



Community Newsletter

Message from the Superintendent

Hello! I hope you enjoy this edition of our community newsletter. It contains a small sample of the many, many, great happenings that occur within the walls of our school each and every day. We wanted to share some of the highlights of the spring semester at Oak Grove.

I also recommend you keep up with our school's events by reading the Oak Grove News. It is a weekly newsletter that is

published each Monday afternoon throughout the school year. It is archived, so that you can "catch up" with past editions. The Oak Grove News is accessible by visiting our district website, www.ogschool.org.

You are always welcome to visit. We are, in fact, your school. Have a Great summer!



*Dr. Lonny Lemon,
 Superintendent*

Congratulations, Graduates!

The Oak Grove Class of 2018 celebrated their graduation with a wonderful commencement ceremony on May 29, 2018 at Libertyville High School, the school most of our graduates will call home for the next four years. Throughout the ceremony, many fond memories of Oak Grove School were shared. We are extremely proud of our graduates, and know that they are prepared to enter this exciting new phase of their lives. To the Oak Grove graduating class of 2018: We wish you the best, and we know that you will all continue to make us proud!



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Eagle Breakfast

Oak Grove honored some of its finest students on Wednesday, May 2nd before school at the Spring "Character Counts-Eagle Breakfast." Twenty-three students from grades 6-8 were honored by the District for being stellar young men and women. Judge Mary Schostok served as our guest speaker and delivered a beautiful message to the students and their parents. It was a wonderful morning to celebrate the "best of the best" at Oak Grove. We give special thanks to Mrs. Timlin and her team for making all the arrangements and putting on a great show. Congratulations to the students and their families!

6th Grade: Henry Calsin, Megan LaCrosse, Aditi Nair, Louie Perry, Abe Quinones, Christina Stelter and Lilly Ulrich.

7th Grade: Jackson Goldberg, Sedra Khattab, Maddie Lyon, Aman Muhammed, Sophia Rynes, Wyatt Sorensen and Erika Von Kirchbach

8th Grade: Sarah Dowden, Grier Glaisner, Laura Gomez-Anez, Harrison Lakes, Mia Mosconi, Michaela Orvis, Shri Patil, Josie Thomas and Sara Ulrich.

Oak Grove Welcomes New Assistant Principal

Mrs. Michelle Jackson, who has been our Assistant Principal for the past three years, was hired as a Principal in Deerfield District #109. Congratulations, Principal Jackson! We wish you all the best; you will be missed!

After a month of interviewing potential candidates for Mrs. Jackson's replacement, the Board of Education approved the hiring of Mrs. Lilli Melamed as our new Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Melamed has worked at Woodland School District #50 for the past 13 years, most recently as the Literacy and Learning Coordinator. Prior to that assignment, she taught 7th grade Language Arts, Gifted Language Arts and was also the ELA Teacher Leader.

Mrs. Melamed received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from DePaul University and has a Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction

Multicultural Night

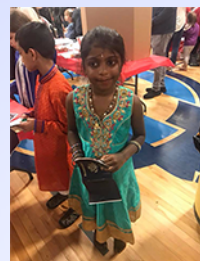


On Thursday, May 3rd, Oak Grove hosted its first multicultural night. Families shared foods, dances, trivia and

clothing from their heritages. A sincere thank you to all the families who participated and attended the event. It was a wonderful chance to experience what makes Oak Grove a unique and welcoming place to be. Special thanks to Raabia Khan and Elizabeth O'Neill



for all their work in coordinating volunteers and presenters. Thank you also to Aman Muhammed, an incredible student who volunteered his entire evening to assist with set-up and running the event. Finally, thank you to Oak Grove teacher Susie Kiefer, whose vision became a reality in the best possible way.



OGSEF Gala '18

Thank you to our attendees, sponsors, donors and volunteers for making the Grove Gala '18 such a special night (visit www.ogsef.org for details)! The night featured fun competition during the live and silent auctions, bottles and bottles of prizes from the Wine Toss, and of course food and dancing! Most importantly, the evening provided an opportunity to come together as a community with the common goal of creating new and differentiated educational opportunities for our kids.



You can view additional pictures from the event on the Oak Grove Education Foundation's Facebook page, facebook.com/ogsfoundation. Special thanks to Oswaldo Suarez for lending his photography skills and beautifully capturing the evening!



You Be The Chemist Challenge



Congratulations to Brandon LaCrosse on finishing in first place at the Regional You Be the Chemist Challenge. He went on to represent our school and our region at the State Competition. Also, congratulations to Nikhil Patel and Vanessa Zhang on making it through the intermediate rounds, falling just short of the semi-finals.

Battle of the Books

Oak Grove School held its 3rd annual Battle of the Books Championship on Friday, May 4. The PTO generously provided the books and prizes for the contests.



Starting late last fall, teams of five or six students who wanted to participate were charged with reading 20 books. The contest was to read, comprehend, and remember the books, and the team with the most winning answers to pointed questions about content would win. Each team competed against other teams in their grade, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th vs. 8th and Junior High Champion would be crowned. For two weeks in early May the teams, put in brackets like the NCAA, were whittled down from 33 to 8.

Each competitor took away a gold or silver medal, and our champions also won an autographed book.

Demonstrating Oak Grove Eagle sportsmanship, our silver medalists graciously congratulated the gold medalists, as did the audience members of classmates, teachers, and some parents. The Junior High Champions also received an Amazon Gift Card.



A good time was had by all, and the heat is already building for next year's furious, fuel-filled and page-turning BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IV.



Important Dates for Beginning of 2018-19

Here are some dates to note for the parents of Oak Grove students... We hope this helps you plan ahead. Enjoy your summer!

K-3 Meet the Teacher

Monday, August 20th 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

K-2 Curriculum Night

Monday, August 27th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

3-5 Curriculum Night

Thursday, August 30th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

6-8 Curriculum Night

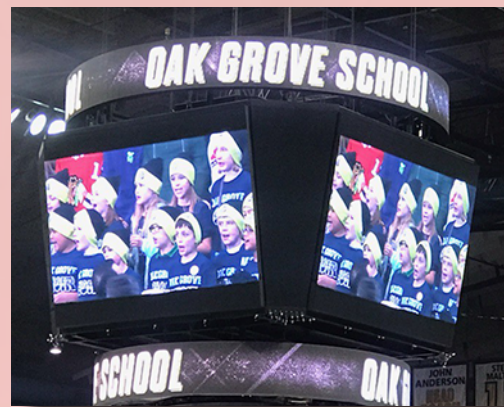
Thursday, August 23rd 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Oak Grove Choirs at the Wolves Game

On March 10, 2018, approximately 180 Oak Grove choir members and their families attended the Chicago Wolves game at the All State Arena. The students performed for the crowd between the first and second periods. A great time was had by all!



Dr. Lemon and choir Director Logan Farris



OGEA Eagle Scholarship Recipient

The Oak Grove Education Association is proud to announce that the third annual recipient of the Oak Grove Eagle Scholarship is LHS senior Hunter Schweiger! The Oak Grove Eagle Scholarship is given to an Oak Grove alumnus who has demonstrated excellence in academics, character, extracurricular activities, and service. Along with his application, Hunter provided an essay that explained the impact that Oak Grove had on his high school career which included volunteering in the community, excelling in LHS athletics and striving for academic success. The OGEA is proud of Hunter's commitment to his school and community, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds. Congratulations, Hunter!



Left and Right: OGS teachers/scholarship committee members Casey Dugan and Heather McCarty. Center: Scholarship winner Hunter Schweiger

OGSEF Soaring Eagle Scholarship Winners



Please join us in congratulating Grace Mazurek and Emily Roller for receiving Soaring Eagle Scholarships from the Oak Grove School Education Foundation. Both Grace & Emily exemplify the Oak Grove Spirit in terms of academics, community involvement and character. We wish them the best of luck in their future studies!

5th Graders Spread the Love

In February, our fabulous 5th graders culminated a month long service project entitled, "Spread the Love." Students chose to participate in some type of service on their own, and then as a group packed meals at Feed My Starving Children. 5th grade teachers are very proud of the students and impressed by their willingness to do for others!



OGS Bids Farewell to Six Wonderful Teachers

We'd like to thank our six retirees. They have a combined time of 173.5 years of teaching! Students, parents and faculty alike offer our sincere thanks for all that these teachers have done over the years. They have inspired literally thousands of children along the way! We wish you the best of luck as you enter this new phase of your lives.



Valley Forge Day



During the American Revolution, General George Washington took his army to Valley Forge to drill them into a powerful united army. Each year, our 5th grade students attempt to follow in their footsteps for a day to help them understand and appreciate the hardships and sacrifices our forefathers made for our country. Students overwhelmingly cite this day as one of their

favorite memories of Oak Grove School. We are proud to have such a dedicated team of teachers and parents that go out of their way to make the learning process unique and memorable!



Congressman Schneider Visits OGS

On February 2nd, we were pleased to host a visit from Congressman Brad Schneider, United States Representative from District 10. The Congressman took a tour of the school and visited many classes. You can visit Congressman Schneider's website at <https://schneider.house.gov>.



Congressman Schneider visiting Mrs. Alghini's 1st grade class



3rd grade in Chicago

The 3rd grade class culminated their Chicago unit with a trip to the city. They rode the new ferris wheel and took a boat cruise along the lake. The students learned a great deal about Chicago during this unit of study, and the field trip was a wonderful way to cap it off!



Girls Basketball



8th grade girls basketball team

Oak Grove basketball had unparalleled success this year on the hardwood. With the guidance of 7th grade coach Matt Oesch and 8th grade coach Sarah Kurtz, the OGS teams capped a fantastic season with conference and tournament championships. Congratulations, ladies and coaches!



7th grade girls basketball team

State Track Champs

Two students, Andrew Brooks and Christian Roberts, recently completed two of the greatest careers in Oak Grove Junior High track history. Christian was a state qualifier and medal winner all three years. Andrew capped his outstanding career by winning state titles in two events this year! What makes their feats even more impressive is the fact that Oak Grove does not have a track, so our athletes must practice their events off site. Congratulations, Andrew and Christian for making history. Good luck in high school!



Andrew Brooks and Christian Roberts

Field Day



Oak Grove staff and students participate in a PTO sponsored "Field Day" every other year. Over 100 parent volunteers give up their morning to organize and manage dozens of events for our students. It truly is one of the students' favorite mornings! Special thanks go to Dana Huennekens and Susan Gilbert who were the chief organizers for the event. It takes many, many hours to make this event the success it is!



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8th Grade Musical - "Singin' In The Rain"

Each Spring, the majority of our 8th grade class participates in the 8th grade musical. This year, under the direction of Mel Ludington and musical director Logan Farris, the students performed "Singin' in the Rain." It takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to put on a performance like this each year, and it would not be possible without the dedication of many teachers, parents and students alike. We look forward to what the future has in store for the cast and crew!



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