

IN A NUTSHELL

Oak Forest Montessori School (OFMS)

2000 Greenleaf Street
Longview, Texas 75605

A note from Ms. Beth:

Hello OFMS Community!

We hope that you were able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather over the Easter weekend.

As you know, Mrs. Tracie Vineyard joined the OFMS team on March 30th. If you have not had the opportunity to meet her please stop by the office and introduce yourself! We are very excited to have her on board.

Enrollment is now open to the general public. If you have not turned your contracts and fees in please do so ASAP! Spots are filling quickly. Registration and supply fees must be turned in with your contract to ensure a spot for the fall.

Please be sure and read our important reminders section. We do not want you to miss out on anything!

As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Guiding one heart, one mind, one child at a time,

Beth



IMPORTANT DATES

April 10- Classroom Group Photos
(students do wear uniforms)

May 25- SCHOOL CLOSED-Memorial Day

May 29- Last day of the spring semester/End of the year classroom parties

June 1-2: SCHOOL CLOSED-Staff Development

June 8: Parkway swimming lessons begin

July 3: SCHOOL CLOSED-Independence Day

Purpose: To provide a carefully planned, stimulating environment with an enriched Montessori curriculum which will help the child develop within him/herself a foundation of habits, attitudes, skills and ideas which are essential for a lifetime of creative thinking and learning. To enable a child to become a compassionate, responsible contributing member of society who is respectful of others and the environment.

Logo: Our logo is the two hands reaching into the sky for two oak leaves. We chose the oak leaves because they symbolize the materials, tools and guidance that Oak Forest Montessori School provides. The hands reaching symbolize the child's learning potential and how there is no limit to what he/she can do.

Mission Statement:

The Oak Forest Montessori School is consistent with the philosophy and mission of Dr. Maria Montessori and her work with children – to help each child reach their full potential in all areas of life.

Other Important Reminders

SIGNING IN AND OUT: As you know, we are regulated by the Department of Family and Protective Services. Children are required to be signed in and out EACH day. If you participate in carpool your child will be signed in/out for you. If you bring your child in and/or come in to pick your child up it is extremely important that you sign him/her in and out. Thank you for helping us be compliant!

SPRING CLEANING: OFMS is doing some spring cleaning! Mrs. Tracie is reviewing all of the student files to ensure we are compliant with licensing. You may receive a phone call requesting additional information. If so, please be sure and provide us with the necessary information in a timely manner. Thank you!

SUMMER ENROLLMENT: This summer OFMS will study THE FARM! If you plan for your child to attend OFMS this summer please make sure you have turned in your contract. We are currently working on classroom placements and staffing for the summer semester. Remember students that attend OFMS during the regular 9 month school year DO NOT pay a summer R/S fee. We do offer a summer program for children that do not attend OFMS during the 9 month school year. This program serves students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Please see the office for details.

2015-2016 ENROLLMENT: Enrollment contracts for the 2015-2016 school year were due back February 27th. Enrollment for the general public began March 2nd. We have a number of students on the waiting list and have begun placing them in classrooms. **SOME CLASSROOMS ARE ALREADY FULL!** If you have not already done so please be sure and turn your contracts and fees in, we do not want you to lose your spot!

REFERRAL PROGRAM: Don't forget our referral program. If you refer a student to OFMS you will receive a \$300 credit on your account. Please call the office for details.

LABELING: Parents, please be sure ALL of your child's clothing is labeled. This includes coats, gloves, hats, EXTERIOR of lunch kits, nap items. These things are expensive and we want to make sure they make it back home! We have a number of items in our Lost and Found. If you are missing something please stop by the office.

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Exciting Things the PTO is Working On

PTO MEETING

Our next PTO meeting is April 23rd at 12:00pm Room 1800.

Please RSVP to gmundt@sbcglobal.net, Lunch will be provided. Topics of discussion include but are not limited to: Book Fair success, Original Works fundraiser and the upcoming teacher appreciation week.

BOOK FAIR & BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS

These events were a huge success! Thank you Brandy Brannan and ALL of the other wonderful parents and volunteers! Because of you, OFMS sold \$4118.72 worth of books! As you know, every book that was sold provides money for our Oak Forest teachers to spend on books for their classrooms.

We enjoy having parents, grandparents and special friends on campus! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us for this event. We had a great turnout and the children LOVE having special guests in their classrooms.

Thank you again Brandy Brannan for chairing this event!
We know it was A LOT of work.

EASTER PARTIES

We want to thank Kristin Bates for all of her efforts coordinating parent volunteers for this special day. We also appreciate all of the parents and loved ones that volunteered to bring items. WE HAD A WONDERFUL DAY!

****QUESTIONS:** Please contact Gina Mundt at gmundt@sbcglobal.net (903)806-0808
If everyone donates a **SMALL** amount of their time, we can accomplish **BIG** things for our OFMS children!