

IN A NUTSHELL

Oak Forest Montessori School (OFMS)

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A note from Ms. Beth:

Hello OFMS Community!

WOW, May is already here! Time flies when you are having fun. We hope that your spring semester has gone smoothly.

The week of May 4th-8th is Teacher Appreciation Week! OFMS is blessed to have wonderful teachers on our team that are devoted to your children. THANK YOU TEACHERS for all you do. Our PTO has a number of special things planned for the teachers next week. Parents, thank you for your willingness to contribute to the festivities!

Remember, our summer semester begins June 3rd. Have you turned your contract in? If not, please check with the office for availability. In addition to the Montessori curriculum, OFMS will study life on the farm. We are excited and hope that you are too.

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

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

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

Beth



IMPORTANT DATES

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6: Kindergarten Graduation Pictures

May 19: Kindergarten/Elementary
Spring Program

May 25: SCHOOL CLOSED-Memorial Day

May 29: Last day of the spring semester/End of
the year classroom celebrations

June 1-2: SCHOOL CLOSED-Staff Development

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

KINDERGARTEN/ELEMENTARY SPRING PROGRAM: Our kindergarten and elementary students will celebrate the end of the year with a spring program. This program will include special performances by the students and kindergarten graduation.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION PICTURES: Individual graduation pictures will be taken on campus this year. Photos are scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th at 8:30am. OFMS will provide a cap and gown for the photos.

STUDENT RECORDS: Mrs. Tracie is working diligently to review our student files. If you have been contacted please return any necessary paperwork in as soon as possible. These items are required by State Licensing. Thank you for helping us with compliance!

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 again for helping us with compliance!

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. **MANY CLASSROOMS ARE ALREADY FULL!** 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. **MANY 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.

THANK YOU!

Gina Mundt, our PTO President, has been amazing and we are so grateful for all of her hard work on behalf of our students, staff and school! Angela Wright has been instrumental in making this year successful as well. Angela graciously provided all of the food for the PTO meetings and did a lot behind the scenes. THANK YOU Gina, Angela and THANK YOU to all of the other wonderful parents/family members, teachers and PTO SPONSORS that have donated their time and resources. We have had a wonderful 2014-2015 school year! We'd like to recognize and thank all of our 2014-2015 PTO MEMBERS. These special families are listed below.

Kristin and Dustin Bates
Christy Corey and Derrick Blackmon
Emma and Chris Cox
Monica and Scott Floyd
Sunni and Luke Handy
Sage Huskey
Chelsie and Josh Keith
Paula and Benjamin Lopez
Gina Mundt
Amy and Michael Northcutt
Katie and Shawn Sams
April and Michael Sanchez
Whitney and Ruedi Schubarth
Lauren and Phillip Shawn
Dawn and Ryan Stringer
Ann and Zach White
Amy and Jeffrey Wilson
Angela and Jon Wright
Rachel and Scott Zhone

PTO Corner

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*Thank You to all of the 2014-2015 OFMS
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Exciting Things the PTO is Working On

Thank you so much for the chance to be your PTO President this year. We are in the process of organizing a meeting to discuss what the PTO will look like next year. Our school is a unique one and we think the PTO needs to be tailored to meet the unique needs of this school. We welcome all to attend, even those who have never come to a PTO meeting or don't have time to volunteer!

--Gina Mundt--

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The PTO has lots of exciting things planned for our teachers the week of May 4th-8th. Thank you to all of those that have agreed to contribute! The schedule of events is below:

5/4 Monday- Bring the SUPER! Cards with a special drawing or note from your child to their teacher

5/5 Tuesday- POP! Snack Bar

5/6 Wednesday- HERO! Sandwich Lunch

5/7 Thursday- CRUMBLES! Dessert Bar

5/8 Friday- Flower POWER! Show the love and send a single stem flower to your child's teachers.

ORIGINAL WORKS FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your participation in the spring fundraiser. It was so much fun seeing all of the beautiful artwork the students created. Orders are expected to arrive Tuesday, May 5th. We will distribute as soon as possible.

****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!