

OAKHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Kathleen Murphy, Principal

August 5, 2022

Dear OES Families:

It's a pleasure to welcome all of you to Oakhurst Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year. **School begins Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 8:00 am.**

OES is pleased to share the OES educational team is back to provide a quality educational experience for your children! Class lists will be posted by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 10th. Due to federal privacy laws for students, we cannot post your child's last name. Understand class lists are subject to adjustment due to ever-changing enrollment. The class list will include all the students assigned to a particular teacher, but only first name and initial of last name will appear under the teacher's name. Much time and effort was expended in creating our class lists, as our goal is to balance achievement levels, personalities and gender.

With the implementation of Common Core State Standards, the District Board of Trustees approved the scheduling of minimum days every Monday, beginning on August 15th. These days are used for professional development for teachers and staff. These dates will also be included in weekly messaging via text, email and/or phone.

On the topic of drop-off and pick-up procedures, you have several options available to you:

- In the mornings:
 - OES has supervision and breakfast available beginning at 7:30 am in the MPR.
 - Drop your child off via the "drive-through" lane via the main entrance of the school (off of School Road). OES personnel and student valets will be there to greet your child and help get him/her out of the car. You need to have your child on the right hand side of your vehicle.
 - For students in Kindergarten and First Grade, we will continue with the back-gate "drive-through" lanes as well for drop-off. Personnel and student valets will be out assisting your child out of the vehicle. Your child will be escorted to the multipurpose room where your child can receive supervision and breakfast if he/she chooses.
 - For students in the 600-900 wings (Grades 2-5), you can use the front parking lot "drive-through" to drop off your child. He/she will be sent to the MPR if breakfast or wait until children are dismissed from the MPR to the classroom.
 - In the morning, your child can ride the bus and wait at designated bus stop. The bus will deliver your child to the campus and your child will walk to the multipurpose room for breakfast or wait until dismissed from the MPR to the classroom.
- In the afternoons:
 - Kindergarten and First Grade students will be escorted to the back gate. Parents will drive vehicle in the "drive-through" lane as your child will be escorted to this area by an OES teacher.

- o Students with classes in the 600-900 wings will be waiting for parent pick-up in the front parking area. Parents will pull-up along the medium and wait for child to be escorted to your vehicle.
- o The BUS LANE is for busses only.
- o Children having bus service will be escorted to the appropriate bus.
- o Children attending BGC after-school will be escorted to the back gate and escorted to BGC facility by BGC personnel
- To ensure a safe and secure campus, the back gate will be locked every morning at 8:00 am. So plan your morning schedule wisely. Students and parents will not be allowed to enter the campus via the back gate during school hours of 8:00 am – 2:20 pm.
- To ensure a safe and secure campus:
 - o ALL parents must report to the OES office when volunteering in the classroom or visiting campus during school hours. ALL visitors are required to wear a badge while on campus.
 - o ALL parents must report to the OES office when signing their child out early from school. The office staff will call the classroom and child will meet parent/guardian in the office. At no time are parents to pick up and take child out of the classroom.
- Kindergarten Parents: If your child will be riding the bus, information on bus stops, pick up and drop off times will be provided at the Kindergarten Kick-off and then posted the following day on our display board on the wall outside the administrative building and using ParentSquare. If your child will not be riding the bus, your child will be waiting for you to pick him/her up at the back gate. Kindergartners who ride the bus home must be picked up by a parent or adult authorized by the parent at the bus stop. If no one is there to pick-up your child, your child will be returned to the school campus if office staff cannot reach you or another authorized adult via telephone.

The State of California is offering FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL students who want one every single day! As the parent, all you need to do is fill out the income verification form that will be included in your child's first day packet. Your child has the option of ordering a school lunch or bringing his/her own lunch from home.

The expectation is that your child will be here on campus, every day, in his/her seat at 8:00 am. IF your child has the flu, a fever or something contagious, please keep him/her home. We have learned a few things going through a worldwide pandemic! Otherwise, he/she needs to be at school every single day and on time. Please try and schedule all doctor appointments or out of town errands after school hours.

On the first day of school, your child will bring home to you the official OES First-Day Packet Folder, housing important papers for you to read and/or sign and return to school. As a District, we are eliminating many of the forms that normally come home in the first day packet. Instead, you can access the various forms by visiting our website at <http://www.basslakeschooldistrict.com> and find the link to the parent portal. Once you access the portal, there will be a plethora of forms you can complete electronically, saving everyone much time. Take the time to access this website to read and electronically sign many of the forms available to you on-line.

Communication with you is very important. We are excited to adopt a new form of communication at all the school sites in our District. Starting this school year, we are using Aeries Communications powered by ParentSquare. This program is designed to keep parents informed and facilitate participation at school. All school, grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone

via email and/or text or you can download the free app. It provides a safe way for the school principal, teachers, staff, and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information (email, text, phone)
- Send pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- AND much more . . . all in one centralized place

The integration of technology is an important component of our instructional program at all grade levels. Every child will have a chrome book assigned to him/her to use in conjunction with math, language arts, art, social studies and/or science.

The District Maintenance Operations Transportation (MOT) Department made a change regarding the identification of busses. Busses are now identified by a route number. The routes and schedules are available on our District website.

- o Route #10: Hwy 41 North/Bass Lake
- o Route #4: Kidz Can 2/YHS/Grant Mercantile/Road 426
- o Route #6: Joyful Noise/Hwy 49 South/royal Oaks/Victoria Lane
- o Route #11: Special Day Class Students
- o Route #15: Wawona Bus

As parents, I hope you will take the opportunity to get involved in your child's education and participate in school events. We offer a variety of ways in which you can get involved, from serving as a member of the Parent/Teacher Club and Site Council, to volunteering in the classroom, to working PTC events such as Spirit Night, Holiday Shop, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, and Open House Night/BBQ.

Kindergarten and TK parents are invited to our annual Kindergarten Kick-off scheduled on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the multipurpose room. The kindergarten teachers and I will provide you a brief overview of our kindergarten program as well as information on snacks, lunch, attendance, and bus schedules. We will be available to answer any questions you have after the presentation. Please bring your child as he/she will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher. Refreshments will be provided for you and your child. Mrs. Yvonne Horton, OES Office Manager, will be in the office from 7:30 – 4:00 pm and again from 5:30 – 6:15 pm to handle all your registration questions or for you to submit outstanding paperwork.

Class lists will be posted by 4 pm on August 10th; you can find the list on our District website at basslakeschooldistrict.com; click OES, click on school information, click on class list; OR outside the OES office on the bulletin board. The staff and I look forward to a wonderful, productive and enjoyable year working with you and your child. As always, contact the OES office at 642-1580 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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August 2022 Schedule:

- August 9: Kindergarten Kick-off in the multipurpose room at 5:30 pm
- August 10: Class lists posted at 4:00 pm on the kiosk outside office; 6 pm: District Board Meeting in the OES MPR
- August 11: First day of school begins at 8:00 am
- August 15: **Minimum Day Schedule** - all students dismissed at 1:20 pm
- August 19: Picture Day with Larson Brothers Photography
- August 22: **Minimum Day Schedule** – all students dismissed at 1:20 pm
- August 25: Back-To-School Night BBQ/Classroom Presentations (5-7 pm)
- August 26: PRIDE Assembly at 1:30 pm for Gr. 4&5
- August 29: **Minimum Day Schedule** – all students dismissed at 1:20 pm
- August 31: Fire Drill at 1:45 pm; 3 pm: Site Council Meeting in library

NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM!

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