

# Acorn News

*-Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow*

From the Desk of ~ Michael Rivard, Oak Hill Principal

October 2020

Hello Oak Hill Families:

Let it snow ... it has been an early winter even by Minnesota standards. The students are excited to be playing outside. Please remember to dress for the weather with boots, hats, gloves, snow pants, etc. We are fortunate to have a campus where we can practice social distancing, and children have multiple places to play.

Fall Conferences are on Thursday, November 5th and Monday, November 9th. Conferences will be held virtually this year. Families will be able to join their child's classroom teacher through the teacher's Google Meet address that your child is familiar with. Please expect more information from your child's classroom teacher on how to join them during your conference time. We opened up Skyward for conference sign up on Wednesday, October 28th.

November 3rd is on the school calendar as a distance learning day for students because it is election day and many of our buildings are polling sites. The school district will ensure no student contact with members of the public who may be voting in our buildings by having our students home that day.

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## Give to the Max Day

**Mark your calendar for Give to the Max Day on November, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020!** This year the Oak Hill PTSA will be further supporting technology in the classroom with Give to the Max proceeds. Ideas include additional device chargers, virtual field trips, upgrading classrooms with Apple TV or similar technology to maximize use of upgraded student and teacher devices. Technology has revolutionized the way we think, work, and play. Technology, when integrated into the curriculum, revolutionizes the learning process. Studies show that technology integration in the curriculum improves students' learning processes and outcomes. **Please donate on November 19th, 2020 at <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Oakhillptsa>**

Since 2018 Oak Hill PTSA has raised \$1,730 through [GiveMN.org](https://www.givemn.org) from generous donations and has been fortunate to earn an extra \$1,250 in prize money. **That is \$2,980 benefiting Oak Hill students!**

### 2020 Give to the Max Day prizes include:

#### **\$500 Golden Tickets every 15 minutes on Give to the Max Day**

Every 15 minutes is a new chance for Oak Hill PTSA to win, and registered organizations are eligible to win one or more!

#### **\$1,000 Hourly Golden Tickets on Give to the Max Day**

\$1,000 Hourly drawn Golden Tickets on November 19. Your donation to Oak Hill PTSA will be boosted by \$1,000 if your gift is drawn.

#### **\$10,000 Super-Sized Golden Ticket ~ The grand prize of Give to the Max!**

You could turn any gift of \$5 or more into \$10,000 for Oak Hill PTSA!



## Oak Hill Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov 3rd, Distance Learning All Students
- ◆ Nov 5th & 9th, Family-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Nov 18th & 19th, Picture Retake Day
- ◆ Nov 19th, Give to the Max Day
- ◆ Nov 25th, Early Release, End of First Trimester
- ◆ Nov 26th & 27th, No School

## Thank you!

Thank you to Koala Dental Care for donating water bottles for Oak Hill students to use at school!



## Meet Mr. Washington

Hello Oak Hill family! I am your new Assistant Principal this school year and am absolutely delighted to join the Oak Hill family! I am bringing to this building 12 years of teaching experience and eight years of administrative experience from the Twin Cities area. My teaching career all took place in the Hopkins School District in which I taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade. My administrative experience includes work in Eden Prairie, Edina, and Inver Grove Heights. As for my family life, I am the proud father of two beautiful daughters (Age 18 and 16) and one son (Age 8). My wife and I both reside in Prior Lake, MN (and yes, I commute everyday!). Some hobbies that I really enjoy to keep me busy include mountain snowmobiling, golf, volleyball and football. I look very forward to seeing you all this year!



Join our educational partnership with Oak Hill supporting students!

- Fill out the online membership form here: <https://forms.gle/25YJizpH9RC2oTkt5>

The PTSA has open board positions for the 2020-21 school year! Monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month (currently held online):

- **Open positions:** Secretary, Ways and Means (Co-chair), Volunteer Coordinator, and Acorn editor.
- If you are interested in a board position or have questions, please contact Angie Janni (Treasurer) at [ajhollenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:ajhollenkamp@gmail.com)

## Why Join the PTSA?



## 2020-2021 PTSA Board

President: Dana Bloom  
Vice President: Hillary Johnson  
Treasurer: Angie Janni  
Secretary: **OPEN**

Ways and Means: Becky Beuning  
Events/Volunteer Coordinator: **OPEN**  
Acorn Editor: **OPEN**  
Principal: Michael Rivard

Teacher Representatives: Amanda Anderson & Jenny Russell