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The Wolf Pack



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Tuesday, June 8

- ◆ 7:00 p.m. – café PTA Meeting

Thursday, June 10

- ◆ All school library books are due to the library

Monday, June 14

- ◆ 7:00 p.m. – café 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert

Wednesday and Thursday June 16 and 17

- ◆ Oak Hill's 4th Annual Talent Show

Thursday, June 24

- ◆ Last Day of School
- ◆ Early Dismissal

Summer Office Hours

June 28—August 20 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Office Closed July 5

Beginning August 23 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

What's Happening at Oak Hill this month?

Principal's Corner

by Amy Goodloe

June is going to be jam-packed full of learning and wonderful end of school events. Be sure to keep up-to-date with Blackboard, the school website, and KIT messages. We will be working hard to keep the students engaged in meaningful learning activities all the way until June 24.

I know you will join me in welcoming several new staff members to Oak Hill for the 2010-11 school year. Preschool will welcome a new part-time teacher, [Jeanette Burpoe](#) to the team. [Stacy Muscar](#), a returning FCPS teacher and Oak Hill parent, will be joining [Heidi Bowers](#) and [Lisa Ray](#) at first grade. [JoEllan Frasch](#) will be moving up to grade two, and Christine Crawford will return to join [Shanan Coughlin](#) and [Donna Murtha](#) on the second grade team. And [Linda Rosen](#), an experienced FCPS art therapist and teacher will join the staff as a part-time art teacher.

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A Note from the PTA President

by Kathryn Pearlman

Welcome to the last month of the school year! As I finish my first year as PTA president, it's a time to look back over the past year as well as look ahead to the future. Thanks to your support – both through the pledge and as volunteers -- the PTA was able to provide support to the school as well as offer many successful events and activities. Looking back, family events included the Fall Festival, Family Dance, Movie Night, and most recently, Bingo Night and the Ice Cream Social. In-school events included GRACE Art and Cultural Arts assemblies. Enrichment programs included

Reflections, Odyssey of the Mind, and after-school classes and clubs including sports, math, geography, and languages. PTA meetings brought in speakers including our local school board representative, Kathy Smith. The PTA also provided financial support for classroom teachers, grade level teams, and field trips, as well as volunteers and donations for Staff Appreciation events. Right now, students are trading in old books for new in the Summer Book Exchange, and parent coaches are preparing for the next year's Robotics season. I'm

thrilled that the PTA can offer such a variety of events to our school community.

We were able to do all

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In addition to the staff members who are retiring this year, we bid farewell to [Amy Kranich](#) and [Katharine Murphree](#) from preschool, [Michele Bowman](#) (5th), [Cara Pellegrino](#) (Music), and [Noriko Van Keuren](#) (Kindergarten).

I hope that students will come visit me at Oak Hill this summer. During the months of July and August I will be hosting RAP (Read Aloud and Popsicle) sessions for students on July 8, 15 and August 4. Look for more information to come out in a KIT as the dates draw closer!

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 27. Don't forget to note our new start time of 8:40 a.m. for the fall. The building will open at 8:10 a.m. on school days. Be sure to consider this as you make child care arrangements.

Open House

Friday, September 3, 2010:

9—10 a.m. Preschool and Kindergarten

10—10:45 a.m. Grades 1-6

First Day of School!

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Back to School Nights:

Monday, September 13: K AM, 1-3

Wednesday, September 15: K PM, 4-6

Both evenings will have staggered start times by grade level. Times TBD.

Enjoy the summer – have fun, be safe and remind your children to read, read, read!!!

-Amy Goodloe

Please join us for our final PTA Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Oak Hill Elementary

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Thanks to the outgoing PTA officers and board members:

- ◆ Second Vice President: [Amy Bevins](#)
- ◆ Financial Secretary: [Tracy Plummer](#)
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary: [Robin Moyher](#)
- ◆ Recording Secretary: [Laura McCafferty](#)
- ◆ Standing Committee Member: [Melissa Hillelsohn](#)

We appreciate your dedication to Oak Hill and your work to make it a better place for all students and teachers!

Congratulations to our newly elected 2010-2011 Executive Board:

- ◆ President: [Kathryn Pearlman](#)
- ◆ First Vice President: [Katie Rakestraw](#)
- ◆ Second Vice President: [Laura Novotny](#)
- ◆ Treasurer: [Jessica Titus](#)
- ◆ Financial Secretary: [Trish Vida](#)
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary: [Sarah Chichester](#)
- ◆ Recording Secretary: [Lauren Brownstein](#)

PTA President

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this within our budget, funded almost entirely by parent contributions through our Pledge and Promise program. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the PTA. Because of your contributions, we did not need to cut any programs or hold sales fundraisers. The PTA plans to continue the Pledge and Promise in the coming year and will be asking for your pledge again in the fall. The coming year may hold some financial challenges, as we anticipate a drop in student population and continue to face difficult economic times, but I am confident that we can rely on Oak Hill parents to continue to support our school in many ways.

We're looking ahead for the return of many popular events, the inauguration of new activities, and even new ways to communicate with parents. We'll be working over the summer to make sure that next year is even more successful than this one! Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

-Kathryn Pearlman



**Dates and
2010-2011
School
Year
Information**

**Last Day of School
Thursday**

June 24, 2010

*early dismissal

**2010/2011 School Year
Dates**

Friday, September 3 – Open House

- ♦ 9:00 a.m. – Kinder AM and Preschool
- ♦ 9:30 a.m. – Kinder PM
- ♦ 10:00 a.m. – Grades 1-6

Tuesday, September 7—First Day of School

Back To School Nights

- ♦ Monday, September 13
 - ♦ Grades K AM and 1-3
- ♦ Wednesday, September 15
 - ♦ Grades K PM and 4-6
- ♦ Times to be announced

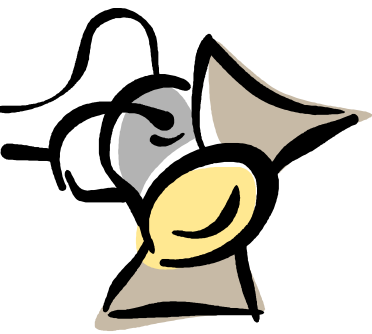
**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

Registration has begun. Please call 703-467-3500 to schedule an appointment.

All children must have been born on or before September 30, 2005 to begin kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL UP COMING
6TH GRADERS....Tdap Vaccine**

Prior to entering sixth grade, if at least five years have passed since they have had the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine, all students in Virginia must receive a Tdap vaccine when they turn 11 years old. Please check your child's immunization records carefully and contact your doctor if you have any questions. If the eleventh birthday is after the first day of school (September 7, 2010), your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap. We ask that when your child receives the vaccine that you provide documentation to the school as soon as possible. It is most important that you attend to this matter as soon as possible as sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster or provide a medical exemption. If you have any questions, please contact the school public health nurse, Judith Podlesney at 703-481-4242.



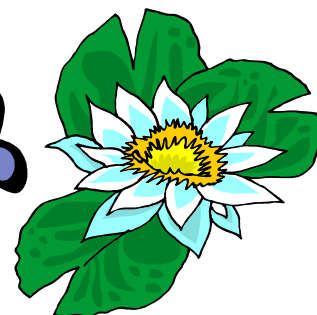
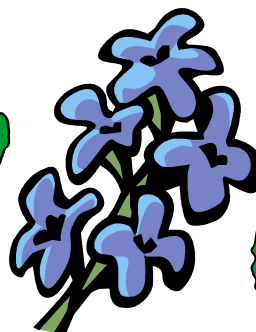
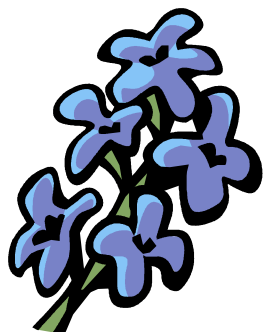
Volunteer Spotlight

The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it. -- John Ruskin



Volunteer of the Year

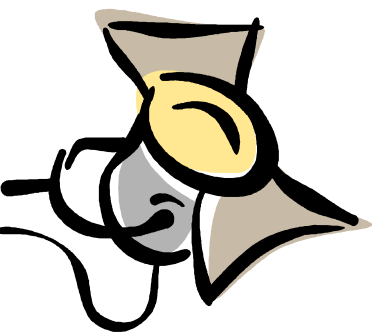
Did your child come home talking about helping other children? Were you asked to donate food items to help others? There's a good chance that you were part of Kids Helping Kids. [Karen Tinker](#), as chair of the community outreach committee, started this new program at Oak Hill this year. Students at each grade level participated in this service learning project, learning more about the needs that exist in our community --and working to fill those needs by assembling backpack meals to be sent home with needy students at neighboring schools. Karen's efforts reached almost every child at Oak Hill, as well as helped hundreds of other children in the surrounding area. For expanding our community outreach, Karen is the Oak Hill PTA's volunteer of the year for 2009-2010. Thank you, Karen!

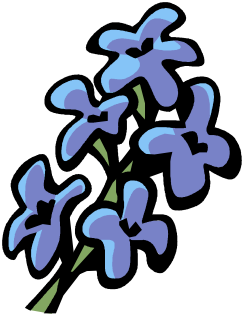


Volunteers of the Month

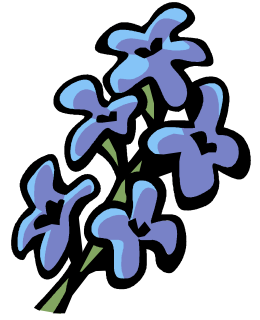
This month, we'd like to recognize two groups of volunteers. Cultural Arts chairs [Michelle Kranzberg](#) and [Teresa Clawson-Keeton](#) brought five different assemblies to Oak Hill this year, with topics ranging from mathematics to the environment. Cultural Arts reaches every child in the school. Thanks, Michelle and Teresa, for providing the students with this enrichment!

Although the Run for Funds is a school event, not a PTA event, we'd like to recognize organizers [Rebecca Fredericks](#), [Melissa Dolenc](#), and [Tammy Ofano](#). They pulled together a large group of volunteers for this event that brings together many members of the community, promotes fitness, and raises funds for the school. We appreciated how smoothly the Run went!





With many thanks....



We appreciate the hard work put in by [Andrea Ward](#) for spring Spirit Wear. In addition to handling the design and ordering process, when Andrea learned that the pink shorts had sizing issues, she personally called each family who had ordered them to make sure they got the correct size!

Thanks go to [Bridget Ventrelli](#) for organizing PTA Appreciation for Oak Hill's cafeteria, custodial, and office staff. Your efforts were much appreciated by the gift recipients as well!

In another school event, [Sally Burns, Diana Martin, and Trish Vida](#) organized a very successful 4th Grade Colonial Day. Thank you for taking on this large responsibility!

Odyssey of the Mind wrapped up, led by [Kishore Nadella and parent coaches](#). Thanks go to Kishore for stepping up and making sure Oak Hill students had the opportunity to participate in this exciting program.

[Rhonda Blatman and Debbie Woodson](#) have the Summer Book Exchange up and running. We appreciate your efforts to make sure Oak Hill students will have new books to read this summer.

[Angie Fontanilla](#) was at school every Tuesday and Thursday morning to oversee Oakie's BB&T, as well as taking the time to work with student tellers to develop marketing plans and recruit and interview new employees. Angie also served as Room Parent Coordinator, acting as a liaison between the school, PTA, and room parents, and taking the lead in coordinating volunteers and donations for a variety of events. Thank you, Angie, for your dedication to Oak Hill!

The team of [Jodi Morris, Lauren Brownstein, Colleen Dearing, and Pam Peterson](#) took charge of the school's marquee sign throughout the year, helping publicize school events and activities. Thank you!

Thanks go to [Pat Hernandez](#) for organizing the after-school FLEX program, giving students the opportunity to study foreign languages.

[David Edgington](#) worked all year organizing the After-School Sports program, bringing in a wide variety of activities, including soccer, yoga, and tae kwon do. Thanks, David, for running this program that reaches hundreds of students!



and thanks....



Oak Hill's Birthday Tree was kept festive, colorful, and all round full of birthday cheer this year! Many thanks to this year's volunteers: [Sandhya Bojja, Sarah Chichester, Ann Marie Dorn, Sara Holl, Trudi James, Sridhar Kolluru, Sharon Markin, Kelly Magyrics, Kami McClelland, Katie Rakestraw, Robyn Schuhard, and Nanette Shraga](#). You did a great job making the tree special for our students!



and thanks....



This year we had 68 room parents supporting 33 homeroom teachers. They were instrumental in helping us coordinate volunteers for various PTA and school-related events. This included recruiting parents to donate bottled water for the Fall Festival, finding class chaperones for field trips and school assemblies, planning and organizing class parties, providing lunch support for picture day and classroom support for the "Gift of Time" given to teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. These room parents served as the liaison between the PTA, the school administration and the classroom. We'd like to recognize all the time and efforts they put in to make this school year fun and memorable for the students, teachers, school staff and the PTA. Thanks go to [Francine Albritton](#), [Madhavi Bhamidipati](#), [Carla Bosley](#), [Michelle Brahaney](#), [Judy Buck](#), [Liming Chen](#), [Lucy Chen](#), [Elaine Darroch](#), [Jennifer David](#), [Jill Davis](#), [Stacey Dirksz](#), [Ann Marie Dorn](#), [Lena Ehlers](#), [Mary Ferrara](#), [Judy Fisher](#), [Sharon Fitzgerald](#), [Susan Gallagher](#), [Bev Gasse](#), [Anu Girish](#), [Ellen Green](#), [Lise Greenfield](#), [Michelle Grudi](#), [Sue Hern](#), [Melissa Hillelsohn](#), [Carrie Holl](#), [Jim Holl](#), [Sara Holl](#), [Rosie Irwin](#), [Jane Iyengar](#), [Katie Karabulut](#), [Tammy King](#), [Seetha Kumaravel](#), [Marie Lesnik](#), [Christina Liesegang](#), [Karen Lowe](#), [Imelda McAlister](#), [Robyn McFarland](#), [Judy Mifflin](#), [Debra Myers](#), [Kathryn Pearlman](#), [CJ Peters](#), [Pam Peterson](#), [Chuni Petros](#), [Asha Punnouse](#), [Annette Rhoads](#), [April Rhoads](#), [Kathy Romance](#), [Sheri Rossow](#), [Barb Sacher](#), [Kathy Schmitt](#), [Barbara Schneider](#), [Tara Sherman](#), [Elsa Snevely](#), [Mary Terrell](#), [Shirley Thurneyesen](#), [Wendy Timm](#), [Marcy Truman](#), [Jacki Varacalli](#), [Jothi Venkataraman](#), [Bridget Ventrelli](#), [Trish Vida](#), [Sirani Voruganti](#), [Andrea Ward](#), [Anne Wieder](#), [Paula Williams](#), [Catherine Womble](#), and [Debbie Woodson](#).



PTA Presents ...



Thank you to all the parents, teachers, students, and other community members who provide volunteer hours -- and pledge donations -- to ensure the success of a wide variety of activities at Oak Hill. Here's a list of many ways in which volunteers helped out at Oak Hill during the 2009-2010 school year:

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| After School Sports | Family Dance | Medieval Day |
| AMC-8 Math Exam | Family Outreach | Movie Night |
| Assembly Chaperones | Field Day | Oakie's BB&T |
| Bakers and Cooks | Field Trip Chaperones | Odyssey of the Mind |
| Basketball Game | FLEX | Office Helpers |
| Birthday Tree | Flu Shot Clinic | Original Works |
| Book Fair | Geography Club | Outdoor Classroom |
| Book Room Helpers | GRACE Art | Photography |
| Box Tops & Labels for Education | Girls On the Run | Picture Days |
| Broadway Jr. | Ice Cream & BINGO/Game Night | PTA Board Members |
| Cafeteria Helpers | Kids Helping Kids | PTA Membership |
| Classroom Helpers | Landscaping | Reading Buddies |
| Colonial Day | LEGO League/Robotics | Recycling |
| Committee Chairs | Library Helpers | Reflections |
| Community Outreach | Marquee Maintenance | Room Parents |
| Costumes & Sets for Plays | Math League | Run 4 FUNds |
| Cultural Arts (Assemblies) | MathCounts | Safety Patrol |
| Fall Festival | Math Nights | SchoolKidz |

Kindergarten

Kindergarten held its Author's Tea on Friday, May 21, 2010. Parents and family members were invited to the classrooms to read the many fabulous books that our Kindergarten students made throughout the school year! A wonderful time was had by all! Thanks to the Kindergarten families for making our tea such a success!

First Grade

First graders presented the musical, *Stone Soup*, and they did a marvelous job! The program was under the direction of Mrs. Peterson and Ms. Pellegrino. The children sang and danced and were true thespians as they shared their own special lines. The parents of the first graders need to be commended for their creativity with the scenery and costumes. The audience was thrilled with the performance!

The first graders and their families will enjoy a special end-of-the-year picnic on the Oak Hill campus. The date for this picnic is June 14th. First graders are so anxious for the pool to open and the lazy, hazy days of summer to return.

Media News

Jenny Henry, Library Media Specialist

Can you believe summer is right around the corner? It is that time of year again when FCPS Library Services publicizes the date for return of library books. As always this date is set 10 school days before the closing of school. Therefore, all FCPS library books are due Thursday, June 10th. Although the Oak Hill School Library will still be open for students to visit for research and independent reading, all library books are due next week. Please help us to collect all library materials by reminding your child to return all library books to Oak Hill next week.

But wait! Although student library accounts are soon to expire, we still want your children to keep on reading so this summer be sure to take advantage of the wonderful Fairfax County Public Library with its very convenient Chantilly branch just minutes away. Their summer reading incentive program runs June 21-Sept. 4th. Reading logs are 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 theme is "Hook a Book". Help your child to stay "Hooked on Books" this summer; check out the library's website for complete details at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library !

Also, be sure to check out the Oak Hill website for rising 6th and 7th graders' summer reading lists. Rising 6th graders will receive their reading assignment in their report card while rising 7th graders already have the assignment from Franklin or Rachel Carson.

Need more reading suggestions? The Oak Hill website has links to suggested reading lists for all grade levels. Check it out!

Fourth Grade

On May 7, the 4th grade students went back in time to colonial days, with each student dressing as a child from colonial times. The students have learned throughout the year about colonial life, and had this one day to truly experience what some colonial activities were like. The children started the day with a performance from the U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps performing music that would have been performed during battles or at a soldiers' camp. This performance was an honor that Oak Hill was the elementary school to receive this year as the Drum Corps celebrates its anniversary with performances throughout the nation. The students returned to the school to begin their tour of a colonial city, creating items in each of several shops: blacksmith, milliner, chandler, soap carving, colonial games, and the Native trading station."

Some quotes from the children:

"Who knew making a candle could be so challenging, no wonder they wanted to create electricity"

"The trading post was great, I loved carving the soap into an arrowhead"

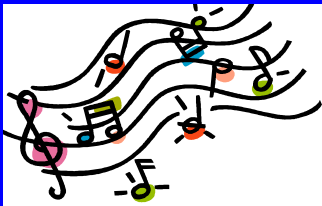
"Tin punch at the blacksmith shop was a lot of fun, it took a lot of work and it was a noisy job."

The children enjoyed a special opportunity as they went to the schoolhouse to learn how to write with a quill pen, "I really like the schoolhouse, it was my first time ever writing with a quill."

Students were able to relax as they played colonial-era games, enjoyed their own butter with biscuits and cider, and danced the Virginia Reel. It was a day enjoyed by all the students.



To see the pictures taken throughout Colonial Day please click here: <http://www.fcps.edu/OakHillIES/colonialday.htm>



Upbeat

Wendy Peterson & Cara Pellegrino
General Music Teachers

Congratulations to all the first graders, who did a fantastic job teaching us about sharing in their musical, *Stone Soup*. They sang and danced their way from being grumpy townspeople to being a happy, generous community!

June 24th is National Clean Your Recorder Day! Ok, that's not really true, but the end of the school year is a great time to take your child's recorder apart, run it through the dishwasher (on the top rack) and then let it air-dry.

Band and string students: Don't forget about your instrument over the summer! Take it out at least a couple times a week and play for your family, for your friends, and for yourself!

If you want to brush up on your music reading, play music games or just learn something new, try out some of the links to fun music websites on Blackboard.

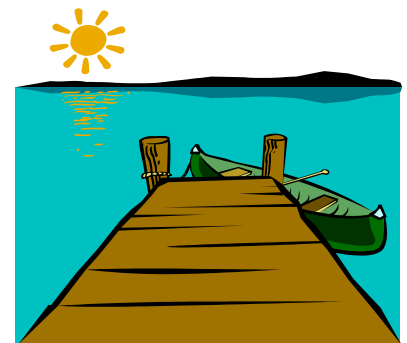
If you are still looking for a summer music camp, there may still be some openings in local programs. Check out our Blackboard site under the "Music Links" tab for a few suggestions.

Just a thought... From the Counselors

Dot Bennett, Christy
Ryder, Tina Williams and Carole
Mularkey who is substituting for
Christy while she is on maternity
leave
School Counselors

As we close the school year, we would like to thank all of you for your wonderful children. Their caring, kindness, manners, and positive behavior are an inspiration to all of us who teach here and all who visit Oak Hill.

We wish you a "PAWS" (pause!) that refreshes. Be safe, be well and enjoy as many opportunities as this summer can offer.



Oak Hill thanks its
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- ♦ Baja Fresh, Chantilly
- ♦ The Rappaport Companies (Franklin Farm Center):
BB & T (Franklin Farm) and Baskin-Robbins (Franklin Farm)

Retiring Staff

Letters and/or pictures for the retiring staff are being collected so that each of them may have a scrapbook at the end of the year. The letters are due June 14th, and can be placed in the Blue Oak Hill Mailbox in the lobby.

The retiring teachers are:

Jean Murphy – 1

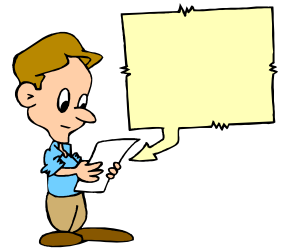
Pat LeClere – 2

Eileen Byrne – 1

Nancy Ingalsbe – IA

Sue Bullard – 2

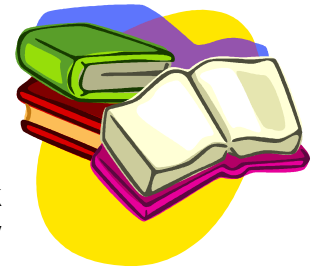
Gloria Delrahim – Art



School Assembly

On June 8, 2010, the Oak Hill PTA presents World of Robots. Your students will be amazed as they learn how robots are used today, and the much larger role they will play in our future. Student volunteers will help demonstrate a computer-programmable, mobile robot using its electronic voice, multi-sensors, arm, wrist, and hand. Robot pets with video vision, vocal recognition, artificial intelligence and balancing sensors will "wow" the audience with their playful antics. In addition, a robo-one class humanoid robot will show its all-too-human moves. Upper grade level students will also gain insights into the technologies that have shaped the digital revolution and the unlimited opportunities that lie ahead for their generation.

Book Exchange 2010 June 15 - 16



We are continuing to collect books for the Summer Book Exchange until June 11th. Please send in up to 15 gently used books around the reading level of your child. Books can be placed in the white box in the foyer. Your child will be take a receipt that can use at the Book Exchange to choose and bring home the same number of books for summer reading. The book exchange will be on Tuesday, June 15 for preschool through 2nd grade and Wednesday, June 16 for third through sixth grades. Each class will have an assigned time to attend. Thank you to all of those who have participated and contributed books. We have over 800 books collected so far and still two weeks to go. It's sure to be a successful exchange! Book donations are welcome. Please limit preschool books. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering at the book exchange on June 15th or 16th, please contact [Debbie Woodson](mailto:woodsonda@verizon.net) at woodsonda@verizon.net.

Kids Helping Kids



Mrs. Snow's and Mrs. Crawford's third grade classes participated in the Kids Helping Kids "backpack meal" service-learning project in May. Thanks to room parents and classroom volunteers [Ellen Green](#) and [Debbie Myers](#) who coordinated the food collection and to [Imelda McAlister](#), [Rachel Alt](#), [Kathy Eagan](#), [Kathy Rock](#), and [Helen Manbeck](#) for classroom support.

Both [Mrs. Ray](#) and [Mrs. Kessler](#) helped enormously with the successful back-to-back AM and PM kindergarten service-learning classes. Thanks to room parents [Elsa Snevely](#) and [Barbara Heis-Schneider](#) and classroom volunteers [Sara Holl](#), [Nancy Lu](#), and [Jill Nagel](#).

[Mrs. LeClere's](#) second grade class participated in the Kids Helping Kids "Classroom Creativity" kit project. Room parent [Anne Wieder](#) and classroom volunteer [Tanya Rodrigues](#) did an exceptional job in setting up the project and guiding the students. [Mrs. Bullard's](#) class is scheduled for mid-June.

While the fourth grade teaching staff enjoyed going out to lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week, the students in all the fourth grade classes assembled "After School Healthy Snack" kits. These kits were distributed to a local community center that provides services like financial counseling, family activities, and educational opportunities to the residents. Thanks to the volunteers who came into the classroom during the lunch period and to all who donated food.

Once again, a special thank you to PTA Community Outreach Committee member [Patti Boehler](#) and her [Girl Scout troop](#) for assembling 50 additional backpack meals that were distributed at the end of May and also to [the children in SACC](#) who have helped assemble the additional meals throughout the year.

The goal of service-learning is to bring awareness to the needs of the greater community and to incorporate learned skills and apply different problem solving methods. The reflections that the students shared in their classrooms showed greater concern for the well being of others.

The Oak Hill Community assembled and donated 800 "backpack" meals, 100 "After School Healthy Snack" kits, and 100 "Classroom Creativity" kits to those in need in our local community.

Many thanks to the children and their families and the staff at Oak Hill Elementary and to the generous food and school supply donations that made this service-learning program a success.

Campbell's Contest Winners!

The four classes that collected the most Campbell's Labels for Education UPCs are [Mrs. Lubeley's](#), [Mrs. Dolenc's](#), [Mrs. Bennett's](#) and [Mrs. More's](#). Each of these classes won an ice cream party for its efforts. Students are encouraged to keep collecting through out the summer. Many products, such as Prego, V8, Swanson, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farms and, of course, all of the Campbell's products, have the Labels for Education UPCs on them.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OAK HILL'S ROBOTICS PROGRAM

Our Fall Robotics Program involves participation in a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) team. Our school has been participating in FLL since 2005. For the last 4 years we have consistently been represented in both the VA/DC FLL Regional and State Tournaments. There were 46 students that signed up for the 2009 Fall Robotics Program. In November 2009, Oak Hill sent 6 teams to compete in a VA/DC FLL Regional Tournaments held at Franklin Middle School. Three of our teams won awards: Brainstormers' creativity in using LEGO rubber bands was rewarded with the Best Robot Design Award, Lego Squad's enthusiasm for the "sports of the mind" was recognized by the Team Spirit Award, Super Computer's ingenuity in using light sensors won the Robot Performance award as well as the coveted Championship Award for Division 1. Super Computer's Championship Award earned them a spot to compete in the VA/DC FLL State Championship Tournament in December 2009. They competed with the top 100 FLL teams in Virginia and DC--earning the 3rd highest score in Robot Performance for a Division 1 FLL team. The success of our teams is due to the dedicated parents who volunteered their time and talent to guide our FLL students. We'd like to THANK our 2009 FLL Parent Coaches: [Ted Carter](#), [Gerard Eldering](#), [Larry Feng](#), [Rick Fontanilla](#), [Madhavi Gadepalli](#), [Steve Grudi](#), [Keven Golla](#), [Srini Iyer](#), [Manish Jain](#), [Neelesh Katiyar](#), [Tom LeBerre](#), [Seshaiyer Padmanabhan](#), [Sri Surapaneni](#), [Kerry Trahan](#) and [Ed Van Keuren](#).

In February 2010, there were 43 students that signed up for our Spring Robotics Program. Students were placed in one of the 6 Spring Robotics teams. These students were mentored by FLL students from the 2009 FLL season. Each team also had a volunteer parent coach to guide them. On May 14, we held our Spring Robotics Intramural. This is a friendly competition between our 6 Spring Robotics teams--with challenges and awards similar to FLL tournaments. This program is designed to introduce the students to the robotics portion of FLL. We are happy to report that 28 of our 43 Spring Robotics students have signed up for our 2010 FLL teams. We'd like to THANK our 2009 Spring Robotics Parent Coaches: [Pete Doherty](#), [Jay Frost](#), [Shekar Lakshmi pathi](#), [Jeff Lappi](#), [Vijaya Moola](#), [Sudesh Nimishe](#), [Kathryn Pearlman](#) and [Scott Rakestraw](#). We would also like to thank our 2 parent volunteers, [Eleanor Tu](#) and [Mary Williams](#), who assisted our Robotics Program Coordinator after school during the 9-week Spring Robotics training sessions. Our 6 Spring Robotics teams were recognized for their good work during the Intramural Program. The results of our 2010 Spring Robotics Intramural event is noted below. Check out the pictures from this event on the PTA website's photo gallery--go to: http://www.oakhillpta.org/Photo_Gallery/photos0910/robotics/Robotics_Page.html.

Oak Hill Elementary's 2010 Spring Robotics Intramural on May 14—AWARD WINNERS:

2010 Oak Hill Spring Robotics Champion Award: Team E--Brainstormers

1st Place Robot Performance Award: Team E--Brainstormers (130 points)

2nd Place Robot Performance: Team C--Radiators (120 points)

3rd Place Robot Performance: Team B--Robomonkeys (105 points)

Best Robot Design: Team A--Robo Racers

Best Robot Program: Team C--Radiators

Best Teamwork Performance: Team F--Lego Spies

Team Spirit Award: Team A--Robo Racers

Perseverance Award: Team D--Robopros

Trainer's Award: Team B--Robomonkeys

We are now preparing for the next FLL season. 51 students registered for the 2010 Fall Robotics program. We will have 8 FLL teams representing Oak Hill Elementary for the 2010 FLL tournaments. To learn more about FIRST LEGO League, go to: <http://www.vadcfll.org/index.html>. For more information about our school's Robotics Program, send an email to robotics@oakhillpta.org.



Robo Racers Team



Brainstormers Team

OAKIE'S BB&T BANKERS AND WINNERS:

Can you believe that our school bank has been around for over two years? We'd like to thank all the students who worked for our school bank during the 2009-2010 school year: [Leela Ekambarapu](#), [Jacqueline Kolhof](#), [Christina Peters](#), [Cheryl Mensah](#), [Soumithri Gadepalli](#), [Matthew Jiang](#), [Abdul Malik](#), [Neeraj Sabapathy](#), [Isaac Iyengar](#), [Yash Jain](#), [Maximilian Kolhof](#), [Thomas Sherrier](#), [Reema Patel](#), [Grace Yu](#), [John Feng](#), [Richard Park](#) and [Ashwin Srinivasan](#).

Our efforts to promote and support the habit of "saving for our future" was successful with the Super Saver Contest. 124 entries were received...and the WINNERS ARE:

\$50 Savings Bond from BB&T: [Francis Hui](#) (3rd grade)

\$25 Gamestop Gift Certificate: [Ben Paul](#) (5th grade) and [Courtney Vetter](#) (5th grade)

FREE Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Certificate: [Angus Chang](#) (3rd grade), [Kate Kaufman](#) (3rd grade), [Erin Li](#) (1st grade), [Diego Fontanilla](#) (5th grade), [Ryo Arakawa](#) (3rd grade), [Jeremy Thomas](#) (3rd grade), [Christian Ward](#) (3rd grade), [Tony Fontanilla](#) (2nd grade), [Mark Stewart](#) (5th grade) and [Daniel Manik](#) (5th grade).

Congratulations to all our Super Saver Contest Winners!

