of the third marking period and that spring is around the corner. Let's hope the snow and ice are behind us! Students will have an early release on Friday, March 4th, so that teachers will have an opportunity to work on interim grades and plan for the second half of the third quarter. MSA testing begins on Monday, March 7th. Please be sure to read the important information below regarding testing and attendance.

We are preparing for the upcoming Maryland School Assessment (MSA) which will be administered to students in grades 3, 4 and 5 beginning on March 7, 2011. Second grade students will take the Terra Nova2 (TN2) assessment beginning on April 4, 2011. Please do not schedule appointments during the assessment period. **We need your help to insure that all students come to school on time each day.** Do you know that the state of Maryland will penalize us if our school-wide attendance rate is less than 94%? Unfortunately, we are too close to this percentage already! Schools that do not meet the 94% proficiency standard for attendance will not make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) on the MSA. Missing crucial instruction causes stress on your child it puts the school in jeopardy of not meeting AYP. **Trips are considered unexcused absences!** We understand that illness does happen, so please do not send a sick child to school. Illnesses are excused absences.

Please make sure your children are in school the following dates. We need 100% attendance for our standardized tests. Participation rate is also evaluated by the state, so please do not schedule any doctor's appointments or vacations on these days:

MSA Reading	Grade 3 & 4	March 7 and 8
MSA Reading	Grade 5	March 9 and 10
MSA Math	Grade 3 & 4	March 11 and 14
MSA Math	Grade 5	March 15 and 16
TerraNova2	Grade 2	April 5 – 7
MSA Science	Grade 5	April 12 and 13

Kindergarten Orientation Reminder and Update

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27th, Thursday, April 28th and Friday, April 29th**. We have exciting news for parents of current kindergarten students. **This year, kindergarten students will attend school at the main campus on the days that orientation is in progress.** This is a change from what was reported in the January newsletter.. **If you have a current kindergarten student, please be sure to note this important information on your calendar and be sure to watch for more details.**

Attached is a form for those who will have a child entering kindergarten in August, 2011. The Kindergarten Orientation Program is for children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2011. Please complete this form and return it to the main office so we can send you registration materials and schedule your child for the Kindergarten Orientation. If you have already completed a form, you do not need to do this again. Please pass this along to anyone who may not receive the Oakland Terrace newsletter.

Cultural Arts Assemblies

There are two cultural arts assemblies scheduled this semester. The first assembly will be held on Monday, March 28th. The second assembly will be held on Monday, May 2nd. Please look for more information regarding transportation procedures for kindergarten students who will participate in the assemblies at the main campus.

Study Circles are on the Way

We will be participating in a Spanish-language Study Circle this spring at Oakland Terrace. A Study Circle is an opportunity for teachers and parents to come together, build stronger relationships, and learn about each other's cultures. At the end of this experience participants will have discussed any barriers to student achievement and parent involvement and found a common ground to enhance the already outstanding learning environment for our students. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ryan.

Weather Changes

It's that time of the year when temperatures fluctuate greatly from day to day and even within the same day. We have experienced several spring-like days, but we also know that it is still winter and coats are necessary most of the time. Please make sure to pay close attention to the weather reports each morning so that children are dressed appropriately for the conditions. We also have many coats, hats and gloves in the lost and found without identification. Please be sure to visit the lost and found!

Visit from a Local Dentist

On Wednesday, March 2nd, kindergarten students received a visit from Dr. Claudia Conerly, a local pediatric dentist. This visit was in conjunction with the celebration National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) during the month of February. Dr. Conerly discussed the importance of good dental health and all of the children were given a certificate and some coloring sheets about dental hygiene to recognize their participation.

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Important Dates to Remember

2010—2011 School Year

<i>March 3</i>	New Family Open House (Satellite Campus) 9:15—10:45 a.m.
<i>March 4</i>	Early Release (Satellite Campus 12:50 p.m./Main Campus 1:00 p.m.)
<i>March 7 & 8</i>	MSA Reading Grade 3 & 4
<i>March 9 & 10</i>	MSA Reading Grade 5
<i>March 13 & 14</i>	MSA Math Grade 3 & 4
<i>March 15 & 16</i>	MSA Math Grade 5
<i>March 17 & 18</i>	Hearing and Vision Screening (Satellite Campus)
<i>March 19</i>	Hearing and Vision Screening (Main Campus)
<i>March 22</i>	Kindergarten Field Trip (Brookside Nature Center) McNeil, Thompson, Gurevich
<i>March 24</i>	Kindergarten Field Trip (Brookside Nature Center) Goltra, Aldrighetti, Miller
<i>March 24</i>	New Family Open House (Satellite Campus) 9:15—10:45 a.m.
<i>March 25</i>	Kindergarten Field Trip (Brookside Nature Center) Rivera, Schmidt, Krehbiel
<i>March 26</i>	International Night (Einstein High School) 6:00 p.m.
<i>March 28</i>	Cultural Arts Assembly (Main Campus) Grade K—5
<i>March 30</i>	End of Third Marking Period
<i>March 31</i>	No School (Professional Day for Staff)
<i>April 5</i>	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Main Campus)
<i>April 5 – 7</i>	TerraNova 2 Grade 2
<i>April 5</i>	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Main Campus)
<i>April 7</i>	Spring Portrait Day
<i>April 7</i>	Report Cards and Data Notebooks Distributed
<i>April 12 & 13</i>	MSA Science Grade 5
<i>April 18 -April 22</i>	No School (Spring Break)
<i>April 25</i>	No School
<i>April 27, 28, 29</i>	Kindergarten Orientation (Satellite Campus)

Oakland Terrace Vision

To ensure an environment in which all students will grow intellectually, socially, emotionally and individually through an integrated curriculum. By working together, students, parents, and staff will create an atmosphere which encourages greater self-esteem, a love for learning, mutual respect and trust. Students leaving Oakland Terrace will develop a pathway for learning in a diverse world.

**Oakland Terrace Elementary School
Kindergarten Orientation Information Form**

Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2011

Please complete and return to the Oakland Terrace office at the main campus.

Child's Name _____ (Child's full legal name)

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____

Gender (circle one) Male ___ Female ___ Date of Birth _____ Early Entrance ___

Race: _____

Mother's Name _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Mother's E-mail Address _____

Father's Name _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Father's E-mail Address _____

Do you need an interpreter for orientation: Yes _____ No _____

If "Yes" – what language? _____ Language Spoken At Home _____

Siblings currently attending Oakland Terrace:

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Name: _____ Teacher: _____