



# *The Acorn*

*News Blast*

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*Oakview Principal*

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## **Welcome Back!**

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Oakview Elementary School, welcome back to school! In particular, I welcome our new families and trust you will soon discover that Oakview is indeed a “Habitat for Learning!”

## ***The Lazy Days of Summer?***

While you relaxed on the beach or by the pool, we were busy at school! Here’s just a few of our summer activities.

- Counting and sorting thousands of new math textbooks!
- Employees participated in dozens of workshops at the annual GCS “Summer Academy.”
- Fourteen rising first grade students attended “Footsteps to First Grade,” a four week, invitation only, readiness program.
- The custodial services team waxed tile floors and cleaned carpet in the building totaling approximately 120,000 square feet.
- New lighting was installed above the stage; new murals were painted on the third grade hall and behind the stage; and three flat screen televisions were mounted in the cafeteria.
- Greenville County Schools Food and Nutrition Services installed a new serving line in the kitchen.
- A fresh coat of paint was applied to all classrooms, halls, and other spaces throughout the building.

## *PTA President*

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Welcome back!! As Oakview is a habitat for learning, we'd like to invite each of you to "Come Grow With Us" this year. As you look at our new tree, you'll find the trunk is full of character traits we see everyday in Oakview students, teachers, and staff; and the leaves showcase the many opportunities parents have to make a difference in our children's education. Check out the article from our volunteer chairs or our website [www.Oakviewpta.com](http://www.Oakviewpta.com) to see how you can become involved. A great start is by joining PTA! We have always maintained 100% membership, and by having a parent registered for each child, we can continue to do so.

Another wonderful way to contribute is through "Friends of Oakview" which allows parents and businesses to donate directly to our school. This year we are looking to enhance technology, create new ways to encourage literacy, and purchase a new kiln for the art room!

I'm very excited to get this year underway and look forward to working with each one of you. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other board members with questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at our first general PTA meeting on September 5 during curriculum night. Here's to the greatest year yet!

## *School Spirit*

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Stop by Twisted Cup after Meet the Teacher to celebrate back to school. Enjoy a tasty treat from 1-7, tell them you are with Oakview, and a percentage of the sales will come back to the school.

Looking for another way to show your school spirit? T-shirts and magnets will be on sale at Meet the Teacher. Wear your new navy Oakview T-shirt on Friday, August 30 for our first Spirit Day! Hoodies and jackets are also available to order in pink or gray for when the weather gets cold--perfect for wearing to Oakview's Hootenanny fall festival scheduled for Friday, November 1!

## *New Families*

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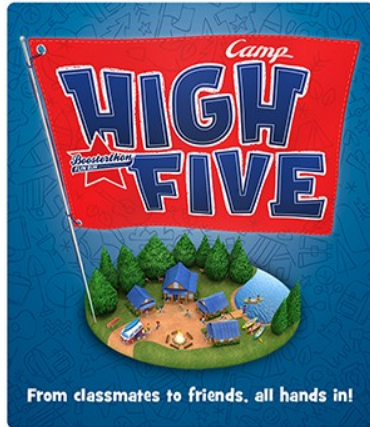
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families to Oakview! If this is your family's first year at our wonderful school, we want to invite you to a special meeting with our Principal, Dr. Reavis. This will take place on **Friday, August 30**, immediately following the Volunteer Breakfast. This meeting gives you an opportunity to get answers to any questions you or 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!

## *New Faculty & Staff*

*Dr. Phillip Reavis, preavis@greenville.k12.sc.us*

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

*Catherine Balcer – Special Education  
Lyndon Johnson – Special Education Aide  
Lindsey Young – Special Education Aide  
Barbara McClernon – Special Education  
Katelin Hawkins – Music  
Kimberly Muhlheim – Art  
Sherri Brookie – Gifted Education  
Charnley DeMeritt – Science Lab  
Julie Aldie – Nurse  
Cassandra Burgess – Extended Day Program Director  
Ed Matthews – Groundskeeper  
Nellie Suber – Custodian  
Rena Huffman – Cafeteria Manager  
Jerome Jumper – Food Service Worker  
Lisette Bishop – Food Service Worker*



Welcome Back to School everyone! With the start of school, we will also be getting ready for this year's MAIN fundraising event, the Boosterthon Fun Run!!

Our run last spring was a **tremendous** success, and SO much fun!!!

This year's event has a new theme, ***Camp High Five: From Classmates to Friends, All Hands In!***

We hope this year's character education theme will build on what our students learned last year in developing leadership and character traits we want all of our children to have.

**Important dates:**

**Student Pep Rally:** Tuesday, September 3

**Fun Run:** Thursday, September 12

More information will follow, but please direct any questions to the Boosterthon Chairpersons, Paula Gorman ([dandpgorman@me.com](mailto:dandpgorman@me.com)) or Dave Gorman ([dgorman@davmail.org](mailto:dgorman@davmail.org)).



## *Volunteers*

*Kimberly Masters & Julie Wells, Francine Morris; jfmorris826@gamil.com*

Whether this is your first time volunteering or you are a seasoned veteran, we are looking forward to working together to help our school and children have the best year possible! There are several ways to learn about the various volunteer opportunities available you this year.

### **MEET THE TEACHER**

*Friday, August 16*

Check your Welcome Packet for a bright pink Volunteer Opportunity Form to fill out and return to your teacher no later than September 6.

### **VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST**

*Friday, August 30*

Enjoy social time with friends while enjoying coffee and morning treats. The board members will be there to share information and answer any questions you may have about the different programs and activities Oakview organizes throughout the year.

### **OPEN HOUSE & CURRICULUM NIGHT**

*Thursday, September 5*

One of the many things you will learn during this evening will be what specific volunteer needs your child's classroom may have.

**PTA WEBSITE:** [www.oakviewpta.com](http://www.oakviewpta.com) In addition to current events, the PTA Board members are listed here. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about volunteering at Oakview. You can find our contact information under the Volunteer's section of the website.

## *Oakview is ONLINE*

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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, GCS Student Behavior Code, forms for various programs, and updates on current events! The school calendar will be updated daily so check it frequently!

# Calendar of Events

August 21	First day of school
August 21	Twisted Cup night
August 28	PTA Board Meeting
August 30	Volunteer Breakfast
August 30	Spirit Day
September 2	Student holiday
September 3—26	MAP testing
September 5	PTA meeting, Open house/curriculum night
September 9 & 10	School night for Scouting/Boy Scouts
September 12	Boosterthon Fun Run
September 13	Room Coordinator breakfast
September 17	Chik-fil-A night
September 24	SEEDS training
September 26	Breakfast with Dad, K5
September 27	Bully prevention presentation



Come grow with us!