



Oakview Elementary School PTA

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Principal's Report

Dr. Phillip Reavis, Principal

Year in Review

I wish to extend a sincere thanks to faculty/staff members, parents, community members, and other district employees who have contributed so much to make the 2012-2013 school year a tremendous success! Oakview Elementary School continues to set itself apart as a leader in the district, state, and nation as we work together for student success. The school received its 12th consecutive Palmetto Gold Award, earned a grade of "A" on its state report card, and was recognized by the state with a second Palmetto Gold Award for "closing the achievement gap" for students who historically underachieve on state tests. The faculty, staff, and PTA worked together to organize events such as Family Math, Science, and Technology Night and the Hootenanny, to name just two. PTA provided direct support for instruction through the purchase of iPads and leveled readers! Oakview was recognized as a Safe Kids Schools for the 8th consecutive year! These accomplishments could only happen through the joint efforts of everyone at the school! Thank you ALL!

Oakview Receives Healthy School Award

Congratulations to Oakview Elementary School! LiveWell Greenville has recognized Oakview as a school which is "making a healthy choice an easy choice" for students. As a 2013 award recipient, the school received \$250, a plaque, and a banner. The funds will be applied toward expansion of the school's health and wellness initiatives and the banner will hang in the school's cafeteria.

Oakview proudly accepts this honor from LiveWell Greenville as a reflection of its commitment to health and wellness. Since the enactment of state legislation in 2005, Oakview has broadened its efforts to improve student health. A new cafeteria menu, daily fitness walks, filtered water "Hydration Stations" in the cafeteria, "Five Minute Fitness" to start each day, numerous before and after school clubs, student participation in local fun run marathons, and a Health and Wellness Night are just a few examples to demonstrate Oakview's commitment to improved student health. Congratulations to Oakview!

Teacher Assignments for 2013-2014

Letters requesting a certain teacher for next year are not accepted. We ask that parents allow the school staff to make professional judgments with respect to student placements. Letters containing the following information will immediately be discarded: 1) naming a teacher, 2) requesting an experienced teacher or a new teacher, and 3) requesting that certain students be in the same/different classes (with the exception of twins, triplets, etc.) Thank you for supporting the process of teacher assignments as we work with the many students here at Oakview Elementary School.

Summer Office Hours/Registration

We will keep summer office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays. If you or someone you know needs to register a student for next year, please come by ASAP!! Information regarding registration can be found on our web site.

5th Grade Day

Our tribes will be named and soon we will be ready to face the challenge : we will all be Survivors!!

Our 2013 Fifth Grade Day is Friday May 31

We are looking forward to a day filled with fun and friends.

Thank you to the many people who have helped coordinate this special day. We could not make this a successful day for the Fifth graders without your creativity, time and effort. And of course, thank you to our Fifth grade teachers who do so very much for our children.

Special thanks to the sponsors who have helped make this day possible:

Best Upholstery
Haywood Smiles Design
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JFreeman & Associates
Nail Forte
Quality Electrical
Richey & Richey Law
Roto Rooter Plumbing
Upstate Veterinary Specialist
Wheeler Body Shop



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2013-2014

Volunteers are still needed to chair Reflections and Restaurant Nights for next school year. If you are interested or have further questions, email Jean Scott at dianajescott@yahoo.com.



President's Report

Mindy Kupec, PTA President

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your PTA President this year. It has been fun and challenging and I am so very proud of our school. Thank you to everyone for helping this year to go smoothly.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Beth Mitchell, our library media specialist and Gale Bagwell, our school secretary for all of their hard work in helping our school win the visit from Jan Brett next spring. What a fantastic opportunity for Oakview.

I would like to also say thank you to the wonderful teachers and staff that helped with the Volunteer Appreciation breakfast. The food and entertainment were fantastic. I would like to mention the awards that the PTA gave out this year:

PTA Volunteer of the Year: Mrs. Cyndi Jennings*

PTA Principal of the Year: Mrs. Terri Wheeler-Hawkins*

PTA Teacher of the Year: Ms. Kristen Angelo

PTA Support Staff of the Year: Mrs. Gwen Daughtry

Each one of these individuals was incredibly deserving of their awards. I also had the privilege of honoring two other individuals with the "You Make a Difference" Award: Mr. Dave Gorman and Mrs. Christi Yenser. There is one person that I wanted to give accolades- Mrs. Kelle Corvin. We are lucky at Oakview to have such a dedicated parent in our midst. Not only has Kelle been PTA President and Vice President of Ways and Means the past two years, but she also served as the SE Council PTA President and is currently District One PTA President.

I am proud of what our PTA has been able to accomplish this year: we were able to purchase 30 iPads for the school; we gave our wonderful teachers \$4000 in mini grants; gave each teacher, full and part time, over \$21,000 in individual classroom assistance; we helped add instruments to our music department; completed the leveled readers; and gave money to help with copier support. I feel very fortunate to have been President representing such dedicated and fantastic parents and teachers.

Oakview PTA also won two awards from the SC PTA for Excellence in Parent and Community involvement and Enrichment. We couldn't have done it without you.

As we look to next year, I hope that you will reflect on what your favorite volunteer activities were this year and where you might want to help next year. Remember, all PTA board meetings are open to all parents. We hope to continue our tremendous parent-teacher-administration partnership at Oakview. I want to wish next year's President, Beth Ann Graham and the new incoming PTA Board a wonderful year. Thanks again for a great year and have a great summer!

*See pictures of Mrs. Wheeler-Hawkins and Mrs. Jennings on page 5.



Spirit wear is on SALE now! It's not too late to get an Oakview T-shirt! We have reduced the price of these shirts to \$7.00. Perfect for field day!! T-shirts are available for purchase at the school store. Any questions?? Aimee Lonergan aimeemalia@gmail.com or Kim Robertson kimrobertson@bellsouth.net

Camp Scholarships

Can you believe that it's May already? Summer will soon be upon us. With your help, this summer could be an unforgettable one for a child from our Oakview Community. While some children are able to go to camp every summer, others have never had that chance. We have a chance to change that. How can you help? Simply by dining out our **Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday, May 21**. Our proceeds from that restaurant night will go towards a scholarship for Winshape camp held locally at Southside Christian School July 1-5. Winshape is a 5 day camp where kids can learn and enjoy activities of their choice such as archery, drama, photography and more. Hope to see you on the 21st. Make sure you let them know you are there for Spirit Night!

Student Holiday

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)

Calendar of Events

May

May 1& 2	2nd Grade Mother's Day Play
May 6	PTA Meeting
May 7-10	PASS Testing
May 16	Kindergarten Parent Orientation
May 17	Twisted Cup Night
May 21	Chik-fil-A Night
May 23	Kindergarten Parent Orientation
May 27	Memorial Day, no school
May 31	5th Grade Day Yearbook Day

June

June 4	Half day, field day K & 1 5th Grade Awards Day
June 5	Half day, field day 2 & 3 4rd Grade Awards Day
June 6	Half day, field day 4 & 5 3rd Grade Awards Day Last day of school!!



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



School Information

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.





PTA Volunteer of the Year, Cyndi Jennings and her 5th grader, Preston.



PTA Principal of the Year, Terri Wheeler-Hawkins, her husband, Rick and 5th grade daughter, Brooklee.



It is hard to believe this is our last article of the year! We know that this is truly the busiest time of the year for EVERYONE. Between sports and activities, our day to day schedule has really been affected. We thank you for all of your continued support of Oakview as we wind down the year.

First, we would like to give a special thanks to the teacher volunteers for hosting a lovely Volunteer Breakfast in April. We want to congratulate Cyndi Jennings, for being awarded Volunteer of the Year, and also Dave Gorman & Christi Yenser for each being presented with a Make a Difference Award! Thank you for your hard work!

We would like to recognize our 2012-2013 Grade Level and Related Arts Coordinators: Jen Pestrak, Lauren Adams, Heather Peck, Stephanie Schatteman, Julie Wells, Cyndi Jennings and Maggie Taylor. A special appreciation also goes out to our dedicated team of Room Coordinators. We could not do what we do without all of you! Thank you all so much for your the countless hours that you and your classes contributed to our teachers and children this past year.

We would like to thank you all for everything you have done to make this year such a great success! Those of you who are veteran volunteers and will be moving onto middle school next year, we thank you for your years of service! You have made a difference here at Oakview and have helped pave the road for our future volunteers. If you were a first time volunteer this year, we welcome you and thank you for jumping in!

If you have questions about how to get more involved next year, please ask!

Lastly, we thank you for your support during Teacher Appreciation Week! It's been a busy time with a lot of communication going out.

Our last big volunteer need will be during the field days. Be watching for a Sign Up Genius to see how you can help make these last days of school memorable and fun!

