



# Acorn News

*-Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow*

Thursday, April 6, 2017



From the Desk of ~ Michael Rivard, Oak Hill Principal

Hello Oak Hill Families,

Having enjoyed the brisk winds this week during recess supervising our third grade students, I recall my last Acorn message to families of warmer temperatures and gentler winds. Thankfully, a game of four-square with students kept me warm. Our Minnesota Twins season has opened so spring must be close.

With April upon us, we also turn the page to MCA testing. The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment takes place for our third through fifth graders during this coming month. Overall, the students test for approximately two hours for math and two hours for reading. These are split into one-hour segments on four separate days.

As with other educational assessments, some of our students become nervous or worried. For those families who are wondering about some things you can do to decrease these feelings, please see the message from Mrs. Streng, School Counselor, in this Acorn edition.

Your child's classroom teacher will be sending out information about the timing of assessments. Please know that it is my hope that students simply do their best and feel good about their efforts.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*-Michael Rivard, Principal*

## Last Blast Volunteers Needed

Join us again on April 11th to continue planning for this year's event. Volunteers are needed for various committee positions, and help with the silent auction, food, and games. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joy Gustin at 763.482.0076.



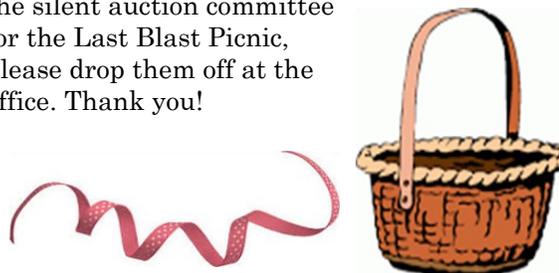
## Oak Hill Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 11th: PTSA Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 pm
- ◆ April 13th: Kindergarten Concert at 11:30 am
- ◆ April 14th: No School
- ◆ April 17th: No School
- ◆ April 24th: Texas Roadhouse Dining Event
- ◆ May 25th: Last Blast Picnic
- ◆ May 29th: No School



## Basket Donations

The PTSA is looking for baskets and ribbon! If you have any you would be willing to donate to the silent auction committee for the Last Blast Picnic, please drop them off at the office. Thank you!



## *Counselor's Corner*

With the arrival of spring I notice that teachers, media staff, and others are busy preparing for another type of season: "MCA Test Season." We are making adjustments to our environment so that is more conducive to testing by arranging schedules, accommodations, and quiet zones. You may notice when you come to Oak Hill that there are reminders about testing and when testing is in progress. You will also be getting more communication home regarding your child's test schedule because parents can help with their child's test performance. Here are some suggestions:

1. Make school a priority: require homework to be done every day and encourage good attendance
2. Judge your child's success by noticing effort and helping he/she learn from mistakes
3. Build your child's confidence and let your child know you are proud of him/her
4. Don't put too much pressure on your child: being anxious about tests makes it harder for your child to do well
5. ...and always remember that plenty of rest and nutritious food is good for both the mind and body!

- Nancy Streng

## *PE News*

Open Gym- 7:20-7:40 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on Mondays and Thursdays.

Volunteers needed for Field days, (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>- 11:45pm, June 1<sup>st</sup>)(5<sup>th</sup>- May 25<sup>th</sup>)

Sign-up for Summer Tiger Jr. Tennis for current 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
(paul.bates@isd742.org).

Community Education- 257-3810, St Cloud Recreation 257-5959

More summer information about summer activities coming this spring.

**Reminder:** Students must have gym shoes to participate in PE.  
Sandals are not appropriate wear for PE.



## *PTSA Position Open*

The PTSA is looking for someone to help coordinate events and volunteers for the remainder of this school year. The person will work closely with the board, but especially Jessica Glieden and Joy Gustin who have served in these positions in the past. If you are interested in this position, please contact Joy Gustin at 763.482.0076.

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