



# Oakview Elementary School PTA

## THE ACORN



### Principal's Report

Dr. Phillip Reavis, Principal



#### Oakview – A Habitat for Learning

In its 17<sup>th</sup> year of providing excellence in education to the community, the Oakview experience is so much more than test scores and school awards. Nothing illustrates this more effectively than a list of programs, events, and facilities that are offered at the school. Enjoy the list and be proud!

- Apple Orchard
- Architectural Bridge Building Contest
- Art Exploration Club
- Artificial Turf & Tricycle Track (K5 Playground)
- Artists in Residence Program
- Author Visits
- Awards Days
- Ball Fields (3)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Barrier Island Overnight Field Trip
- Basketball Club
- Battle of the Books
- Biltmore House Field Trip
- Blueberry Patch
- Book Fairs
- "Boosterthon" Fitness Initiative
- Breakfast with Dads
- Butterfly Garden
- Canned Food Drive
- Career Club
- Charleston Historical Field Trip
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Climbing Wall
- Columbia State House and Museum Field Trip
- Computer Labs (2 hardwire & 7 wireless laptop carts)
- Cultural Arts Festival
- Distance Learning Lab
- Drama Team – "Oakview Players"
- Earth Savers Club
- "Elf Shelf" Student Holiday Shopping
- Engineering Partnership with GE
- Environmental Education and Recycling Programs
- Environmental Engineer Club
- ESOL Services for All Grades
- "Family Math, Science, and Technology Night"
- Festival of Trees
- Field Days for All Grades
- Fifth Grade Day
- "First Tee" Golf Instruction
- Fitness Station
- Flag Football Club
- "Footsteps to First Grade" Summer Readiness Program
- "Fossil Fun Day"
- Full and Part Time Extended Day Program
- Garden Club
- Gifted Education Program
- "Grandparents Day"
- Greenville Technical College Architectural Partnership
- Healthy Cafeteria Menu Containing Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Whole Grains
- "Hootenanny" Fall Festival
- Interactive Promethean Boards in ALL Classrooms
- International Club
- Jingle Bell Toy Drop
- Lego Robotics Club
- Lego Robotics Competitive Team
- Library Cadets
- "Life Is a Highway" Character Education Program
- Math Olympiad Club
- Math Olympics
- Morning Computer Club
- Morning Mentor Club
- Mothers Day Program
- National Geography Bee
- Nature Trail with 40 Points of Interest
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration
- Outdoor Classroom
- "Owl News Network" (ONN) Show
- Parent "Teaching Your Child to Read" Workshop
- Playground Shade Structure
- Polar Express Day
- Preschool Book Donation
- Reading Buddies
- Reading Counts Program
- Reading Intervention Programs (K5-2nd)
- Reading Tutor Program
- "Real Men Read" Event
- "Red Ribbon Week"
- "Reflections" PTA Art Contest
- Restaurant Nights
- Safe Kids Upstate Safety Patrols
- S.C. Garden
- "S.C. In Review" Play
- Science Fair
- Science Lab
- Sculpture Club
- Sign Language Club
- Space Day
- Special Education Services for All Grades
- Spirit Days
- Spy Science Club
- State and National Award Winning PTA/Volunteer Program
- Storybook Character Parade
- Student Council
- Student Support Groups for Social Skills, Divorce, and Grief
- Summer Camp
- Summer Reading Program
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Virtual Field Trips Around the World
- Volleyball Club
- Volleyball Court
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- Walking Track
- Yearbook Day

QR Code — Folks with Smartphones will be led directly to Oakview Elementary School's Website!





**PTA's Commitment to LiveWell Oakview!**

In recent weeks, PTA has received a lot of general questions and comments from parents about the new Healthy School Initiative and why it has affected some of our events in certain ways. Many parents are concerned about the school menu changes and why they have occurred. To answer these concerns, I thought it would be helpful for parents to understand the background and to receive additional information regarding this program and how it can help you, your student and your family LiveWell.

Last Spring, Dr Reavis approached me as the incoming PTA President about Oakview's opportunity to participate in the Greenville County, Healthy School Initiative. Originally, this was unveiled at A.J. Wittenberg Elementary School when it opened. The concept is simple, and one that most parents try to adhere to on a daily basis, offer children healthy choices for school lunches. This school year, 11 additional elementary schools, including Oakview, and 1 middle school were selected to expand the program under grant funds received. The schools' commitment, and the school PTAs' commitment, was to provide healthy alternatives in all

aspects of school activities including school lunches. PTA committed to providing a supportive environment for this program. While not all of our fundraising activities could be changed immediately, PTA is working diligently to provide fundraising activities and events (Breakfast with Dads) that offer healthier food choices. In the spring, we will transition to a fun fundraiser called Boosterthon where students will walk to raise funds during the school day! Parents will learn more about this exciting project and, if all goes well, we will likely adopt this as our main fundraiser each school year!

Recently, I attended a PTA meeting where the LiveWell Greenville spoke about their "at school" initiative. The statistics they offered were staggering. In a survey they conducted just in Greenville County, they found that over 40% of elementary-age children are overweight or at-risk of becoming obese! So how can we as parents support this initiative? In addition, more than 50% of the daily calories are consumed at school.

Well, here were some thoughts that LiveWell offered. First, ask yourself, am I having a negative or positive impact on the health of students and families. Second, will this help my student and their classmates LiveWell? Room coordinators have been given a list of suggested healthy

alternatives for birthday celebrations, meetings and gatherings, rewards and incentives. The LiveWell also offers a simple traffic light approach to educating children on food choices: Slow (red) foods that should be eaten infrequently (sweets, high fat foods); whoa! (yellow) foods that are okay to eat in smaller quantities (meats, dairy, some fats); go (green) foods – high nutrient foods, low calorie (fruits and vegetables). You will hear the students talk about this from time to time.

A comprehensive list has been provided listing four different areas that PTA will be working toward over this school year. One key area parents can help is supporting the new lunch menu concept. Come try the menu selections, eat with your student occasionally, and encourage them to try new foods. It's a whole process and one that PTA embraces, we encourage you to do so as well. Remember, it takes up to 20 times trying a new food before a child may actually say they like it – same for adults.

Visit – [www.livewellgreenville.org](http://www.livewellgreenville.org) for more information on the healthy menu concept and other great tools for healthy and safe family living! Thank you for supporting Oakview's Healthy School Initiative. Together we can make it happen.

**Preschool Books Donation Drive**

**GOT BOOKS? Oakview's preschool book donation drive is November 7-11<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Ready for Reading and the Frazee Dream Center. Your gently-used preschool book donations can help these facilities encourage families to read more with their children and increase child literacy . Please consider donating your books and help us make a difference in our community.**

**Breakfast with Dad!!!!**

October 20 at 7:00am for 2nd and 3rd grades

November 17 at 7:00am for 4th and 5th grades

## At School

**High Fructose Corn Syrup** will be eliminated from flavored milks in Greenville County Schools in 2011-12

**Locally grown foods now make up 28%** of Greenville County Schools' menus thanks to changes in procurement practices in the '10-'11 school year

Greenville County Schools will provide **culinary training on healthy scratch cooking** to cafeteria staff from 10 schools during summer 2011

District 1 (Greenville County) PTA is surveying its presidents and principals for **healthy fundraising** and incentive strategies to shift from using junk food for profit to healthier alternatives

## At Work

**"101 Ways to Promote Health at Work"** will be released during 2011

**Healthy Workplaces Toolkit** is in development, and includes assessment and planning resources for any size business to make the healthy choice the easy choice for employees

## Around Town

Completion of **sidewalk program by the County of Greenville** in the Golden Strip now connects neighborhoods, schools and shopping

**City of Greenville's Biking Master Plan** is underway

**Safe Routes to Schools underway** at Blythe Academy, which recently received a \$1,000 grant from national Safe Routes to Schools – more than half of school students participate in walk to school days

## Before and After School

DSS is piloting new **child care standards to promote healthier eating and active living** in 16 Upstate child care centers; final regulations will be released in October

LiveWell Greenville is working with **afterschool programs** to create assessments and standards for healthy eating and active living

## At the Doctor

LiveWell Greenville received an \$8,000 **grant from Eat Smart Move More SC** to pilot toolkits and motivational interviewing training in three Greenville County pediatric practices during spring and summer 2011

## At Mealtime

In partnership with BI-LO, LiveWell Greenville is releasing **tips for nutrition for youth sports** to reduce the amount of unhealthy food and drinks consumed by young athletes

LiveWell Greenville has partnered with Greenville Forward, St. Francis and the Synergy Garden to support a **Growing for Good Garden Network** linking community gardeners with local resources and education.

## For Fun

**Park locator now available online** at [livewellgreenville.org](http://livewellgreenville.org), allowing residents to search for recreation facilities near their home; a **printed map** will be available during summer 2011

The first **Safe Routes to Parks** initiative is underway in Nicholstown where residents have assessed walkability and bikeability and worked with the City of Greenville to map and mark safe routes from the neighborhood to the Swamp Rabbit Trail. A **Nicholstown bike share program** makes bikes available for free for use by residents.

## Membership

Pam Harris and Cindy Babatunde, Co-Chairs

We would like to thank all of you who bought PTA Memberships. We had a very successful campaign! We reached 100% PTA memberships for a total membership count of 1,315 which includes students and faculty.

The winners of the TCBY frozen yogurt party are the following classes: Mrs. Gaston, Mrs. Szymanska, Mrs. Mannix, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Jacobs and Ms. Clark. The frozen yogurt parties were held on September 30<sup>th</sup> during lunch.

### Friends of Oakview

Friends of Oakview fund raised over \$13,800, which is \$3,000 more than last year. We had over 225 families donate to the fund and over 15 businesses! Each and every donation amount counts! Thank you for your generosity and support of our great school!

This year these funds will be used to go towards classroom and curriculum upgrades including technology and related accessories, as well as, support the Healthy School Initiative.

We would like to recognize the families and businesses that donated \$50 or more to the Friends of Oakview fund:

**Adcock Family – Mary Paige & Madison**

**Akerhielm Family – Emma**

**Albert Family - Daphne**

**Awan Family – Yasmine & Nazneen**

**Baer Family - Peter**

**Bancks Family – Donald & Chad**

**Barron Family – Robin**

**Batt Family - Alec**

**Beeson Family – James**

**Bergman Family – Madalyn & Katelyn**

**Berryman Family - Max**

**Bishop Family – Anna**

**Black Family – Kate**

**Botzo Family – Grace, Nicholas**

**Brebion Family – Remi**

**Bristol & Lipnevicius Family – Nathan & Nicholas**

**Buford Family - Sarah**

**Burgess Family – J. Noah**

**Burns Family – Palmer**

**Cai Family - Denisha**

**Chamberlin Family – Justin**

**Chen Family - Annie**

**Cho Family – Min Ha**

**Cho Family - Randy**

**Choi Family - Allen**

**Circle Family – Natalie**

**Cole Family - Jonathon**

**Cook Family - Katherine**

**Cook Family - Zachary**

**Corvin Family – Olivia**

**Cotty Family – James**

**Cox Family – Caroline & Emily**

**Cremmins Family – Camden**

**Culumovic Family - Katie**

**Dantin Family - Simone**

**Davis Family – Lila & Liam**

**Dobson Family – Ava, Samuel & Reeves**

**Dostal Family – Efe**

**Durrell Family – Kathryn & Mary Frances**

**Enlow Family - Dakota**

**Erno Family – Lauren**

**Ernst Family - Meredith**

**Falcon Family – A.J. & Hallett**

**Featherstone Family - Mary**

**Foley Family – Christina**

**Ford Family - Brady**

**Frank Family – Christian, Lucina & Patrick**

**Frey Family – Kernan & Cecilia**

**Friend of Oakview PTA**

**Gallagher Family – Caroline & Ryan**

**Gambino Family – George**

**Gardner Family – Claudia**

**Garg Family - Sonia**

**Gilpin Family - Amy**

**Gorman Family - Karleigh**

**Gower Family – Ellison**

**Greene Family – Lawson**

**Griffin Family - Teddy**

**Gruidl Family – Cate & Claire**

**Gyomory Family – Mark**

**Hall Family - Allie**

**Hall Family – Olivia**

**Harris Family – Jacqueline & Pearson**

**Harrison Family - Kate**

**Helmer Family - Austin**

**Hirschburger Family – Alex & Nicholas**

**Hodge Family – Brandon**

**Hunter Family - Kathleen**

**Hunter Family – Thomas**

**Irwin Family - Ryley**

**Jennings Family – Preston**

**Jevens Family – Jack**

**Jones Family – Abby**

**Jones Family - Jack**

**Jordan Family – Ava & Colin**

**Karim Family – Haseeba & Humyra**

**Kissenberth Family – Luke**

**Kneeland Family – Eleanor, Herb & Henry**

**Koelsch Family – Samuel & Madeleine**

**Kolarik Family – Michael & Kelsey**

**Koller Family – William & Elizabeth**

**Knight Family – Philip**

**Kupec Family – Drew & Grant**

**Larocque Family – Marissa**

**Lee Family – Charlotte**

**Lehrer Family – Skyler**

**Leiter Family – Carter & Aiden**

**Leong Family – Athena & Nelia**

**Lewis Family – Mills**

**Lindberg Family -Claire**

**Lombel Family – Drew, John & Kate**

**Lonergan Family – Jack, Kyle & Chloe**

**Lopez Family - Isabella**

**Ludkowski Family – Nicolas**

**Madden Family – Kennedy, Mary Michael & James**

**MaKosiej Family – Margaret & Erin**

**Marullo Family - Gianna**

**Masters Family – Joshua & Claudia**

**McBride Family – Emily**

**Malone Family - Meghan**

**Manfredi Family – Mackenzie & Bailey**

**Mathews Family - Porter**

**McClure Family – Ellis & Kate**

**Miller Family – Caroline & Carson**

**Morris Family – Gavin, Elizabeth & Griffin**

**Mosher Family – Will**

**Murayama Family – Atsuki**

**Nichols Family – Jacob & Will**

**Nicholson Family – Connor & Joshua**

**Northcutt Family – Luke & Nathan**

**Noya Family – Sayaka**

**Oates Family – Jack**

## Ways and Means

Michelle Inzerillo and Melissa Pair, Co-Chairs

Our fundraisers were Awesome!!! We hope everyone is enjoying their Mink & Co. and Mixed Bag Design items and Entertainment Books. We want to thank all our volunteers for their help and hard work and a great big thank you to all our Oakview families for supporting our school!

You will find the PTA's expense report in the Acorn this year. We hope this will make it easier for everyone to see what monies we make and how we help Oakview and our children throughout the year. Don't forget, if you haven't picked up your Mink/Mixed Bag order,

please do so at the front office as soon as possible. Looking ahead, we are already in full swing preparing for our Hootenanny on Friday, November 4th! Thank you for donating items and your time that night for the kids!!!

## Programs

Michelle Rumble, Chair

It has been a busy month for our Programs committees. We hosted a "Breakfast For Dads" at Oakview for kindergarten and first grade students and their fathers. We would like to thank our generous sponsors **Greenville First** and **Carolina Coffee Roasters**. With their support our "Breakfast For Dads" program was a resounding success. A big thanks goes to committee chair **Patti Funderburk** and the many volunteers that showed up at dawn to coordinate the breakfast. A great time was had by all and memories were made. It was heartwarming to see all the dads enjoy the opportunity to go to school and meet their child's teachers and have breakfast. Look for the next "Breakfast For Dads" event' It will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> for second and third grade students and November 17<sup>th</sup> for fourth and fifth grade students. It will be from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. We hope to see you there!

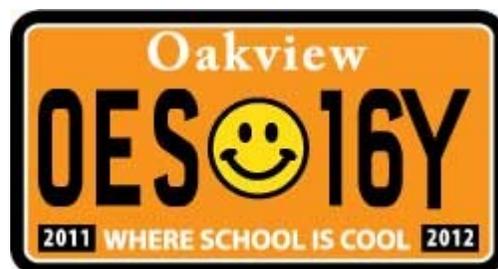
Our next program coming up will be

Red Ribbon Week. Our committee chair **Angie Hill** has been working tirelessly on this program for the last month, along with **Mrs. Carrie Prochaska** adviser.

There are many exciting activities planned for Red Ribbon week. On Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, the safety patrols will participate in a healthy kids program sponsored by the Junior League and have lunch at a park or Flour Field. On Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be school-wide kick off assemblies with Master Kim, a police officer and a police dog. Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> is "Sock it to drugs day", students will wear crazy socks. Wednesday, October 25 is "Hats off to healthy living" students will wear a crazy hat. Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> we will "Team up against drugs" by wearing a favorite team t-shirt or jersey, and to wrap it all up on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> we will be "Red"y to be healthy and drug free" by wearing red to school. In conjunction with the drug free ac-

tivities, a toothbrush drive will be held all week to support United Ministries for distribution to the homeless. Red tulip bulbs will be planted to remind students in the spring of their commitment to be healthy and drug free.

If you are updating your child's reading selections at home and you are wondering what to do with all the old preschool books, consider donating to the Preschool Book Collection on the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Last year Oakview collected over 1700 books for the various organizations in Greenville County. This helped many children get a head start for kindergarten by assisting early reading programs. We are fortunate in the Oakview community to have the support of our volunteers and administration to be able to offer so many enriching programs to our students! Have a great Fall and look for the next Acorn for more news on Oakview's programs.





**The “Hootenanny” Fall Festival**  
**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 including Family BINGO, Cake Walk, Bake Sale, and more! **ROLLING VIDEO GAMES** truck will be at Hootenanny year!!! It's a mobile video game theater with FOUR widescreen TVs & a variety of video games! There will be more confetti eggs and silly string than ever plus enjoy new games like Angry Birds! Be sure to check out the “**HOOT LOOT**” shop to get your flashing light hats and sunglasses, Hair Feathers, Snip-Its Hair Designs, and other fun flashing light accessories for your 2011 Hootenanny pictures in the Photo Booth!

Please join us for dinner with **Chick-fil-A, Salsarita's, & Tony's Pizza** then enjoy TCBY, funnel cakes, kettle corn along with your **Carolina Coffee Roasters** coffee and hot chocolate! Carolina Coffee has prepared a special Hoot blend which will be available for purchase at Hootenanny. Thank you to our Golden Oak sponsor Fogle Orthodontics, Silver Oak Carolina Coffee Roasters, Chick Fil A, Crockett Pediatric Dentistry, Greenville First Bank, Harrison Orthodontics, Palmetto Family Orthodontics, Summers Orthodontics and Bronze Acorn sponsor TCBY.

**So please join us and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! (All students 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd**

**\$5 & \$10 Bingo Prizes**

*IF YOU MISSED THIS DATE- PLEASE STILL DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS!*

**CANDY and 2-liter DRINKS:**

**DUE BY MON, OCTOBER 31st**

*Please drop off your donations in the collection boxes on the cafeteria stage any time of day.*

**BAKE SALE and CAKE WALK donations:**

**DUE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th by 9:00 A.M.!**

**BAKE SALE-** *Please package bake sale items for individual sale (one large brownie or cookie bar/ 2 cookies) Please wrap in clear plastic wrap or clear baggies and label with baker's name and phone number..*

**CAKE WALK-** *Please package in clear plastic wrap or place in box with a window for viewing and label with baker's name and phone number.*

**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.**

**LUNCH ROOM BAKE SALE:**

Individual Bake Sale goodies will be on sale to students during lunch on Friday, Nov 4th.

All items cost .50 cents. Please send CASH ONLY for Bake Sale purchases.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual - CAKE WALK CONTEST!**

New to Hootenanny this year will be a CAKE DECORATING CONTEST! We receive so many incredible cakes each year from our generous volunteers and a contest will be held to recognize these talented individuals. There will be Youth and Adult divisions with category themes to include: Best Owl, School is Cool, Most Creative, Youth- Best Character, and Adult- Most Beautiful! We welcome EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE, even if you're not signed up to donate for cake walk! The contest is optional and participant isn't required-

we want all types of cakes. The Hootenanny Committee is looking forward to the most successful and exciting Cake walk ever! More details to come in the Hoot packet.

**WHOOOO's**

**LUCKY????????????????**

Would your child to like to win \$60 in free tickets???? From Oct. 17- Nov. 3 you may submit a \$1 per raffle ticket for a chance to win. Enter as many times as you would like! The winner will be announced during the Morning news on Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>!

**HOOTENANNY TICKETS**

**PRE-SALE**

ALL TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH AND WILL BE PRE-SOLD in \$10 PACKETS!

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 31st - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2** – tickets will be available PRE-SALE through your child's communication folder (cash or check ONLY) and will be distributed THURSDAY, Thursday Nov. 3rd.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd 7:30-8:30am** — in the front lobby

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>- 7:30a.m.-3:30pm** — in the front lobby

During the pre-sale Thursday & Friday and at the festival, credit cards will also be accepted (a nominal processing fee will be added). Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be pre-sold in \$10 packets. Tickets will also be sold during the festival from 3 ticket booths!

**HOOTENANNY VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS:**

***Please join us to make paper flowers & do easy prep work!***

**Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 3**

**7:30-10:30am in the Cafetorium**

**Drop-In Style, come for as long as you can!**

## Red Ribbon Week



**OAKVIEW  
ELEMENTARY**  
**Red Ribbon Week**  
**October 24-28**  
**E Z 2 B**

**Drug Free at Our Cool School!**

We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week by making a commitment to healthy living!

Students are invited to participate by:

**Monday, October 24**

**RED RIBBON KICK-OFF ASSEMBLIES**  
(Students receive & wear Red Ribbons!)

**Tuesday, October 25**

**SOCK IT TO DRUGS** (Students wear crazy socks!)

**Wednesday, October 26**

**HATS OFF TO HEALTHY LIVING**  
(Students allowed to wear hats to school!)  
**BRUSH AWAY DRUGS** (Students may donate toothbrushes and toothpaste for needy children. These will be collected during morning car & bus drop off.)

**Thursday, October 27**

**OUR TEAM IS DRUG FREE** (Students wear favorite team shirts!)

**Friday, October 28**

**WE ARE READY TO BE HEALTHY AND DRUG FREE!** (Students wear red to school—NO face paint or hair paint.)



## Legislative Updates Karen Akerhielm, Chair

### Stay Informed on Issues Impacting our Students

Are you interested in how our students will be affected by decisions being made by our state legislators? Do you want to know how to contact them and voice your opinion? Are you willing to take 5 minutes to learn about an issue and take action to support our school and our students? If yes, please join parents at Oakview and across Greenville County who stay informed by subscribing to *NEWS-ACTION*, and eNewsletter from

**Public Education Partners.** To sign up go to [www.PublicEdPartnersGC.org](http://www.PublicEdPartnersGC.org), click on "Public Policy," then click on "*NEWS-ACTION*."

### Did you Know?

Of all the funds spent to operate our school district, 72% goes to instruction and instructional support while less than 2% is spent for district administration. (Source: In\$ite, South Carolina Department of Education.)

### Upcoming Event

On Monday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Oakview Cafeteria, Craig Stine of Public Education Partners will speak to parents interested in learning about education funding in our state, and what our state legislators are up to these days in terms of education issues. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend! This event is sponsored by the Oakview PTA Legislative Committee and the Oakview School Improvement Council (SIC).

### **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 Direction's to ensure adequate parking for all. Thank You!

### Welcome Back!

We are Oakview's School Counselors, and we hope you and your children have had a smooth start to the school year. An important question we plan to address this year is "How are our students different as a result of what our School Counselors do?" So here is an overview of what we do as School Counselors at Oakview Elementary.

#### Students and Parents:

- Classroom Guidance – We go to each classroom once a month and teach a lesson on Character Education.
- Individual Counseling – We meet individually with students through parent, student, or teacher requests.
- Small Group Counseling – We hold Small Groups on topics such as Friendship, Changing Families, Study Skills, and Grief. Other groups will be held for any additional concerns that may arise. Parental approval is required.

Parent Conferences – We are available to meet for Parent Conferences and also during Teacher Conferences.

#### Community:

- "Fill-a-Backpack" Program - This is a time when parents can purchase various school items to give to children who do not have their necessary school supplies.

- "Books for the Homeless" - During our School Book Fairs, we have "Books for the Homeless." Parents can purchase or donate new books, and students can donate their extra change. All books go to children in local homeless shelters.

"Giving Tree" - At Christmas, we partner with the Salvation Army to help make the holidays brighter for local children.

#### Testing:

We serve as the School Test Coordinators for ITBS in the fall for second graders and PASS in the spring for third-fifth graders.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us:

Allyson Blackwell – K-5, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades – 355-7103 or [abblackw@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:abblackw@greenville.k12.sc.us)

Gwen Daughtry – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades – 355-7104 or [gdaughtr@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:gdaughtr@greenville.k12.sc.us)

"Life is a Highway – We are on the Road to Success!"

We are excited to introduce the new Guidance Program that we will be implementing this year. We will be using words from the LifeSkills Program developed by Susan Kovalik. This program reinforces good behaviors and traits that all students should exhibit. Having a common lan-

guage throughout the school will help create a positive and consistent school environment. It is important that these LifeSkills are taught to all students, so the words will be displayed in all of the classrooms. By using these words consistently as a school, our students will begin to understand that these are the skills that will help them to be successful in life.

Our theme is "Life is a Highway – We are on the Road to Success!" Instead of referring to the character traits as LifeSkills, we are calling them "Life Signs for Success." We will focus on the following "Life Signs for Success" in our monthly Classroom Guidance lessons: organization, responsibility, problem-solving, cooperation, common sense, perseverance, patience, and flexibility.

We are excited about this new program, and we know that this will encourage our students to make good choices in their behavior as they continue on their road to success!

#### Upcoming Events:

**Books for the Homeless –**

**Book Fair – October 2-7**

**ITBS Testing for Second Graders –  
November 2-4, 8-10**

**"Changing Families" Small Groups  
for all grades – October/  
November**

# Volunteers

## Nicole Westmoreland and Mindy Kupec, Co-Chairs

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

Thank you for taking the time to sign up for the opportunities that most interest you. We appreciate any amount of your time. From SEEDS and Reading Tutors to giving our teachers a much needed break at Lunch Bunch, your time is valuable to our school. If you have not had the chance to sign up as a classroom volunteer, please contact your Room Coordinator. If you have any questions regarding how to volunteer, please contact Nicole Westmoreland at [nicolew1@charter.net](mailto:nicolew1@charter.net) or Mindy Kupec at

[mindykupec@gmail.com](mailto:mindykupec@gmail.com). We will help to point you in the right direction.

Thank you for committing to making Oakview a safe place for our children. With the implementation of the new computer system in the front office, our children are even better protected.

Please do not forget to bring your driver's license or state issued ID when visiting the school. If you are volunteering, you should only need your driver's license the first time once we get you entered into the system. We appreciate your patience in this time of transition.

Not only is the system great for keeping our school safe, it is great for tracking volunteer hours. The PTA reports volunteer hours to the PTA District Office. Please don't forget all those tireless hours that you dedicate at home. There are forms at the desk in the lobby or you can email them to Mindy Kupec at [mindykupec@gmail.com](mailto:mindykupec@gmail.com).

[pec@gmail.com](mailto:pec@gmail.com) with the date, description and number of hours. 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.

Our next big opportunity to volunteer is the always fun Hootenanny on November 4th. Please don't forget to send in those cans of silly string, tissue paper and Bingo prizes. Also, if your classroom still has slots left, you won't want to miss out giving an hour to your booth. Seeing the look on the children's faces is priceless. It's an event that they will never forget!

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

## Membership (Continued from page 4)

Oeser Family – Richard & Timothy  
Panuccio Family - Abbie  
Parker Family – Cley & Camden  
Pesttrak Family – John & Michael  
Reavis Family – Anna Kerr  
Reeder Family – Caroline  
Robbins Family - Ellie  
Rodriguez Family – Nicholas & Elaina  
Rodriguez Family – Thomas  
Rogers Family – Evan & Maddie  
Runnion Family – Kell & Lily  
Rushing Family – Kenneth & James  
Salgado Family – Marcos  
Salih Family – Clara & Juliet  
Sallurday Family – Ana  
Sanders Family – Alexandra  
Sandhu Family – Ishita  
Santillanez Family – Andrea  
Sathya Family - Siddhart  
Saunders Family – Kate  
Schemm Family - Thomas  
Scott Family – Addison & Caroline  
Shorter Family – Noelle  
Smith Family – Drew

Smith Family - Jenny  
Smith Family – Sam  
Soapes Family – Jackson  
Soenke Family – Augie  
Spikings Family – Meghan, Ashley & Dillon  
Stewart Family – Caroline & Bobby  
Stoudemire Family – Dylan  
Strohmaier Family - Grant  
Supra Family – Maurena  
Taylor Family – Charlie  
Taylor Family – Zac  
Tso Family – Kyle  
Vanderbloemen Family - Sutton  
Veness Family – Anna Grace  
Violette Family – Connor  
Ward Family – Brandon & Justin  
Weber Family - Justin  
Weeks Family – Emily & Anna  
Westmoreland Family – Connor & Dillon  
Whitehill Family – Brooke  
Wood Family – Lyndsay  
Yarrow Family – Addisen

Yenser Family – Drew & Meg  
Yi Family – Rachel & Eunice  
Zemp Family – Annie  
Zhao Family - Maxwell  
Ziegler Family – Maria & Sofia  
Wang Family – Renee  
Businesses:  
Ashby Park Pediatric Dentistry  
AstraZenca  
Cisco  
EAB Accounting Services LLC  
General Electric  
Herff Jones Yearbooks, Devon Swale  
Human Technologies, Inc.  
KMC Benefits, Inc.  
Michelin  
Oasys Solutions Group  
Parkside Pediatrics  
Pfizer  
Richey and Richey, PA  
Roto-Rooter  
Shannon Owens – Remax Realty Professionals  
Southside Medical Center



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**Etc.!!!**



# Oakview PTA

## Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual

July through September 2011

<u>Income</u>	<u>July-Sep 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Bi-lo	970.59	2,000.00
Boosterthon Fun Run/Walk	-	68,000.00
Box Tops	-	2,000.00
Chick-Fil-A	0.00	1,200.00
Directory - Other	2,296.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Directory</b>	<b>5,396.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Elf Shelf	-	7,000.00
Entertainment Books	11,460.00	11,000.00
Friends of Oakview - Other	14,160.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Friends of Oakview</b>	<b>15,660.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
Hootenanny	-	37,500.00
Interest Income	84.62	200.00
Membership - PTA	6,010.00	6,000.00
Mink & Co - Other	30,959.74	37,500.00
<b>Total Mink &amp; Co</b>	<b>47,607.74</b>	<b>37,500.00</b>
Publix	708.14	2,000.00
Restaurant Nights	231.00	1,000.00
School Store	193.77	4,500.00
Spirit Wear	16,951.50	17,000.00
Target	478.63	500.00
x Balance from PY	-	12,597.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 105,751.99</b>	<b>\$ 226,997.50</b>

<u>Cost of Goods Sold</u>		
Boosterthon Expense	2,000.00	36,000.00
Directory Expense	36.19	2,000.00
Elf Shelf Expense	-	4,500.00
Entertainment Book Expense	-	5,500.00
Friends of Oakview Expense	51.59	-
Hootenanny Expense	1,668.64	18,000.00
Membership - PTA Expense	4,580.33	4,800.00
Mink & Company Expense - Other	250.06	18,750.00
<b>Total Mink &amp; Company Expense</b>	<b>8,570.86</b>	<b>18,750.00</b>
Restaurant Nights Expense	72.37	-
School Store Expense	-	3,000.00
Spirit Wear Expense	7,578.15	11,000.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>\$ 24,558.13</b>	<b>\$ 103,550.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 81,193.86</b>	<b>\$ 123,447.50</b>



**Fall Festival on the Farm**  
**Roper Mountain Science Center**  
 Saturday, November 12  
 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

**Garden Work Day**  
**It's Pansy Planting Time!**

Thursday, October 13  
 Saturday, October 22  
 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Come for all or part of the time.

Bring garden gloves & tools  
 Rain Date:

October 29 from 8:30 – 11:30 am



**America Recycles Week**  
**November 14 - 18**  
 Oakview will celebrate America Recycles

Week from Monday, November 14th through Friday, November 18th. We encourage all children to bring in recyclable items from the list below. The Earth Savers and 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, Juice Pouches, Glue Sticks, Packaging Materials (Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, small boxes), Batteries (all except Alkaline Batteries), Electronics: laptops, digital cameras, game systems, etc, Tennis Shoes



**Monarchs in the Classrooms**  
 Second and third grade students went on Caterpillar Safaris to Oakview's but-

terfly garden in search of caterpillars and caterpillar eggs. They found monarch, fritillary and swallowtail caterpillars. Students in each classroom observed the life cycle of the butterfly as they cared for their caterpillars and butterflies. They celebrated when they released their butterflies and wished the monarchs well as they began their journeys to Mexico.

**Save your Old Shoes –**

**Even Nasty Tennis Shoes!**

Oakview's Earth Savers Club will collect your old shoes during America Recycles Week, Nov. 14 – 18. We will donate all shoes that are in good condition to local charities for reuse. We will send any tennis shoes that are in poor condition to Nike's ReUse-A-Shoe program. These will be used to make playground mulch, tracks, and playground surfaces. Nike donates these to under privileged communities in the United States and around the world.

## Calendar of Events

### October

Oct 11 Happy Pie Restaurant Night  
 Oct 13-14 Teacher Workdays - NO SCHOOL  
 Oct 18 Chic-fil-A Night  
 Oct 20 Breakfast with Dad—2nd & 3rd grades  
 Oct 22-30 Red Ribbon Week  
 Oct 26 Stevie B's Night  
 Oct 28 Fall Treat

### November

Nov 2 PTA Meeting 9AM  
 Nov 4 Hootenanny Fall Festival  
 Nov 8 Sabrosos Restaurant Night  
 Nov 7-11 Preschool Book Donation Drive  
 Nov 8 ACORN Distributed  
 Nov 9 Formano's Restaurant Night  
 Nov 17 Breakfast with Dad - 4th & 5th grades  
 Nov 22 Thanksgiving Treat  
 Nov 22 Chick-fil-a Night  
 Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break—No School

## 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:

Mrs. Carrie Prochaska  
 Mrs. Terri Wheeler-Hawkins

#### PTA President:

Kelle Corvin

#### Newsletter Editor:

Tate Nicolini, [tatenicolini@yahoo.com](mailto:tatenicolini@yahoo.com)

#### 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.

