



# Oakview Elementary School PTA

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### Principal's Report

Dr. Phillip Reavis, Principal



#### Reflection

I mentioned in my last report that I would be taking the opportunity to reflect on ten years as principal at Oakview Elementary. In this issue, I wanted to highlight faculty and staff members who have provided at least ten years of service at the school. Anyone who has worked in an organization realizes the importance of low employee turnover. You will be encouraged to know that thirty-nine people have been serving on the faculty/staff for at least ten years! Of these, ten have been at Oakview since its opening in 1995! These *charter members* are as follows: **Josie Bonner** (food service), **Donna Bradt** (Third grade), **Ellen Culler** (media clerk), **Sabrina Ferguson** (music), **Lori Gibson** (food service), **Tom Hudson** (plant engineer), **Kathy Miller** (science), **Becky Riddle** (instructional coach), **Donna Tinga** (kindergarten), and **Terri Wheeler-Hawkins** (Assistant Principal).

To better understand the significant contribution these employees have made, consider these numbers. Twenty-nine employees have served on the faculty/staff at least ten years and another ten employees have served a full fifteen years. Converted to individual years of service, this equates to over four hundred forty-five years of teaching/employee experience at Oakview alone! While we don't track families with *years of experience* at the school, many of *you* have had children enrolled at Oakview for more than ten years as well! With this extensive knowledge of Oakview present on the faculty/staff and in the community, the school continues to build on a successful past while expanding its vision of the future to meet the needs of students.

Please join me in thanking those employees and families who have given so much to the school over the last ten (or more) years! It has been a pleasure to serve you all and to mark your accomplishments along the way!

#### Fall Conferences

Fall is here and it is time for parent/teacher conferences! Conferences can be more productive if you follow these helpful hints:

- Take a written list of questions with you.
- Bring student papers/work samples to facilitate discussion.
- Ask about methods the teacher will use to communicate with families.
- Ask for strategies that you can use at home to reinforce what is being taught at school.
- Share with the teacher your child's strengths and weaknesses.
- When possible, both parents/guardians should attend the conference.
- Ask about ways to help your child at home with homework and studying.
- Ask how much time should be spent daily on homework.
- Ask for another conference if more time is needed.

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### President's Report

Renee Akey, PTA President



I hope everyone has had a great school year so far. It has been a very busy and successful beginning for *Team Oakview*. Throughout the year there are many programs and fundraisers. These would not be possible without the many volunteers that come in every day. Whether you're on the PTA board, committees or volunteer to help with one of our programs, your hard work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

#### Back to School Events

Many fundraisers and programs have already occurred - *Curriculum Night, Volunteer Breakfast, Room Coordinator Breakfast, New Family Meeting, Back to School Luncheon for the teachers, Membership, Donuts*

*for Dads, Friends of Oakview, Entertainment Books, Mink and Company, Student Directory, Spirit Wear, Restaurant Nights, and the Bookfair.* Whew! There is a lot of behind the scene work that happens to pull off successful programs and fundraisers. I would like to give a special thanks to the board and committee chairs that made our *Back to School* programs and fundraisers a success: *Vice President, Kelle Corvin Treasurer, Jennifer Miller Ways and Means Co-Chairs, Michelle Inserillo and Judy Parker. Volunteer Co-Chairs, Jennifer Cook and Nicole Westmoreland Programs Chair, Michelle Rumble Hospitality Co-Chairs, Karen Kissenberth and Shelly Nichols Membership Co-Chairs, Liz Acker and Robyn Kirkpatrick*

*Mink and Company Committee, Ann Ward and Wendy Neale Entertainment Books Committee, Kendall Hunter and Trina Williams Spirit Wear Committee, Deb Guarino and Cynthia Jennings Student Directory Committee, Nancy Kelly and Michelle McCullough Donuts for Dads Committee, Wendy Dolven, Karen Thompson, and Patti Funderburk Computer Entry Committee, Melissa Pair and Celeste Blinston New Family Committee, Julie Gilpin and Leslie Featherstone Bookfair Committee, Denise Gruidl, Judy Parker, and Sherrie Rodriguez*

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## Volunteers

Jennifer Cook and Nicole Westmoreland, Co-Chairs

The volunteers at Oakview Elementary School have already logged many volunteer hours this school year. This high level of parental involvement is one reason why Oakview continually achieves success. Thank you to our many volunteers for their contributions to our outstanding school and students.

Thank you for signing up for the PTA and classroom volunteer opportunities that most interest you. We appreciate any amount of your time. We received hundreds of *Volunteer Opportunity Forms* from Oakview families. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up as a classroom volunteer, please contact your *Room Coordinator*. If you have any questions regarding how to volunteer please contact **Jennifer Cook** at [billjennifer@bellsouth.net](mailto:billjennifer@bellsouth.net) or **Nicole Westmoreland** at [nicolew1@charter.net](mailto:nicolew1@charter.net).

Thank you also for committing to making Oakview a safe place for our children. When visiting Oakview, please remember to stop by the front desk to sign in and out. If you are volunteering in the school or classroom, please sign in as a volunteer, not a visitor. Obtain a stick on name badge and wear it at all times when in the school. This procedure lets the school administration know that you are in the building in case of an emergency. If you are signed in as a volunteer, the computer automatically tracks the number of volunteer hours that you have dedicated to the school. The PTA reports volunteer hours to the PTA district office. Please don't forget to document the hours that you spend at home doing volunteer work for Oakview. At the desk in the front lobby, you will find the forms to document your at home hours. Please don't be bashful about reporting your time. We know that a lot of hard work goes

on behind the scenes and we would like to submit a report to the district that accurately portrays the incredible dedication of our Oakview volunteers.



We would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our school. We could not possibly organize the extensive volunteer efforts at Oakview without all of you!

### Donuts For Dad

Our next *Donuts for Dad* event will be **Thursday, October 21 at 7:15am**. All second and third graders are welcome to invite their dad or special adult friend to enjoy coffee, juice and donuts before the start of school. We'd like to thank our sponsors: *Greenville First, Steadman-Hawkins* and *Liquid Highway* for their generous contributions for this event.

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### Parent Report Card

Now that first quarter report cards are coming home for students, it's your turn as parents! Evaluate your success in providing support for your children by completing Oakview's *Parent Report Card*. If you're brave, let your child complete the report card for you. Use <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/oakview/parents/parentrcd.asp> for the link to

the *Parent Report Card*. A hard copy will also be sent home with the first student report card for the year. Good luck!

### MAP Scores Are In!

During fall conferences, First - Fifth grade teachers will explain your child's MAP (*Measures of Academic Progress*) scores. All parents will receive a *Parent's Guide to MAP Testing*, which is divided into goal standards by subject areas. Once you under-

stand your child's MAP scores, you can help at home by having your child practice academic skills on *Compass Learning*. The web-based *Compass Learning Program* is a fun and creative way to help students master necessary skills at each grade. Upon logging in to *Compass*, folders appear for your child, which are based on their MAP score. To access *Compass* at home, please go to Oakview's web site. Ask your child's teacher about student log in information. Have fun!

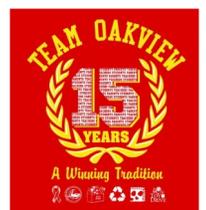
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Also, a special thanks to all the parents and teachers. None of these fundraisers and programs would have been successful without your continued support and generosity. Thank you for being a vital part of the team.

### Upcoming Events

Please don't miss any of our upcoming events. We have two more *Donuts for Dads*, *Reflections*, *Red Ribbon Week*, *Preschool Book Donations* and *Grandparent's Day*. Our *Hootenanny* and *Silent Auction* committees have been busy working to make sure

that you and your family can have a good time at the *Fall Festival*. Come join us for food, rides, fun and great prizes on **November 5**, from **4:30pm** until **9:00pm**.



## Membership

Liz Acker and Robyn Kirkpatrick, Co-Chairs

We would like to thank all of you who bought a *PTA Membership* and contributed to the *Friends of Oakview* fund. We had a very successful campaign. We would like to recognize the families and businesses that donated \$50 or more to the *Friends of Oakview* fund:

Abdallah Family - Majd  
Akerhielm Family - Emma  
Akey Family - Kirsten  
Alexander Family - Coleson  
Angell Family - Connor, Colton  
Armstrong Family - Maclean  
Awan Family - Yasmine  
Baer Family - Peter  
Berryman Family—Maximus  
Bishop Family - Anna  
Black Family - Kate  
Burgess Family - J. Noah, Lydia  
Chamberlin Family - Justin  
Chen Family - Annie  
Cho Family - Randy  
Cole Family - Jonathon  
Cook Family - Alex, Katherine  
Cook Family - Zachary  
Corvin Family - Olivia  
Cotty Family - James  
Crockett Family - Clay, Caroline  
Culumovic Family - Katie  
Cunningham Family - Ciarra  
Dantin Family - Simone  
Davis Family - Lila, Liam  
Dostal Family - Efe  
Durrell Family - Kathryn  
Erno Family - Lauren  
Ernst Family - Meredith  
Everman Family - Ben  
Falcon Family - Hallett  
Fish Family - Ethan  
Foley Family - Christina, David  
Folk Family - Mollie  
Frank Family - Lucina, Christian  
Frey Family - Kernen, Cecilia  
Gabriel Family - Nathaniel  
Gambino Family - George  
Gardner Family - Claudia  
Gerkey Family - Nicholas  
Gower Family - Mason, Ellison  
Griffin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
Gruidl Family - Claire, Cate  
Gumpert Family - Grace  
Gyomory Family - Mark

Hall Family - Abby, Allie  
Hardwicke Family - Bedri, Meral  
Harrison Family - Kate  
Hatley Family - Justin  
Hodge Family - Brandon  
Hunter Family - Thomas  
Izumi Family - Elissa  
Jennings Family - Preston  
Johnston Family - Emma  
Jordan Family - Ava, Colin  
Jordan Family - Will, Matt, Evan  
Karim Family - Hasseba, Humyra  
Kim Family - Gina  
Kissenberth Family - Luke  
Kneeland Family - Hew, Eleanor, Herb  
Kolanik Family - Katie, Michael, Kelsey  
Kupec Family - Grant, Drew  
Larocque Family - MARRISA  
Lehrer Family - Skyler  
Leong Family - Athena, Nelia  
Lewis Family - Mills  
Lombell Family - Drew, John  
Lonergan Family - Jack, Kyle, Chloe  
Lopez Family - Isabella  
Ludkowski Family - Nicolas  
Madden Family - Kennedy, Mary Michael  
Marler Family - Alyssa  
Marullo Family - Gianna  
Masters Family - Joshua, Claudia  
McBrine Family - McCain  
McClure Family - Ellis Anne, Kate Carson  
McCotter, Laura  
McDonough Family - Thomas  
McLeod Family - Kailey  
Mercer Family - Michael  
Meurer Family - Abigail, Madison  
Morris Family - Gavin, Elizabeth  
Mosher Family - Will  
Murayama Family - Atsuki  
Nicholson Family - Connor, Joshua  
Noya Family - Sayaka  
Palenbaum Family - Elli  
Panuccio Family - Abbie  
Parker Family - Camden, Cley  
Patterson Family - Lauren Elise, Jack  
Pestak Family - John  
Phillips Family - Melina  
Powell Family - Meredith  
Ramsdell Family - Matthew  
Robbins Family - Ellie  
Rodriguez Family - Thomas  
Reeder Family - Caroline  
Runnion Family - Kell

Rushing Family - James, Kenneth  
Salgado Family - Carolina, Marcos  
Salgado Family - Sydney  
Salih Family - Juliet, Clara  
Sanchez Family - Nicole  
Sanders Family - Cameron  
Sathya Family - Siddhart  
Schemm Family - Kasey, Thomas  
Scott Family - Addison  
Seckinger Family - Meg, Emma Kate  
Smith Family - Drew  
Smith Family - Jenny  
Spikings Family - Dillon, Ashley, Meghan  
Taylor Family - Sarah, Zac  
Tepsuwan Family - Meii  
Tsai Family - Cameron  
Tso Family - Kyle  
Uhm Family - Tae-Young, Tae-Sung  
Underwood Family - Hannah  
Vanderbloemen Family - Sutton  
Vanvick Family - Luke, Ben, Cole  
Veness Family - Lauren, Anna Grace  
Violette Family - Connor  
Weber Family - Justin  
Westmoreland Family - Connor, Dillon  
Weeks, Warren and Lee Anne  
Wentworth Family - Patricia  
Whitehill Family - Brenna  
Williams Family - Amy Kate  
Wiseman Family - Lindsey  
Wood Family - Chloe, Lyndsay  
Yi Family - Rachel

Astrazeneca Pharmaceuticals  
Barb Turner Real Estate, LLC  
Bennett's Frame Art Gallery  
Century BMW and Mini  
Cox Photography  
General Electric Company  
Greenville Hospital  
Herff Jones Yearbooks  
KMC Benefits  
Mr. Rooter Plumbing  
Pfizer Foundation  
Rainbow International Restoration/Cleaning  
Richey and Richey, P.A. Attorneys at Law  
Rocky Creek Dental Care

Congratulations to the following classes for being the first to obtain full membership in their grade level: **Mrs. Buford, Mrs. Szymanska, Mrs. Curry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Gerard and Mrs. Haarsgaard.**

## Ways and Means

Michelle Inserillo and Judy Parker, Co-Chairs

We have had a great start this year. In addition to our fall fundraisers, your wonderful PTA donations and volunteering have already begun helping our teachers receive reimbursements for classroom supplies, art supplies, and lots of copier support!

### Mink and Company

Our first year with *Mink and Company* has been a great success. By the time of this printing, you will have already received your products. We hope you love everything! We want to give a great big thank you to **Ann Ward and Wendy Neale**, and all their volunteers who worked so hard to make this fundraiser successful and fun for our students.

### Entertainment Books

We have sold over four hundred fifty books this year! Congratulations to **Kendell Hunter** and **Trina Williams** for working tire-

lessly everyday to make this fundraiser a great success.

### T-Shirt Spirit Wear

We have had a few *Spirit Days* already and it has been great to see so many students wearing their t-shirts. Don't forget, your hoodies will be arriving soon! **Debra Guarino** and **Cynthia Jennings** have been doing a fantastic job in organizing and distributing everyone's apparel. While we are not taking any more orders, you may purchase t-shirts at the school store.

### Hootenanny

Our *Fall Festival* is almost here! This will be one of our children's favorite nights. We thank **Cherie Bennett**, **Brianna Shaw**, and **Lynn Beam** for their tireless work in preparing for this night. We also want to thank all



our volunteers who are already signed up and ready to go!

Our *Silent Auction* is going to be a blast. Wait until you see what they have brought to the tables! We would like to give a great big thank you to **Kelle Corvin** and her group of volunteers who are working hard to make this a great event.

### Box Tops

You will be seeing an improved *Box Tops* box in the school lobby this month, thanks to **Christi Yenser**. Please keep clipping those *Box Tops* for Oakview! Christi will be sending out additional information this month. If you need any further information contact Christi at 627-1686.

Thank you all for your donations, purchases and volunteering. We couldn't do this without you!

## Programs

Michelle Rumple, Chair

On behalf of the PTA board we would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions for *Donuts For Dad*: **Greenville First Bank**, **Steadman-Hawkins** and **Liquid Highway**. A big thanks also to **Wendy Dolven**, **Karen Owens**, **Patti Fun-derburk** and their wonderful volunteer team of early risers. Also, a special thanks to **Tom Hudson** for assisting us with the setup. The event was a home run with our Preschool, Kindergarten and First grade students and their dads. Our youngest students certainly enjoyed a special early morning treat and one on one time with their special person. Check out our webpage for great photos of the event! Our next *Donuts for Dads* is **October 21** for Second and

Third graders - hope to see you there!

*Reflections* entries are due **October 19, 20, and 21**. It is not too late to get started on your entries. The theme is *Together We Can*. Check out our website at *Student Gallery* for inspiration from last year's winners.

*Red Ribbon Week* is coming up the week of **October 25**. There will be a fun week of activities planned for our students. This program is a great way to spread the message of staying drug free. Special thanks to **Ruth Daly** and **Debbie Gower** for planning for this event.

Preschool book donations will be coming up



the week of **November 8**. Save any new or gently used books for children in our community.

It is hard to believe *Thanksgiving* is next month! Oakview would love to extend an invitation to some very special people in your child's life - their grandparents or an important family friend. *Grandparents Day* will be on **Tuesday, November 23**. This will be a great opportunity for grandparents, especially those who will be visiting for the holidays, to spend a day with their grandchild at school. There will be tours and activities planned for our special visitors, so mark your calendars!

## Box Tops

Christi Yenser, Coordinator



Time for the *Box Tops Blitz*, everyone! Our first submission deadline for the year is just around the corner, so gather up all the *Box Tops* you can find and fill up our collection box in the lobby. Please remember to put your child's name, teacher's name, and grade on the bag or envelope - each class

will be given individual credit. The classes with the most *Box Tops* will receive a special treat. Please help us score a touchdown by trimming *Box Tops* and earning money for our school. All *Box Tops* need to be submitted by **Friday, October 22**.



## The Hootenanny Fall Festival Friday, November 5, 4:30pm - 9:00pm

The big event our kids look forward to every year is almost here! Don't miss out on exciting amusement rides, great games and prizes, petting zoo, family *Bingo*, *Cake Walk*, *Bake Sale*, *Kids Raffle*, *Silent Auction*, and more! *Marshmallow Shooters* are back this year! Be sure to check out the new *Hoot Loot* shop to get your jewelry, tiaras & hats, face painting, *Snip-Its Hair Designs*, and other fun flashing light accessories for your 2010 Hootenanny pictures in the new *Photo Booth!*

Please join us for dinner with *Chick-fil-A* and *Happy Pie Pizza* (Oakview parents), then enjoy fair food and funnel cakes along with your *Liquid Highway* coffee and hot chocolate! *Liquid Highway* has prepared a special Hoot blend which will be available for purchase at *Hootenanny*. Thank you to these local businesses and *Bi-Lo*, *Bloom*, and *Eagle Zone* who agreed to be our sponsors. A special thank you to *Crockett Pediatric Dentistry* (Oakview Parents) our new corporate sponsor!

So please join us and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! (All students Eighth grade and under should be supervised by an adult.) *See you at the Hoot!*

### Hootenanny Donation Due Dates

Tissue Paper, Silly String, Hair Paint/Glitter Spray \$5 Bingo Prizes, & \$15 Raffle Prizes were due **Monday, October 4**. If you missed this date, please still drop off your items.

Candy, Mini-marshmallows, and two-liter drinks are due by **Monday November 1**. Please drop off your donations in the collection boxes on the cafeteria stage any time of day.

*Bake Sale* and *Cake Walk* donations are due on **Friday, November 5** by **9:30am**. Please label items with the *baker's name and phone number*, in accordance with *Health Department* regulations. Items without labels must be thrown away. No refrigerated items, please.

*Bake Sale*- Please package bake sale items for individual sale (one large brownie or cookie bar / 2 cookies) in clear plastic wrap or clear baggies.

*Cake Walk*- Please package in clear plastic wrap or place in a box with a window for viewing.

### Lunch Room Bake Sale

Individual *Bake Sale* goodies will be sold to students during lunch on **Friday, November 5**. All items cost .50 cents. Please send cash only for *Bake Sale* purchases.

### Hootenanny Tickets Pre-Sale

All tickets are \$0.50 each and will be pre-sold in \$10 packets.

On **Monday, November 1- Wednesday, November 3** tickets will be available pre-sale through your child's communication folder (cash or check only) and will be distributed **Thursday, November 4**.

Tickets will be sold in the front lobby **Thursday, November 4** from **7:30am - 8:30am** and **Friday, November 5** from **7:30am - 3:30pm**. During the pre-sale Thursday and Friday and at the festival, credit cards will also be accepted (a nominal processing fee will be added). Tickets will also be sold during the festival from three ticket booths!

### Hootenanny Parking

Additional parking will be available in the empty field across from Oakview. Please be aware of our landscaping and help us to keep the roadways and parking lots accessible by taking advantage of this additional parking space. Please follow Traffic Officer directions to ensure adequate parking for all. Thank You!

### Hootenanny Volunteer Workdays

Please join us to make paper flowers and do easy preparatory work on **Wednesday, October 27** and **Thursday, October 28, 8:30am -10:30am** in the Cafeteria.

Thank you for your time and donations. Oakview's *Hootenanny Fall Festival* would not be possible without our incredible parent and community support.



## Silent Auction

Trish Kolarik, Chair

In years past, Oakview's *Silent Auction* has been an integral part of the fundraising efforts for our school's *Hootenanny Fall Festival*. This year, the event will run during, but separate from the *Hootenanny* on **November 5**, from **6:00pm to 8:00pm**.



A sample of some of the *Silent Auction* items already received are featured below:

- Disney Trip with a park hopper pass for four and two flight vouchers from *Allegiant Airlines*
- Lake Keowee Golf weekend
- Napa Valley Wine Country Condo getaway
- Coca Cola 500 NASCAR (family of four tickets) for Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend 2011
- Many autographed items
- Photography Sessions

And many, many more items! A website link will be set up to view details of the *Silent Auction* items by **October 18**.

If you have a great idea or would like make a contribution to the silent auction please contact **Trish Kolarik** at [trish@kolarik.org](mailto:trish@kolarik.org) or 385-4597, or **Kelle Corvin** at [kelle@corvincreations.com](mailto:kelle@corvincreations.com) or 627-1567.

## Mink and Company

Ann Ward and Wendy Neale, Co-chairs

Thank you for supporting our school! Our PTA Gift Wrap and Bulb Fall Fundraiser was a success! Congratulations, Oakview! We met our school goal! When we all work together, we're all winners!

### Reward For Meeting One Hundred Percent of Our School Goal

Administration/Teacher Tug-of-War Contest! In addition, we would like to recognize the following Oakview participants for their campaign accomplishments:

#### Top Sellers

First Place - **Marissa Larocque**  
Ms. Tinga's Kindergarten Class  
Second Place - **Chloe Graham**  
Ms. Ludwig's Kindergarten Class  
Third Place - **Ben Dority**  
Ms. Angelo's Third Grade Class

### Cookie Day Winners

The classes with the highest participation per grade level were:  
Kindergarten winner - **Ms. Ludwig's** class  
First grade winner - **Ms. Szymanska's** class  
Second grade winner - **Ms. Meyers'** class  
Third grade winner - **Ms. McCurry's** class  
Fourth grade winner - **Ms. Gerard's** class  
Fifth grade winner - **Ms. Satterfield's** class  
Special Ed winner - **Ms. Young's** class

### Extra Recess Winners

The classes who achieved high participation  
**Ms. Szymanska's** First grade class  
**Ms. Cheek's** Second grade class  
**Mr. Gambrell's** Second grade class  
**Ms. Gilbert's** Second grade class  
**Ms. Meyers'** Second grade class  
**Ms. Gerard's** Fourth grade class  
**Ms. Haarsgaard's** Fifth grade class  
**Ms. Satterfield's** Fifth grade class

A special thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped us process and deliver orders.

You can continue to support Oakview by ordering *Mink and Company* products online at [www.minkco.com](http://www.minkco.com). *Mink and Company* offers household goods, gifts, magazines, candy, and more. Tell out-of-town friends about our fundraiser. At check-out, buyers simply enter our school program ID number 102541400, our school name, school city and child's name. Internet orders are paid online and shipped directly to the buyer.

## Legislative Updates

Karen Akerhielm, Chair

### Don't Forget to Vote Tuesday, November 2!

#### Candidates for South Carolina Governor

Nikki Haley (Republican)  
Vincent Sheehan (Democrat)

#### Candidates for South Carolina Superintendent of Education

Frank Holleman (Democrat)  
Mick Zais (Republican)

**Positions on Education** (Source: September 2010 articles from *The Greenville News*, *The State*, and *The Charleston Post & Courier*. See [www.publicedpartnersgc.org](http://www.publicedpartnersgc.org) for more information). Also view Oakview's web site for candidate positions on public education.

#### Tuition tax credits for private schools

Haley: For  
Sheehan: Against  
Holleman: Against  
Zais: For

#### Expansion of early childhood education:

Haley: Against  
Sheehan: For  
Holleman: For  
Zais: Against

#### Use of standardized architectural designs for schools:

Haley: For  
Sheehan: Against  
Holleman: Against  
Zais: For

#### Vote on Act 388 (which made sales tax the primary source of school operating costs) while serving in the state legislature

Haley: For  
Sheehan: Against

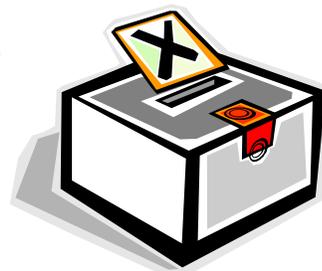
#### Applying for Federal grants and programs, like *Race to the Top* and the *Common-Core Standards Initiative*

Holleman: For  
Zais: Against

It's with great sadness that we note the sudden death of **Bill Wylie**. Bill was the SC *House Representative* for most Oakview families. Bill was a good friend to Oakview – some of his grandchildren attended Oakview and Bill was always willing to come speak with the Oakview community, most recently in February 2010. Bill's wife Janie and daughter Kelly were both very active volunteers at Oakview. Bill was also a good friend to public education, attending the *Enough is Enough* rally in April 2010 and supporting comprehensive tax reform in SC. Bill will truly be missed.

If you would like to get involved with the *Oakview PTA Legislative Committee*, please contact:

**Karen Akerhielm** at [Karenmti@aol.com](mailto:Karenmti@aol.com).



## Red Ribbon Week

Ruth Daly and Debbie Gower, Coordinators

### It's coming...mark your calendars...Red Ribbon Week!

Oakview will celebrate *Red Ribbon Week* from **October 25-29**. *Red Ribbon Week* is celebrated to inform our students about healthy living and drug awareness. Each day will be a special event for the students

to participate in. **Monday:** Kick-Off Assemblies for the entire school, **Tuesday:** Sock It to drugs!-wear crazy socks, **Wednesday:** My team is drug free! - wear team clothing to school and Brush Away Drugs! - donate new toothbrushes to be given to *United Ministries*, **Thursday:** Hats off to healthy living!

wear a hat to school and **Friday:** Dress in **red** from head to toe. We are looking forward to a fun and informative week! Any questions, call **Ruth Daly** 288-6165 or **Debbie Gower** 234-0660.

## Grandparent's Day

Leslie Donahue and Carolyn Wells, Co-Chairs

Save the date! On **Tuesday, November 23**, grandparents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, view original creations, and have refreshments in the cafeteria with their grandchild. Grandparents can also purchase a new book for our media center to dedicate to their grandchild which will remain on Oakview's bookshelves for years to come. Volunteers will be needed to assist in the



media center, serve refreshments, take photographs, and greet our *grand* visitors. If you did not sign the volunteer list at Oakview's *Open House* but would like to volunteer, please contact:

**Leslie Donahue**  
458-9730 / [leslie.donahue@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.donahue@gmail.com) or  
**Carolyn Wells**  
990-4142 / [wellsfamily@charter.net](mailto:wellsfamily@charter.net)

## Reflections

Brooke Clayton and Jana Circle, Coordinators

**2010-2011 Theme:**  
***Together We Can***

Unleash your child's artistic talents! Students of all grades are encouraged to submit original works of art inspired by this year's theme: *Together We Can*. The categories included are literature, musical com-

position, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production. Students may enter more than one category and may have more than one entry in a single category. Works are judged against others in the same grade division: Kindergarten - Second and Third - Fifth. Entry forms, complete rules, and contest details are available at [scpta.org](http://scpta.org) and in the Oakview lobby. Entries will be collected in the Oak-

view cafeteria on the following dates only:

**Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 - 8:30**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 11:30 - 12:30**  
**Thursday, October 21, 1:30 - 3:30**

Please visit the Oakview website to see our winners from last year! Encourage your child to express their creativity in our *Reflections* program!

### Preschool Book Donation Drive

**Did you know...** an unprepared four year old often fails to learn to read in first grade or primary school. The single most effective way to increase a child's vocabulary is by reading to them. Facilities like *Frazer Learning Center* and *Ready 4 Learning* give parents the resources they need to encourage reading readiness before elementary school. Your gently used preschool book donations can help these facilities encourage families to read more with their children. Please set aside your gently used preschool books for Oakview's *Preschool Book Drive* **November 8-12**. Your donations will benefit the *Ready 4 Learning* and *Frazer Dream Center* in Greenville.

## Jingle Bell Toy Drop

Carolyn Hamilton, Coordinator

Our annual *Jingle Bell Toy Drop* will be held **December 8-10**. This year we will be col-

lecting gently used toys for *Greenville County Human Relations*. Watch for more

information in the coming weeks on how you can help.

## Fall Festival on the Farm

Roper Mountain Science Center  
**Saturday, November 13**  
**9:00am – 2:30pm**



## Monarch Invasion!

We've had a delightful invasion of monarchs in our butterfly garden. The students have enjoyed watching them as they sip nectar from flowers and as they dance through the air. They've also had fun as their classes went on *Caterpillar Safaris* in the garden. At times, students counted over thirty monarch caterpillars on our milkweed plants. Several classes observed butterflies as they laid eggs on milkweed leaves. Each second and third grade class has a butterfly house in their room and they are raising a monarch. Our students are butterfly experts after observing the life cycle of a butterfly in their classrooms!

## Garden Work Day

It's Pansy Planting Time!  
**Friday, October 15**  
**Saturday, October 23**  
**8:30am – 11:30am**  
 Come for all or part of the time.  
 Bring garden gloves & tools.  
 Rain Date: **Saturday, October 30**  
**8:30am-11:30am**



## America Recycles Week

Oakview will celebrate America Recycles Week from **Monday, November 8** through **Friday, November 12**. We encourage all children at Oakview to bring in the recyclable items listed below from home. Parent volunteers will be available curbside during morning drop-off to assist with collecting these items for delivery to the science lab.

- Aluminum Cans
- Ink Cartridges
- Cell Phones
- Six-pack rings
- Glue Sticks
- 6-pack Rings
- Batteries (all except Alkaline Batteries)
- Electronics: laptops, digital cameras, game systems
- Juice Pouches
- Tennis Shoes (some for reuse & some for recycling)
- Packaging Materials (styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, small boxes)



## Updates to Recycling Program

*Oakview Will Recycle Your Juice Pouches:* Oakview will soon begin recycling juice pouches through *Terracycle*. This program will also allow us to raise funds (2 cents per juice pouch). Parents and children are en-

couraged to bring used juice pouches from home for recycling. A recycling container will be placed in the cafeteria.



## Batteries

Alkaline batteries manufactured after 1996 can now be thrown in the regular trash, since they no longer contain mercury. All other batteries should be recycled. You may still send in any other type of batteries to Oakview, and if you are in doubt, you can send the alkaline ones to us as well and we will sort and dispose of them properly.

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](mailto:kwmiller@greenville.k12.sc.us) or

### Clare Wood

PTA Environmental Representative  
 at 281-9096 or  
[coachclare@mindspring.com](mailto:coachclare@mindspring.com)

## Calendar of Events

### October

- Oct 12 Formano's Restaurant Night
- Oct 14-15 Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL
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- Oct 18 Beck Open House
- Oct 19 Chic-fil-A Night
- Oct 20 End 1st Quarter
- Oct 21 Donuts For Dad - 2nd & 3rd grades
- Oct 21 Parent Reading Workshop
- Oct 22 Fossil Fun Day
- Oct 25-29 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 25 Fall Make-Up Pictures
- Oct 26 Stevie B's Night
- Oct 27 1st Report Card
- Oct 29 Spirit Day

### November

- Nov 3 PTA Board Meeting
- Nov 5 Hootenanny Fall Festival
- Nov 8-12 Preschool Book Donation Drive
- Nov 8 SIC Meeting
- Nov 9 Formano's Restaurant Night
- Nov 11 Donuts For Dad - 4th & 5th grades

## School Information

### Oakview Elementary School PTA

- 515 Godfrey Road, Simpsonville, SC 29681
- (864) 355-7100 School main phone number
- (864) 355-7118 PTA phone number
- Find State PTA information at: [www.scpta.org](http://www.scpta.org)
- Find National PTA information at: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

### Principal:

Dr. Phillip Reavis

### Assistant Principals:

- Mr. Stephen Deyo
- Mrs. Carrie Prochaska
- Mrs. Terri Wheeler-Hawkins

### PTA President:

Renee Akey

### Newsletter Editor:

Robyn Kirkpatrick, [crogkirk@yahoo.com.au](mailto:crogkirk@yahoo.com.au)

### The Acorn can be found online at:

- <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.

