



## THE EAGLE EXPRESS

A Message from the Principal – Mrs. K. Murphy

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### Special Reminder to all OES families:

School begins promptly at 8:00 AM. Thank you for getting your child to school on time.

### Regular Schedule:

All Grades:  
8:00 AM —2:20 PM

### MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE:

All Grades:  
8:00 AM—1:20 PM

If you need to reach us after hours, leave a message by calling 642-1580. If you need to access information, call our hotline at 683-1144 which is updated weekly and/or daily when needed.

You can reach Kathleen Murphy, Principal of Oakhurst Elementary at:

642-1580  
or  
kmurphy@blsd.k12.ca.us

### *New Year's Resolutions to your children...*

As we ring-in a new year, why not make a few resolutions for your children. Here's a few we'll lend you to help your child be successful at school:

- 1) Read to your child every day. Choose a time before bedtime where you create a ritual of reading a story to your children each night.
- 2) Talk with your children about their school day. Avoid the question, "How was your day?" Instead, ask them to tell you all the questions he/she asked today or what occurred with their friends or have them teach you something they learned.
- 3) Tell stories to your children. After you read them a story, spend some time telling a story to them. My grandmother was excellent at this. My brothers and I were enthralled with her stories, particularly of her days as a young girl, going to school in a buggy driven by a horse, circa 1910!
- 4) Get your child to school on time. It's important for you to set an example that school is important, and you do this by getting him/her to school on time. Students need to be in their classroom at 8:00 am. Attendance matters!
- 5) Monitor your child's homework. Monitoring is checking his/her homework for accuracy and making your child re-do problems if incorrect. Monitoring homework is not doing your child's homework. Make sure your child's completed homework is in their folder and placed in the backpack.
- 6) When your child makes a poor choice, make sure your child knows that you love him/her, you just are disappointed in the choice he/she made. It's very important to distinguish this in the eyes of your child.
- 7) Get your children to bed early. Studies indicate that elementary age children need between 8-10 hours of sleep each night.

### *Dismissal Routine...*

To create a smooth end-of-day dismissal process, parents who wait for their children need to do so by the "Whale Wall" on the backside of the old cafeteria. The sidewalks need to be clear so children can get to the bus, to parents or to after-school programs. For those students who have siblings and must wait for them, the waiting area is now in front of the OES office. Students will be walking out with their classroom teacher and can find their sibling in the front of the office. For safety of all students, parents are no longer allowed to wait for their child outside child's classroom at the end of the school day. All parents will wait for their child near the "Whale Wall."

***As always, if you have any questions, contact OES at 642-1580.***

***Visit us on the web at <http://www.basslakeschooldistrict.com>***



**Important reminders to all our OES families...**

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the OES office at 642-1580 to state the reason for the absence. We are required by state law to verify all absences.
- Outside the front office is a box housing lost clothing. If your child is missing a jacket, sweatshirt, shirt and other clothing items, please check the lost and found box.
- OES offers morning supervision beginning at 7:30 am. We encourage parents to drop off students to the campus, but no earlier than 7:30 am.
- Please call the OES office BEFORE 1:15 pm if there is a change in your child’s schedule at dismissal time. We send our student “runners” to deliver bus notes to classrooms prior to dismissal.
- Please make sure to check your child’s lunch balance to make sure he/she has enough money to order a lunch.

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**January 2012 Schedule**

- 1/9: **Regular Monday Schedule;** Welcome back to school!
- 1/11: School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 1/13: Mountain Area Ski School (MASS) Program begins to Badger Pass
- 1/14: Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Community Center from 7:30-10:30 am
- 1/16: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—NO School**
- 1/18: Academic Winners in Grades 1-5 treated to morning of bowling/arcade at Sierra Lanes Bowling Alley
- 1/20: MASS at Badger Pass
- 1/23 **Minimum Day Schedule**
- 1/26: Parent/Teacher Club Meeting at 2:45 pm in auditorium
- 1/27: MASS at Badger Pass
- 1/30: **Regular Monday Schedule**

***Recycle Help...***

OES desperately needs a volunteer to help with our recycling program. Each Thursday, K-Kids collect paper to be recycled. We need a parent to take the paper collected in the recycle bin and take over to the local recycling center. If you are interested, please contact the OES office at 642-1580. This take would not take more than one hour a week...I know there is someone out there who will help us, so call!!



***First Semester Academic Winners...***

The OES staff and I know that the attributes of having a positive attitude towards school and demonstrating outstanding citizenship on a daily basis leads to academic achievement. Students in Grades 1-5 who have been recognized by their teacher and our school for Academic Achievement for the First Semester of this school year will be invited to Sierra Lanes Bowling Lane for a morning of bowling, dancing and arcade fun on Wednesday, January 18, 2011 from 8:30—10:30 am. A flyer is forthcoming and we can always use parent help!