



Oakview Elementary School PTA

THE ACORN



Principal's Report *Dr. Phillip Reavis, Principal*



Welcome Back!

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Oakview Elementary School, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2010-2011 school year, especially our new families! With fifteen years of serving families and children, *Team Oakview – A Winning Tradition* is indeed an appropriate school theme. While we anticipate enrollment nearing thirteen hundred students this year, we trust that everyone will experience the family atmosphere for which Oakview is known.

New Faculty & Staff Members

Please welcome the following new faculty and staff members to Oakview!

- Carol Bray** – First grade
- Ivie Greaves** – First grade
- Rebekah Reimers** – First grade
- Trey Roehl** – Fourth grade

- Amy Terlitsky** – Special Education Teacher
- Stacy Clark** – Extended Day Program Director
- Jackie Rector** – Special Education Teaching Assistant
- Caroline Neely** – Special Education Teaching Assistant
- Luis Medina** – Custodian
- Ann Jackson** – Food Service

Ten Years As Principal – A Reflection

As I enter my tenth year as principal at Oakview Elementary, I have been reflecting on the school's many accomplishments and significant changes. Throughout this year's Principal Report in *The Acorn*, I hope to highlight some of the more notable facts and memories which occurred during my tenure. In doing so, I trust that you will join me in celebrating the school's *winning tradition* and will gain a deeper sense of pride in this very special school community.

2010-2011 Teacher of the Year

Congratulations **Barbara Reeves**, Third grade teacher! Barbara was selected by the faculty as our *2010-2011 Teacher of the Year*. Mrs. Reeves, a graduate of *Clemson University*, taught First grade in Greenville County for two years, then stayed home for 17 years to raise her children. During that time, she was active in her children's classrooms and PTA. She then returned to Greenville County schools as a substitute teacher and now begins her fifth year at Oakview as a Third grade teacher. Congratulations Barbara Reeves!

It's All On-Line!

Please access Oakview's web site to read the most current information related to school events. For your review, parents can find our school calendar, student handbook, forms for various programs, and updates on current events! The school calendar will be updated daily so check it frequently.

President's Report *Renee Akey, PTA President*



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. Hope everyone had a great summer, and is looking forward to having an exciting school year. Our theme this year is *Team Oakview: A Winning Tradition*. This is also Oakview's fifteenth year anniversary. It takes a team - teachers, students, parents, administrators, and staff - to educate our children.

The PTA Board and Committees are ready to start the year. You may notice a few new changes, along with some traditional programs, along the way. We have programs such as *Donuts for Dads*, *Grandparent's Day*, *Reflections* and *Jingle Bell Toy Drop*. We also have our fundraisers - *gift wrap*, *t-shirt sales*, *Hootenanny*, and *Bingo Nights*.

We are happy to welcome aboard **Mink and Company** who will be offering great gift wrap as well as a new variety of products. Also, we are trying something new with *The Acorn* this year. Following the first issue, it will be distributed via e-mail (hard copies are available upon request).

This year our major fundraising objective is technology upgrades in the classrooms. Your contribution throughout the year, whether it's monetary or volunteering, help give the teachers and school the tools they need to teach our children. Your support is always appreciated.

Please mark your calendar for a few upcoming events. Our *Volunteer Breakfast* is on **Friday, August 27, at 9:00am**. This is great an opportunity to get more information on volunteer opportunities throughout the year,

from sending in snacks to helping the teachers in the classrooms. Our first *Donuts for Dads* will be **Thursday, September 23, 7:15am - 7:45am**. We're looking forward to seeing dads, or a special friend, join their child for donuts and coffee. We'll have rides, games, food and more at our annual *Hootenanny Fall Festival* on **Friday, November 5**. So don't miss out on the fun! We have a full year ahead and I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering at the school please don't hesitate to contact me or any Board member. We're celebrating fifteen years of *Winning Traditions*.



Volunteers

Jennifer Cook and Nicole Westmoreland, Co-Chairs

Research shows that when parents are involved, students achieve more. Oakview volunteers give literally *thousands* of annual volunteer hours. Certainly this investment is one reason why Oakview continues to be an exceptional place of learning. Our school can benefit from any amount of your time, whether that is fifteen minutes after morning carpool or a year-long commitment as a classroom *Room Coordinator*. Oakview has a volunteer opportunity for everyone.

How Can You Sign-Up To Be A Volunteer At Oakview?

You will have many opportunities during the first few weeks of school to identify the volunteer opportunities that most interest you. Look for the brightly colored *Volunteer Opportunities Form* that was included in the packet that your child received at *Meet the Teacher*. This form is our primary means of

filling volunteer needs in and out of the classroom, and so we ask that you *promptly* return the form to the teacher.

To learn more about volunteering at our school, please join us at the *Volunteer Breakfast* on **Friday, August 27 at 9:00am** in the cafeteria. Feel free to bring younger siblings. Breakfast goodies will be served. You will have the opportunity to individually meet with the *Volunteer Committees* that most interest you. If you're interested, you can sign-up to volunteer that day. You can also mingle with friends, old and new.

We will host a special meeting for our new families at Oakview immediately following the *Volunteer Breakfast*. When you visit your child's classroom during Oakview's *Open House and Curriculum Night* on **Thursday, August 26**, you can sign-up for various

classroom volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in being a *Room Coordinator*, be sure to indicate your interest on the *Volunteer Opportunity Form*. The *Room Coordinator Breakfast* will be held on **Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00am** in the cafeteria. *Room Coordinators* will forward monthly *Classroom Volunteer Schedules* to parents. Throughout the year, the PTA will post volunteer needs in *The Acorn*, on the school website, as well as on the *PTA Bulletin Board* in the cafeteria. Make sure you attend the *Volunteer Training Sessions* offered in **September** and **October** for *SEEDS*, *Computer Lab*, and *Reading Tutor* volunteers. We look forward to volunteering with you.



Membership

Liz Acker and Robyn Kirkpatrick, Co-Chairs

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! The *PTA Membership* and *Friends of Oakview* campaigns will begin **August 16!**

Last year, we reached one hundred percent membership and received many awards. The cost of a PTA membership is \$3.50 *per child* enrolled at Oakview. Please help us in reaching our goal this school year by purchasing at least one membership for *each child* in your household enrolled at Oakview. A portion of that money goes to *National and State PTA* and a small portion stays at Oakview. All students will receive a *Chick-fil-A* coupon for joining the PTA! There will be a contest between the classes with prizes

awarded to the first class to reach one hundred percent. Look for details coming soon.

When you give to *Friends of Oakview*, one hundred percent of this money stays at Oakview and is spent on specific needs in the current school year. In the past, money has gone towards enhancing our technology in the classrooms, playground improvements, security systems, *Fossil Fun Day*, paving the track and other ways that directly affect our children. *Friends of Oakview* also funds *SEEDS*, *Artist in Residence*, teacher reimbursements, visiting authors, science lab activities, *Reflections*, *Donuts for Dads*, *Grandparents Day* and many other activities.

Individuals, families, or businesses with a cumulative donation of \$50 or more for the current school year will be listed in Oakview's monthly newsletter, *The Acorn*, and on the *Wall of Friends* in the Oakview lobby. Your donation to the *Friends of Oakview* is tax deductible. Also, your employer may have a *Matching Gifts Program* that will match your donation. Make sure to list this information on your *Friends of Oakview* form. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions please contact, **Liz Acker** at 286-9321 or **Robyn Kirkpatrick** at 908-8125.

Programs

Michelle Rumple, Chair

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 school year. As Oakview Elementary begins its fifteenth year, we are excited to be working on many wonderful programs for our Oakview Family. Our first program of the year is *Donuts for Dads*. Dads or special friends, make a note on your calendars. Enjoy coffee, juice and donuts with your child before the school/work day begins.

Donuts for Dad Dates September 23

Special Education, Kindergarten and First Grade

October 21st

Second and Third Grade

November 11th

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Other programs scheduled for this school year are:

October

Red Ribbon Week

Fossil Fun Day

November

Preschool Book Donation

Grandparents Day

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Oakview Elementary. We are very excited about the fundraisers we have planned this year. The PTA monies that are raised will be spent on the many fantastic programs that make Oakview the school that it has proven to be. There are many programs imperative to the success of our school that your PTA dollars support, such as *Teacher Reimbursements, Science Lab Activities, SEEDS, Reading Counts, Reflections, Grounds Beautifications* and many more. Our focus this year is technology upgrades. Your support of PTA fundraisers will enable us to expand technology in our classrooms; we will purchase handheld devices which communicate wirelessly with our promethean boards. As co-chairs of *Ways and Means* we would like to thank you in advance for the support you give to make Oakview the best it can be.

Mink and Company

This year we are welcoming a new fundraiser to Oakview. Mink and Company offers a variety of new products while still providing us with the great quality of products and service that Oakview families have become accustomed to. Sales will begin **August 13**. Please notice and review the packet that your student will receive at the *Meet the Teacher*. There will be great prizes and lots of fun. All orders must be received by **September 10** to receive your prize credit. Of course, Oakview's number one priority is the safety of our students, so please remind your children only to sell to people that they know and never approach strangers. If you have any questions please contact:
Ann Ward at 286-9374 or
Wendy Neale at 458-9129.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are new and improved this year and everyone will have an opportunity to buy and sell these books full of really valuable coupons and discounts. Orders will be due by **September 10**. Look for information in your packet given to your child at *Meet the Teacher*. For additional information please contact:
Kendall Hunter at 676-9298 or
Trina Williams at 297-1164.

Hootenanny Fall Festival

The Hootenanny Fall Festival is on its way. We have events which are sure to bring lots of entertainment for everyone. Mark your calendar for **Friday, November 5**. Anyone interested in helping with preparations, please contact:
Cherie Bennett at 675-0943 or
Bianna Shaw at 419-343-6100. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Elf Shelf

The Elf Shelf is back again. This fundraiser has been very successful and the children love it! It gives your child a chance to shop for Holiday gifts for Mom and Dad. Elf Shelf dates will be **December 14, 15, and 16**. Look for more information as the holiday season approaches. Our co-chairs **Amy Barresi** at 213-9614 and **Chantelle McDermott** at 297-9385, will be sending out more information in the future.

Spirit Wear

Show everyone that you are part of the **Oakview Team of Winning Traditions** on our first Spirit Day, **Friday, August 27**. You may purchase a t-shirt by completing the order form in your *First Day Packet* and send it to the school with your child. Zip-up hoodies will also be available. Your order will be delivered to your child's classroom. Any questions, please contact:
Debra Guarino at 288-0834 or
Cynthia Jennings at 234-9848.

Bingo

This is a family favorite. Our Bingo Nights give you a chance to win great prizes as well as spend quality time as a family. Bingo Nights will be held on **January 28, February 25, and March 25**. If you have any questions or would like to donate prizes please contact:
Tricia O'Quinn at 616-7503 or
Katie Waldhausen at 213-9663 or
Teresa Hansen at 236-1067.



Square 1 Art

Square 1 Art has become a favorite. You will be able to turn your child's artwork into precious keepsakes. This program offers a variety of products such as pillowcases, coffee mugs and aprons. If you would like to help out with this fundraiser or have any questions, please contact:
Jill Murphy at 329-1729 or
Jenny Cork at 627-1567.



Oakview Partners

Here's a way to help Oakview Elementary earn money simply by doing your shopping. Our school can earn a percentage of money every time you shop.

- **Publix:** Use your Publix tag (these tags will be in your child's *First Day Packet*)
- **Bi-Lo Bonus Card:** Although you may already have one of these, you need to re-register every August. Please take the Oakview/Bi-Lo scan code to your local Bi-Lo and ask the cashier to link it to your bonus card. These scan codes will be available in your *First Day Packet*.
- **Target:** Please go to www.target.com/tcoo to designate our school. More information is available in the *First Day Packet*.
- **Office Depot:** Offers a five percent *Back to Schools Program* - Oakview's code is #70091191.

Box Tops for Education

This program has been a success and it is a way to help raise money for our school. Remember to save your *Box Tops* from various products and put them in the *Box Tops* box in the school lobby.



Legislative Updates

Karen Akerhielm, Chair

Over the course of the 2010-11 year, the Legislative Committee will:

- present information to Oakview families and teachers on local, state and federal education issues that affect Oakview Elementary School;

- provide overviews of the education policies of the candidates in the **November 2010** elections for South Carolina governor and superintendent of education; and,
- keep the Oakview community informed about the budget and funding challenges facing our schools.

If you would like to serve on the Committee, please contact:

Karen Akerhielm at Karenmti@aol.com

Reflections

Brooke Clayton and Jana Circle, Coordinators

Together We Can

Let your creative energy flow and showcase your talents!

Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition and achievement program where students of all grades are encouraged to express their talents and submit original works

inspired by the year's theme. The theme for the 2010-11 PTA Reflections Program is *Together We Can*. The arts categories included are: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Students can enter more than one category and can submit more than one entry for each category. Please visit the Oakview website to see our winners from last year! Entry forms and complete rules are available at www.scpta.org and will also be available

soon in the Oakview lobby. Entries will be collected at Oakview in late **October**. All deadline dates will be announced as the school year progresses. Please encourage your child to express their creativity and participate in our Reflections program!



Mink and Company

Ann Ward and Wendy Neale, Co-chairs

PTA Fall Fundraiser

Please don't forget to support Oakview's PTA Fall Fundraiser! Remember, Oakview earns up to fifty percent on every item! We need your help to support technology up-grades!

Gift Wrap and Flower Bulb Order Forms are due **September 10, 2010**.

We are excited to introduce a new fundraising partner. The gift wrap vendor that Oakview used last year implemented consider-

able program changes. Our new fundraising partner, **Mink and Company**, is a family-owned company with over thirty-five years in the business. Their gift wrap has the same paper weight and dimensions as the paper we have sold in the past, plus **Mink and Company** offers household goods, gifts, magazines, flower bulbs, and candy!

With just one item sold, students can earn prizes. There also are student top sales prizes, as well as classroom participation awards. When we work together and reach

our school goal, the students will enjoy faculty stunts, such as a faculty tug-of-war contest. It's cool to support our school!

You can also support our school online at www.minkco.com. Tell out-of-town friends and family about our fundraiser. At check-out, buyers simply enter our school program ID# 102541400, our school name, school city and your child's name. Students receive prize credit. Internet orders are paid online and shipped to the buyer.

New Families

Julie Gilpin and Leslie Featherstone, Co-Chairs

We would like to welcome all the new families to Oakview. If this is your family's first year at our school, we want to invite you to a special meeting with our principal, Dr. Reavis, on **Friday, August 27** immediately following the Volunteer Breakfast. This meeting gives you an opportunity to get answers to any questions your family may have. We hope you are having a good transition to Oakview and we want to make sure we can make it a great school year!

Hootenanny Fall Festival

Cherie Bennett and Brianna Shaw, Co-chairs

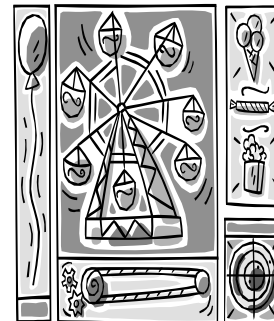
Hootenanny Fall Festival

Mark your calendar for Oakview's 2010 Hootenanny Fall Festival to be held on **Friday, November 5**. Anyone interested in helping with preparations, please contact: **Cherie Bennett** at 675-0943 or **Brianna Shaw** at 419-343-6100.

Thank you in advance to every Oakview family for making this annual event a highlight of the school year! In order to make this

a success we ask each family to volunteer one hour during the event and to donate one item for the event. Look for *Hootenanny Volunteer & Donation sign-up sheets* in your child's classroom during *Open House* on **August 26**.

If you would like to make a *personal or business donation* (financial contribution, goods, or services), please contact: **Michelle Inserillo** at 991-8374.



SEEDS

Bethann Graham, Chair

Do you love to read? Would you like to share that love of reading with others? If so, then you will love our SEEDS program! This is a great way to get involved at Oakview by reading a book to your child's class and then either discussing it further or doing an enrichment activity to aid in comprehension.

All books and materials are provided for you in the media center, and can be checked out early so that you have time to plan. Typically, SEEDS is scheduled for thirty minute

sessions twice monthly and you can sign up for a single session or multiple sessions throughout the school year.



If this sounds right up your alley, be sure to stop by the SEEDS booth at the *Volunteer Breakfast* on **Friday, August 27**. Can't make it to the breakfast? Just check the SEEDS box on the *Volunteer Form* and someone will contact you! If you have any questions about this program, or need help at any time throughout the year, don't hesitate to contact:

Bethann Graham at 297-1924 or graham-family333@bellsouth.net. Hope you had a great summer, and keep on reading!

Book Fair

Denise Gruidl, Sherrie Rodriguez and Judy Parker Co-chair

Our *Fall Scholastic Book Fair* will be on **Sunday October 5** through **Friday, October 8** at Oakview in the Media Center.

There are many volunteer opportunities to help ensure that the *Book Fair* runs efficiently. If you are interested in volunteering at the *Book Fair*, please stop by our booth at the *Volunteer Breakfast* on **Friday, August 27** or contact:

Denise Gruidl at 236-5156, or **Sherrie Rodriguez** at 234-0092, or **Judy Parker** at 676-9707.

Profits from our Book Fair benefit our Media Center, so please support this important event.



Team Oakview: A Winning Tradition

Open House and Curriculum Night

Please come join us for our annual
Open House and Curriculum Night
Thursday, August 26
Open House 5:30p.m. - 6:15p.m.
PTA Meeting 6:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Open House 7:15p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Teachers will have two Open House sessions.
Parents are welcome to attend either session.

Science Clare Wood and Kathy Miller

Reuse and Recycling Opportunities

Oakview continues to actively and aggressively participate in the *Green Steps Program* including our recycling initiatives. Oakview encourages students and parents to bring in the below items from home and place them in containers at Oakview's science lab:

- Aluminum cans
- Six-pack rings
- Glue Sticks
- Cell Phones
- 6-pack Rings



- sun glasses, eye glasses
- Batteries
- printer ink & toner cartridges
- Electronics: laptops, digital cameras, game systems
- Packaging Materials (styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, small boxes)

Oakview also recycles paper, cardboard, and plastic bottles generated at school. We encourage students to recycle these items at home; however, Oakview does not have the capacity to recycle these items generated at home.

More information on other environmental and conservation projects that are underway at Oakview can be found by clicking on the *Green Steps* link on the Oakview's website. If you would like to volunteer to assist with our recycling program or other *Green Steps* initiatives, please contact:

Kathy Miller,

Science teacher at 355-7159 or kwmiller@greenville.k12.sc.us or

Clare Wood,

PTA Environmental Representative at 281-9096 or coachclare@mindspring.com.

Calendar of Events

August

- August 16 First Day of School
- August 18 PTA Board Meeting - 9:00am
- August 26 Open House & PTA General Meeting
- August 27 Volunteer Breakfast - 9:00am
- August 27 Spirit Day

September

- Sept 1 PTA Board Meeting - 9:00am
- Sept 6 No School - Labor Day
- Sept 7 Room Coordinator Breakfast - 9:00am
- Sept 16 Progress Reports
- Sept 21 Chick-fil-A Night
- Sept 23 Donuts for Dad- K5 and First - 7:15am
- Sept 24 Spirit Day
- Sept 28 Stevie B's Night
- Sept 30 Picture Day



School Information

Oakview Elementary School PTA

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Find National PTA information at: www.pta.org

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<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/oakview/parents/pta/acorn.asp>

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Oakview's Mission

The mission of *Oakview Elementary School*, in cooperation with the home and the community, is to prepare students for responsible citizenship, lifelong learning, and productive employment by:

Opening opportunities for all students,

Accepting individual differences,

Keeping a smile on our faces,

Varying teaching techniques,

Identifying and addressing strengths/weaknesses, and

Engaging students in meaningful learning activities

Working as a team.

School begins at **8:00am**. All students arriving after **8:00am** are considered tardy and must report to the Attendance Office. Students will not be admitted to class without a tardy pass.

Welcoming all Oakview
students back to school!

