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The Wolf Pack



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Principal's Corner by Amy Goodloe

It has been a fantastic 25th school year at Oak Hill, filled with lots of learning and many things to celebrate! I'd like to thank our outgoing PTA officers for the time and service they have generously given to Oak Hill over the past two years and to welcome our new board. Thank you also to all of the volunteers who have read with children, organized school and PTA events, been docents for GRACE Art, chaperoned field trips, and helped prepare instructional materials, among many other duties. The staff and the students of Oak Hill appreciate all that you do!

I hope that you will join the PTA and staff in recognizing Mrs. Mary Stripling on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Hill Cafeteria. We congratulate Mrs. Stripling on her retirement and wish her all the best as she begins a new adventure in her life. We will also

New Bell Schedule 2009 - 2010

Monday: 8:35 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 8:35 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

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A Note from the PTA President

by Erica Carter

Hello Oak Hill Families!

As we burn through these last weeks of school, I am amazed by how quickly the year has passed! This was a special year for Oak Hill Elementary – our twenty-fifth year as a school community. This also marks an important change for my family, as my daughter Carly finishes sixth grade. We have loved being part of this warm, welcoming community.

The PTA has had a great year. We continued to offer excellent in-school enrichment with programs such as GRACE Art and fabulous cultural arts assemblies. After school, we offered activities ranging from flag-

football to Building Bridges. Each quarter we tried to have an event that would bring our entire community together.

We kept our pledge to our membership to conduct no other fundraisers over the course of the school year. We were very successful with the pledge fund drive, and were even able to offer a second event (the BINGO/Ice Cream Social) at no cost to our pledge families!

Oak Hill will look a little different next year – we are losing some of our Advanced Academics (formerly GT) Center students, but we are welcoming some kids that were redistricted from Floris. No one seems to like

change, but the PTA is working to make those transitions as successful as possible.

As I often remind people, I had no experience as a PTA board member before I became president – I just asked a lot of questions and tried to learn from my mistakes. This really is one of those opportunities that require no previous experience! I know that volunteering can seem like one more item on a very full to-do list, but the time that you invest in your child's school is so important. There are some key positions (like Fall Festival and Volunteer Coordinator) that really do need

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What's Happening at Oak Hill in June?

Thursday, June 4
ALL library and bookroom books are due

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.
OH Cafeteria
Retirement Reception followed by PTA Meeting (see page 2)

Wednesday, June 10, 7 p.m.
OH Cafeteria
School Talent Show

Friday, June 12, 7 p.m.
LEGO Exhibition (see page 10)

Monday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.
OH Cafeteria
5th & 6th grade Band Concert

Monday, June 15
4:30 - 6 p.m.
AA Center New Student Picnic

Thursday, June 18
Last Day of School
Early Dismissal at 10:45 a.m.

Principal's Corner

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be wishing farewell and good luck to several staff members who will be leaving to teach at different schools.

Please mark your calendars for the important upcoming dates in the fall. A letter with student class assignments, as well as important information to start the year, will be mailed to homes on August 30. Don't forget to note our new start time of 8:35 a.m. for the fall. The building will open at 8 a.m. on school days. Be sure to consider this as you make child care arrangements.

Friday, September 4: Open House

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.: Preschool and Kindergarten

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Grades 1 - 6

Tues., September 8: First Day of School!

Back to School Nights:

Tues., September 15: Morning K and Grades 1 - 3

Thurs., September 17: Afternoon K and Grades 4 - 6

Both evenings will have staggered start times by grade level.

Enjoy the summer. Have fun, be safe and remind your children to read, read, read!

Amy Goodloe

PTA President

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to be filled before the end of the school year (see page 5). I hope that you will consider teaming up with a friend to keep our programs and special events alive!

This is my last letter as PTA president – I have enjoyed my term, and I am so excited to hand the reins over to next year's board. My predecessor reminded me that it's ultimately about the children, and I think if we remember that focus, we can be proud of our efforts.

All the Best,

Erica

School Notices:

SAFETY REMINDERS/PARKING:

Please remember to use the Kiss and Ride Lane to drop off your children or to park in the pool parking lot and walk them to the building using the crosswalk. Staff and community members have observed many unsafe drop off practices during the last several weeks. Also, please be aware that if you choose to park within 10 feet of the entrance or along the curve of the bus loop blocking the sidewalk and handicap ramps it is likely you will be ticketed.

PARENTS OF RISING SIXTH

GRADERS: Remember that sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertusis) or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the last five years. In the event that the child's eleventh birthday is after the first day of school on September 8, 2009, we must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap. If you have documentation available, please turn it into the office now or as soon as you receive it. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER.**

School Office Hours



The school office is opened on a modified schedule during the summer.

June 22 - August 19 Mon - Fri
9:00 - 2:00

Friday, July 3 CLOSED

Normal hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. resume on August 24.

We congratulate Mr. Jesse Kraft on his appointment as Principal of Providence ES.

On June 16 we will honor Mr. Kraft with a farewell assembly attended by the entire school. If your child would like to make a card for Mr. Kraft, please have him/her bring it in on that day. Thanks!



Parents, students and staff are invited to join the Oak Hill PTA

**Tuesday, June 9
at 6:30 p.m.**

To thank Mary Stripling for her years of service at Oak Hill and wish her a happy retirement.

A PTA meeting and officer induction will be held following the reception.

SCA News: End of Year Wrap Up

By: Linda Allworth, SCA President

Time certainly does fly! I can't believe that it is the end of the year already, but looking back I feel very good about everything the SCA has done. Our focus this year was service learning, which is like community service. Each quarter we set different goals, and whether it was recycling more, helping our community, or making a difference in the lives of others, the students were always ready to help out.



During the first quarter, we worked on ways to recycle in school. In each classroom you can find a blue paper recycling bin, most of the time filled to the brim. In the pods and through out the school there are containers to recycle plastic bottles, plastic bags, and aluminum cans. My favorite recycling opportunity though, is found in the cafeteria: juice

pouch recycling! By partnering with TerraCycle, Oak Hill gets two cents for each juice pouch collected and we have gathered over ten thousand so far. Good job Oak Hill! What happens to the recycled juice pouches? They are turned into tote bags, pencil cases, back packs, and other cool items. It feels great to know that our school is making a difference.

During the second quarter we did several service learning projects for our community. We collected tons of candy and cards to send to wounded soldiers, cleaned up the outdoor classroom, and had a very successful Thanksgiving food drive. For the food drive, students brought in a wide variety of food from fruits and veggies to snacks and deserts, and everyone did an excellent job. The food was then sorted into baskets, each with all of the items needed to make up the meal. Our goal was twenty five bas-

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PAWS Update

We are all looking forward to the final countdown to summer break. During this time Oak Hill students are working harder than ever to earn PAWS for ONE BIG reason. Our final school-wide reward depends on moving Oakie to the top step! We have one more step to go! The students are minding their P's and Q's and waiting eagerly to learn just what the reward will be. You can help at home by discussing appropriate school behavior related to **P**ositive attitude, **A**ccountability, **W**illingness to learn, and **S**afety.

Thank you for your support of Oak Hill's PAWS program this year. Our teachers have worked collaboratively to develop plans for teaching school-wide behavior expectations, acknowledging their students efforts, and focusing on the positive behaviors. We look forward to continuing our PAWS program again next year and working with you as our partners in helping students to put their best foot forward.

Summer Book Exchange



Next week is the Summer Book Exchange. Each teacher has signed up for time on either the 9th or the 10th of June and will bring their students that participated during that time. Please have your children remember to bring their receipts with them in order to get their books at the exchange. Thanks to

all who participated, volunteered their time to help, and especially those that donated books this year. We have well over 2000 books for our students to choose from this year (WOW!) – a great way to start off the summer!

Rhonda Blatman
PTA Summer Book
Exchange Chair



Please check all around the house, the car, and wherever belongings get strewn to find and return all books. Books marked with an Oak Hill stamp that have a letter on the inside or back cover usually belong to the bookroom.

Books with a barcode sticker and a call number on the spine must be returned to the school library. When in doubt, send them in and the classroom teacher will help find the appropriate location for return. Thank you!

Have a great summer and keep reading!

-Debra Hile,
Reading Specialist

Thank you to the outgoing PTA officers!

- Erica Carter, President (2 years)**
- Michelle Grudi, 1st Vice President (1 year)**
- Kathy Romance, Treasurer (1 year)**
- Sue Hern, Recording Secretary (4 years)**



These wonderful volunteers have given countless hours of their time over the past several years, making Oak Hill a better place for students, teachers and the community!

Thank You Volunteers!

Volunteers make a world of difference in our experiences at Oak Hill. There are far too many list, as *hundreds* of parents, teachers, students and other community members logged *thousands of hours of their own time* to ensure the success of school and PTA activities at Oak Hill. Here's a list of many of activities volunteers supported during the 2008-2009 school year:

Committee Chairs
Room Parents
Classroom Helpers
Book Room Helpers
Fall Festival
Ice Cream & BINGO/Game Night
Tutors
Chess Club
GRACE Art
FLEX
Movie Night
Medieval Day
Colonial Day
Field Trip Chaperones
Hospitality
Bakers and Cooks
Run 4 FUNds
Picture Days
Reading Buddies
LEGO League
Odyssey of the Mind
PTA Reflections
Spelling Blasters & Bee
Library Helpers
Book Fair
Cultural Arts (Assemblies)
PTA Board Members
Spirit Sales
Marquee Maintenance
Website
Student Directory
Photography
Oakie's BB&T
Field Day
Office Helpers
Basketball Game
Assembly Chaperones
Safety Patrol
Yearbook
Costumes & Sets for Plays
Birthday Tree
Box Top & Label Collection
Recycling
Math Nights
Volunteer Coordinator
After School Improv
Broadway Jr.
PTA Membership

Volunteer of the Year



We can't begin to adequately thank **Shirley Thurneyson** for all that she does to make Oak Hill such a great place!

In addition to being a room parent and always being "on call" whenever an event needed an extra set of hands, Shirley also

chaired the Oak Hill Spelling Bee, was responsible for the planning, purchase and planting of the flowers and plants in the Outdoor Classroom, and was co-chair for this year's Colonial Day.

When she's not busy at work or at Oak Hill, Shirley is also active in her older son, Zach's, Cub Scout pack and daughter Elle's Brownie troop, at St. Veronica's and at Floris UMC, all while keeping up with toddler son, Tristan.

Thank you, Shirley, for all you do!

With many thanks....

We'd like to thank all 65 Room Parents who dedicated their time, efforts and talents in making Oak Hill a great school. The 2008-2009 room parents are:

Christine Alexander, Saradha Balasubramanian, Darcie Blalock, Ali Blysak, Carla Bosley, Michelle Brahaney, Kerry Burch, Sally Burns, Amy Cohen, Susan Creekmore, Jennifer David, Carol Epps, Mary Ferrara, Dyan Garcia, Shengmei Geng, Heidi Guglielmino, Beth Hargett, Sue Hern, Melissa Hillelsohn, Carrie Holl, Jim Holl, Marisa Hughes, Rajitha Jadala, Nina Johns, Tammy King, Wendy Kisiday, Rajani Koppaparadu, Anjou Krelovich, Seetha Kumaravel, Jea Lee, Bev Lesser, Victoria Martin, Joanna Mason, Liz McGrath, Victoria Mu, Debra Myers, Maya Nair, Holly O'Donnell, Kathryn Pearlman, CJ Peters, Bhavna Podduturi, Bree Poland, Paromita Ray, Kathy Rock, Kathy Romance, Lisa Shorten, Priya Singh, Joanne Smeaton, Amy Smith, Jennifer Sponheimer, LorraineTacinelli, Karla Thompson, Shirley Thurneyson, Jessica Titus, Jothi Venkataraman, Marci Truman, Bridget Ventrelli, Aarati Verma, Trish Vida, Andrea Ward, Beth Whisamore, Anne Wieder,



Paula Williams, Min Yao, and Sheri Zimmerman.

Stephanie Sheridan has been the PTA Volunteer Coordinator for the past years. In addition to organizing volunteer lists for events and finding volunteers as needed throughout the year, she also served the PTA Board as a standing committee chair. Thank you, Stephanie, for all of your hard work!

Many thanks to those who kept the Birthday Tree in the lobby updated: **Lynne Halladay, Nina Johns, Sridhar Kolluru, Seetha Kumaravel, Sharon Markin, Diana Martin, Kami McClelland, Ellen Toole, Katie Rakestraw, Beth Whisamore, and Paula Williams.**

Note from Stephanie Sheridan: Thank you to all of the general worker bee volunteers who stepped up to help when the request was made. It never ceases to amaze me how many parents are willing to assist whenever the need arises! All of our volunteers help to make Oak Hill the fantastic school that it is! How fortunate our students are to have parents who are so involved in their school! Thanks again and enjoy your summer break!

H E L P W A N T E D

The PTA needs to fill a number of chairperson positions for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Please consider one of the vacancies below and notify PTA 1st Vice President **Michelle Grudi** at msgrudi@msn.com if you would like more information or would like to lead one of these programs. Most positions work well for co-chairs. So, grab a friend and take on a job together!

The following are immediate needs. If we are unable to find a chair before summer, some programs may have to be cut:

- ♦ FLEX
- ♦ Volunteer Coordinator
- ♦ Fall Festival
- ♦ Directory
- ♦ Reflections

Other open chair and committee positions include:

- ♦ Family Dance Chair (cut 08/09)
- ♦ Chess Club Chair
- ♦ Math Counts Chair
- ♦ Hospitality Chairs for:
 - Welcome New Families
 - Retirement Reception
- ♦ Junior Great Books Chair
- ♦ Marquee Sign Chair
- ♦ Juice Pouch Recycling Coordinator
- ♦ Spirit Sales Chairs
- ♦ Special Education Liason
- ♦ Summer Book Exchange

These are just some of our needs for next year. If you want to be involved, but don't see the right opportunity here, please contact Michelle. We can use your talents!

Thank you to everyone who joined the Oak Hill PTA and supported the PTA with their pledge.

Your pledge has allowed the PTA to provide field trips, assemblies, GRACE Art, classroom supplies, staff development and so much more!

Your support for our Pledge program has been amazing! We hope you will support the PTA with your pledge again in the fall.



A huge THANK YOU to the companies who generously donated games for Family Game Night: Gamewright (www.gamewright.com), Learning Resources (www.learningresources.com) and Education Outdoors (www.campboardgame.com). All of the games these companies sent have since been donated to Oak Hill for classroom use.

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kets, but we ended up having enough food to make thirty-seven! The students were very willing to bring in food and thanks to them the project was a great success. Such a great success, that we decided to do a canned food drive for LINK later on in December. All the students did a great job bringing in canned goods for that too. Everyone should feel really good about what they accomplished in the second quarter. Oak Hill definitely made a positive impact in our community.



For the third quarter we wanted to do something big. We asked the students to find a widespread problem that we could work to fix. The SCA representatives took a vote from each

of their classrooms and found that the majority of students wanted to help animals. Each day animals are abused and mistreated all over the world. A Forever Home rescue center is an organization that helps abandoned pets from West Virginia find homes. With so many pets to help, there is always a need for supplies. Seeing this need we decided to hold a pet supplies drive to help the animals while they are waiting to find their perfect home. Each pet at A Forever Home is given a brand new collar, and many of the animals are young puppies or kittens. We asked the students to bring in collars, pet food, treats, toys, crates, paper towels and cleaning supplies. The students immediately responded, bringing in all sorts of items to help the animals. We did an amazing job helping the all the animals at A Forever Home.

Our latest project was the Nike reuse-a-shoe drive. Students donated their old sneakers to be recycled into playground material for schools that need it. Our donated shoes will be turned into material that will go to schools all over the world.

New students come each year and familiar faces will leave and move on, yet our school spirit still remains. For each service project the students have risen above and beyond what was asked of them. Even though the year is ending the students and the SCA can feel proud of what they have accomplished, and they can leave for the summer knowing that they really have made a difference.

Media News

Although the Oak Hill School Library is still open and students are permitted to visit the library for research and for independent reading, **all library books are now due.** Every year Fairfax County sets the expiration date of student library cards ten days prior to the last day of school. This means that all books were due yesterday, June 4. I'd like to extend a BIG thank you to those families who have been diligent about adhering to this deadline. If you happen to notice any school library books still floating around your house, please make sure they are returned to Oak Hill.

But wait! School library card expiration does not mean an end to reading. This summer be sure to take advantage of the wonderful Fairfax County Public Library with its very convenient Chantilly branch just minutes away. On June 18, reading logs will be available for pick up in the public library so students can document all of the books they read this summer. This year's summer reading incentive program is "Read Around the World". You can find more details about the program and suggested reading lists on the Oak Hill website.

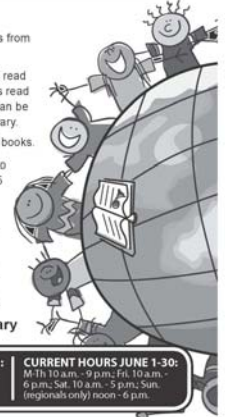
Keep on Reading, but remember to **return all Oak Hill Library books now!!**

READ AROUND THE WORLD

Fairfax County Public Library's
2009 Summer Reading Program!

Details:

- The Summer Reading Program runs from June 18 to September 5.
 - Preschoolers through sixth graders read 15 books. Children can have books read to them. Some book suggestions can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.
 - Students in grades 7-12 read eight books.
 - Completed logs must be turned in to your library branch by September 5 to receive a coupon booklet full of free and discounted prizes.
 - One coupon book per reader; lost booklets will not be replaced.
 - End-of-summer prize drawings will be selected from coupon book forms turned in to library branches.
- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library



NEW HOURS BEGIN JULY 1: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; (regionals only) 1-5 p.m.	CURRENT HOURS JUNE 1-30: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, (regionals only) noon-6 p.m.
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Just a thought... From the Counselors



Join us for the
**5th and 6th
Grade Band
Concert**

Monday, June 15
7:00 p.m.
Oak Hill Cafeteria

With the school year coming to an end, we want to thank you for all of your support! We accomplished a lot this year through classroom guidance lessons like bullying prevention, study/organizational skills, friendship, teamwork, character education, test taking skills, and career awareness to name a few.

Take the opportunity this summer to spend some quality time with your children without the stress and pressures of school. Sit down with your family for a few minutes and write up a list of inexpensive activities you'd like to do together this summer. You may be surprised at how many ideas you can come up like having a picnic in a park or taking a family bike ride along the W & OD. For more ideas, check out the Parent Resource Center's Summer of Success Resource Packet at www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/index.htm. It is the second link in the "What's New!" section.

On a final note, please make sure to check the lobby for any lost clothing items. Anything that is not claimed by the last day of school will be donated to charity.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!
See you in September!

**Dot Bennett, Christy
Ryder & Tina Williams
School Counselors**



Upbeat

Kudos to all students involved in musical performances in May! Strings students were led by Ms. Noble in several fantastic concerts, both at Oak Hill and at Franklin Middle School. It's wonderful to see our strings program so large that our school doesn't have a single space large enough to accommodate everyone! Mrs. Peterson & Mrs. Dimas especially enjoyed playing percussion for "Pirates of the Caribbean"!

Congratulations to the first graders for a spirited performance of their spring musical, "Adventures of the Curious Squirrel". They represented our school well, singing about the outdoor classroom and all the learning that happens in it. First graders also learned that two of the main characters, Squirrel and Wolf, represented Oak Hill's first and current mascots.

The fifth and sixth grade choruses did a fabulous job at their concert also. Not only did they sing, but they played Orff instruments and other percussion, accompanied on piano and sang "Broadway" solos.

Even though Medieval Day was in the fall this year, fifth graders have spent the month of May learning to dance and play the "North Skelton Dance" or, as we usually refer to it, the "sword dance".

The fifth and sixth grade band students will have a concert on Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Hill cafeteria.

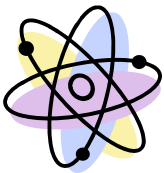
As we wrap up the year, we hope that students will continue with their musical endeavours through the summer – singing, dancing, and of course, practicing their instruments!

Wendy Peterson & Cristen Dimas
General Music Teachers



Above: The first grade performs its musical "Adventures of the Curious Squirrel." Many thanks to Mrs. Peterson & Mrs. Dimas, who wrote the musical, to the parents who created those great costumes and backgrounds on a shoestring budget, and to the students and teachers for their many hours of hard work practicing for this wonderful performance!

Summer Science and Math



It's not too late to register for two weeks of fun learning at Oak Hill's Pow! Summer Science and Math Academy. Led by Mr. Pane, Mrs. O'Malley and Miss Wright

You can pick up a registration form in the school office or online at www.oakhillpta.com.

Session 1: July 6-July 17 \$265 M-F 9:00-12:00pm Current 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders MATH Number Systems Enrichment Integrated Math w/ Science Activities Solving the Rubik's Cube & Competition PHYSICAL SCIENCE-Take Home Projects Kite-Making and Straw Rockets Solar Cars Session Ending Pizza Party!	Session 2: July 20-July 31 \$265 M-F 9:00-12:00pm Current 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders MATH Geometry/Escher Enrichment Integrated Math w/Science Activities Solving the Rubik's Cube & Competition PHYSICAL SCIENCE-Take Home Projects Solid-Fuel Rockets Balsa Airplanes Session Ending Pizza Party!
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Free Vaccines at County Health Clinics

Effective July 1, 2006, all students entering sixth grade must show proof of a booster dose of the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine within the past five years. The Tdap booster vaccine can be obtained from a pediatrician's office or from the Fairfax County Health Department.

Fairfax County Health Department clinics will administer this and other recommended vaccines at no charge. The Herndon-Reston Clinic is located at 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Suite 100, Reston. Call 703.481.4242 for office hours and appointment information.

A student receiving the vaccine at a Fairfax County health clinic must be accompanied by an adult and should bring his or her current immunization record to the clinic.

Oak Hill-Lees Corner Basketball Game



On Saturday, May 9, the Sixth Annual Basketball game with Lees Corner Elementary took place at Chantilly High School.

Though the outcome was not in the Wolves' favor, it was a victory for all.

There was outstanding class participation:

- 67 on the boys team
- 24 on the girls team
- 19 cheerleaders
- 50 band members
- 3 mascots
- 12 all county chorus singers, and **Everyone** who came to cheer the team!

As it is said, "...it takes a village to raise a child," well, it absolutely takes a dedicated committee to produce a basketball game.

Many thanks to the following for their hard work and dedication:

- Melissa Hillelsson** – Ticket Sales
- Joanna Mason** – Volunteer Coordinator
- Kathy Romance**- Pep Squad Leader
- Pam Vanwormer** – Spirit Sales
- Brad Fries, Jim Glakas, Bill Halladay, Rory Maynard, Rene and Dan Rizzo** – Coaches
- Kevin Romance** - Announcer

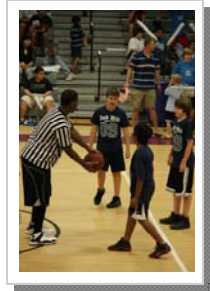
The Oak Hill administration and staff deserve recognition for their assistance.

Thank you to **Dr. Goodloe** for the pep rally kick-off, **Mrs. Rutherford** for scheduling the practices, photocopying and distributing the forms, **Mrs. Anderson** for collecting forms, **Mr. Isle** for leading the Band, **Mrs. Peterson** for conducting the Chorus, **Mrs. Price** for mascot training and **Ms. Linne** for the beautiful mural. Thank you to all teachers that attended the game.

Also, the committee would like to recognize the parents that sold tickets and spirit wear for the game. In addition, Oak Hill alumni, **Julia Halladay, Alexa Levendis, Corinne Reardon, Rylie Rizzo, Josh Wallace** and **Mary Zilberfarb** contributed their time to make the game a success for their alma mater.

Good luck to the Class of 2009!

Tina Wallace
PTA Basketball Game Chair



Cultural Arts Presentation: *Up and Away with Hot Air Balloons*



Today Oak Hill PTA presented its final Cultural Arts performance of the school year. Liberty Balloon Company presented *Up and Away with Hot Air Balloons*. This unique and educational program combines the excitement of a hot air balloon with a wealth of teaching experience. The program consisted of two segments: an education session, which touches on history, science, language, pilot licensing, character, careers and more, and a live demonstration. Be sure to ask your child about it!

Photo source: libertyballoon.com



Colonial Day

On May 15, Virginia history was brought to life at Oak Hill Elementary. Fourth graders spent the day living and learning colonial ways and crafts. They embarked on a journey through time as the girls wore fanciful dresses with mop hats and the boys wore breeches and 3-corner hats. The day started with a performance by the U.S. Army Fife & Drum Corp from Ft. Myers playing traditional music from the Revolutionary period. Classrooms were converted into activity areas to learn traditional crafts such as candle-making, whittling and carving, hammering tins and sewing, as used for quilts. Students tasted homemade butter and experienced the thrill of their first formal dance as they joined their partner in the Virginia Reel. Representatives from Gunston Hall were on-hand to teach students how to write using a quill pen. Presenters from nearby Sully Plantation explained the life of servants and slaves as opposed to the wealthy plantation owners. Here are some of the 2009 Colonial Day memories:

Elizabeth from Mr. McGorty's class: "I liked the candle-making because you learned to do a chore that kids in the Colonial times did."

John from Ms. More's class: "I liked soap carving the most because you could make basically anything. It really looked like something they traded."

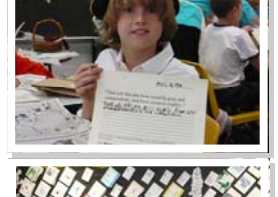
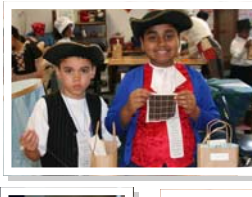
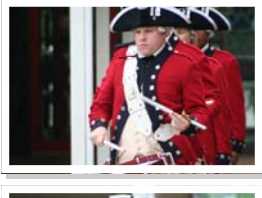
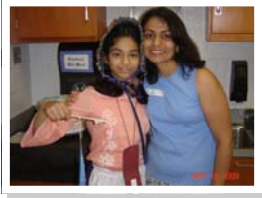
Richard from Ms. More's class: "The tin punch craft was my favorite because we used materials that looked like real blacksmith items. The activity was challenging but fun."

Christine from Ms. Bennett's class: "I learned how to play a game called five rocks. I loved this game so much that when I went home I looked for five rocks and I started to play."

Brynn from Ms. Lewis' class: "It was really cool to listen to the music used in the Revolutionary war."

Quinn from Ms. Bodie's class: "I liked the quill pen activity because it was harder that it looked. We even wrote a section of the Virginia Declaration of Rights!"

Isabella from Ms. Bennett's class: "I loved it when we first came to school and the glass got to see everyone's Colonial costumes. I really felt like I was in the 1800's."



Oakie's BB&T Prepares for the 2009-2010 School Year

It has been a successful first year of operation for our school bank, Oakie's BB&T. We'd like to thank all the sixth graders who spent their Tuesday mornings serving our student customers. 17 rising fifth and sixth graders will be working for Oakie's BB&T during the 2009-2010 school year. Please welcome our 2009-2010 Oakie's BB&T student bank employees:



Bank Managers: Cheryl Mensah, Isaac Iyengar, Abdul Malik, Reema Patel, Yash Jain

Bank Tellers: Jacqueline Kolhof, Sam Penta, Christina Peters, Leela Ekambarapu, Soumithri Gadepalli, Matthew Jiang, Richard Park, Neeraj Sabapatay, Grace Yu, John Feng, Thomas Sherrier, Ashwin Srinivasan

Our school bank will be open every Tuesday morning from 7:45 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. during the remainder of this school year. We will be closed during the summer months. However, you can take all your deposit transactions to any BB&T branch. Oakie's BB&T will reopen in the fall on September 22.

Shop to Support Oak Hill

Congratulations to Mrs. Byrne's first grade, Mrs. Vollbrecht's third grade, Mrs. Ray's afternoon kindergarten and Mrs. Fredericks' fifth grade classes. The students in each of these classes will be treated to paw print cupcakes.

Thank you to all the families that participated by sending in the Campbell's product UPCs. We are banking these UPC points for future purchases. Please continue to collect the UPCs throughout the summer months. There will be more contests during the next school year. Be sure to ask neighbors or relatives to help you collect.

The General Mills **Box Tops for Education** program did well. Our PTA received \$2,375.14 this school year. Please consider going to the www.boxtops4education.com website to sign up with Oak Hill Elementary School. There are many



ways to earn money for our school besides clipping the Box Tops off of General Mills, Juicy Juice, Kleenex, and many other products. You'll also find online coupons for participating products while you're there.

amazon.com If you shop on **Amazon.com** please use the link on the PTA website.

Every purchase will help our school at no additional cost to you. Remember when shopping online to check the PTA website to see if you can help the PTA with your purchase. To find out, visit the PTA website, click "PTA Funding" and then "Shop." Choose from escrip.com (an online mall with over 700 stores), Box Top marketplace or Amazon.com, and you're set. Thank you for supporting Oak Hill!

PTA Notebook

German Club: Vielen Dank! A special thanks to Judy Rudek (mom) and Rachel Epps (Chantilly student), who volunteered their time to help out with German Club this year. We will start back up in the fall.

-Frau Edgington

LEGO League: On Friday, June 12, our four Lego Robotics Intramural Teams will exhibit their work at 7:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Please come and meet the teams, the trainers and their robots. Space is still available on the fall teams. For information, please contact PTA chairpersons **Angie Fontanilla** at acfontani@yahoo.com or **Jane Iyengar** at jane@ebizlabs.com.



Crafts For A Cause

Arts and crafts from a variety of Northern Virginia vendors. Including: glass, photography, handbags, and jewelry.

June 13th, from 9a.m. to 4p.m.

Oak Hill Elementary School

To benefit:
The National MS Society

Please note: If you are a vendor, and would like to reserve a space, please contact Jacki Varacalli at: jacki@jackisglass.com

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