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The Principal's Corner

Dear Oakhurst Parents and Guardians,

This has been an exciting, successful year.

I would like to congratulate several students for their wonderful achievements this past month:

Battle of the Books School Winners:
Winchester Dermody, Amanda Magrum,
Maxwell Raynor, and Wyatt Urquhart,
alternate.

Multicultural Character Winner:
Thomas Goodale

Science Fair Winners:

First Place; Chris Rocchio

Second Place; Stephen Durst

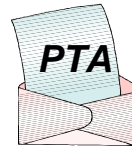
Third Place; Jayson Weiner and Rylan Arent

Cross Creek Chronicle Published Author:
Kara Kennedy

We are very proud of all of you!

This year we say good bye to two teachers. Mrs. Sandy Dunn, has been our beloved Kindergarten teacher for many years. Mrs. Dunn has made an unforgettable

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A Letter from the PTA President

Dear Oakhurst Families & Staff,

I am pretty sure I said this last year but I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the school year! I would like to give a big thank you to our 1st year Editor Jenny Buhler who bravely & boldly took over the newsletter this year and has done a great job. She is now committed to making our newsletter experience a "Greener" one next year. So be sure to watch for that! Thanks again Jenny!

I also want to say THANK YOU to everyone who served on the board this year & every parent, grandparent or friend of Oakhurst who volunteered this year & THANK YOU to Mrs. Wilson for always being supportive of our PTA. There are so many parents who volunteer all year long to help insure every program & event planned by PTA is a successful one! THANK YOU!! I really enjoyed working with & meeting several new parents this year!!

This is the last chance we have to let you know about some positions that really need to be filled if we want to keep some of our favorite programs running next year like SPIKE Reading & Mustang Publishing. We do not have a current "Spirit VP" lined up for next year.


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May 1  Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
(9am Media Center)

May 1  Talent Show
(6:30) Cafeteria

May 8  Mother Son Night
(6-8) Cafeteria

May 11  Oakhurst Family Night
Largo Mall
(5-11)

May 12  PTA Board Meeting
(5:30)

May 20  Let The Good Times Roll
(PTA Hospitality)

May 20  General PTA Meeting
(6:30) Cafeteria

May 25  Memorial Day
School Closed

May 29  5th Grade Celebration



June 1  5th Grade Breakfast
June 2 Last day of School
Early Release 12:50

ADOPT A CLASS

Thank you to the following for your generous contributions and adopting a class.



Frank & Karen Wateska	Jamie Dillon
Maureen O'Farrell	
Johnie & Yvonne Long	Eugene & Michelle Crookshank
Wade & Dara Tribiano	Jeanne Friedlander
Pinellas Soccer Academy	Monica Gifford

**General PTA Meeting
May 20 (6:30) Cafeteria**



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| Nicole Heath, President | OPEN, Parent Rep |
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Oakhurst Elementary Mission



Oakhurst Elementary is a community of caring mentors who are committed to motivating students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens by promoting "The Mustang Way" Respect, Responsibility and Honesty.

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impact on anyone who has come in contact with her. She will be sorely missed. Mrs. Smith, our Autistic teacher, was with us just one year. She has worked well with her children and teammates. We wish both of them much success and happiness.

The new construction is coming along. We are now being told it will be late November when it is complete so we will be making midyear moves next year.

Please help us by completing a very important survey about our Character Education Program. It will be an online survey that will take no more than 10 minutes to complete. This is part of an application we are completing to become a State School of Character. You will be receiving a Connect Ed telephone message the week of May11 with directions on how to complete the survey.

Our Open House for next year will take place on the following evenings:

August 19	@6:30 Kindergarten
August 20	@5:30 Grades 3-5
August 20	@6:30 Grades 1, 2, VPK and Autistic

The students' first day is August 25th.

Enjoy your summer.

Relax, have fun and read lots of good books.

Keep reading,
Nanci B. Wilson

(President cont')

This position is responsible for our school T-shirts & planning those fun family nights we have enjoyed this year & have helped raise a lot of money for our school, such things as our very popular skate nights, family dinner nights at Chili's, Joto's, Five Guys & so on. If you would like to help put together our schedule for next year & keep that "Mustang Spirit" going please consider volunteering for next year. We will be holding the board elections at our last PTA General Meeting of the year, Wednesday May 20th at 6pm along with recognizing our Mustang Publisher Authors for this year. Please plan on attending.

Thank you to all of our Joggers, our awesome PE Dept. & our PTA volunteers who helped make our Jog-a-Thon a lot of fun this year! The final results aren't in yet but it won't be long & we will be announcing them on The Mustang News & all the prize winners!!

As we count down the days of May, I see the summer fast in front of us. Enjoy it everyone!!

Nicole Heath

PTA President

Science Day Celebration in Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Zak and Mrs. Gomory's Kindergarten classes: Great Day!

Thank you for all the parent and community cooperation. Families generously assisted with supplies and we had the assistance of so many volunteers who made the day a tremendous success. Working so hard to assist our children in ten science centers were parents, grandparents, and community volunteers: Lori Verhunce, Charlene Ptacek, Kristy Sherwood, Aida Novaro, Mark Tetro, Belinda Coccozza, Deanna Battiglia, Peter Walsh, Amy Fisher, Linda Novakawski, Carol Stuver, Lisa Astuto. As part of our celebration our classes adopted a garden plot where there was a lot of activity on Science Day as children helped clean out leaves from the beds, mulched, and planted. Be sure to stop by and admire our garden.

Thank You !!!

To David & Jeanne Lyons for your generous contribution and
JD Rogers for extending excellent service and greatly
discounted pricing for the brick pavers and installation



Before



After



Mustang Publishing

A PTA Sponsored Program



Mustang Publishing is in the final stages of publishing 297 wonderful books! Thanks to a dedicated and hard working team of volunteers, this program had another successful year. The volunteers who worked diligently typing and scanning all the books are: Becky McClintock, Isabel Hundley, Renee Bishop, Cari Ahlers, Tiffany Noser, Irene Sunderman, Suzanne Cruickshank, Jenny Buhler, Marianne Gregoire, Margaret and Hauker Hauksson, Barbara Jenkins, and Juliet Jones. Our printer is Tom Mickles. The cute covers were completed by Lisa Gyorkos. Our binding process, sewing all the printed books into the covers, was completed by Cathy Grgurich and Shelly Henrion. To all of you, I would like to say a sincere thank you. This program would not have been a success without your help. I have enjoyed working with all of you this year.

Parents, teachers, and students, if you know any of the names listed above, I encourage you to give them thanks next time you see them for their work on Mustang Publishing.

For those of you who are looking forward to getting your published book, we will be recognizing the authors at the last general PTA meeting of this school year.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Invitations will be sent home very soon to all the authors.

Sincerely,
Michelle Alfred
Mustang Publishing Chair



Exciting Summer News from Destination Math & Reading

This summer your child(ren) will be able to use Destination to retain math and reading skills and prepare for the upcoming school year. Engaging activities for students will be posted to all students in grades K - 5 – with new activities each week! Usernames and passwords will be sent home in your child's last Report Card. Students can access Destination from any computer that is connected to the Internet.

This wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

**All students will use this address to access
Destination: <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us>**

CHILI'S® CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO Oakhurst Elementary Night



Come join us at Chili's on Monday, May 11th to help support our school. 10% of the profits from your dinner will go to help fund all of our great PTA sponsored programs & events.

You never know who you might see there...your teacher just might be your server.

THANK YOU

Thank You, for supporting our school with your donations for our Jog-a-Thon!!!

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PTA Hospitality Committee



Our April luncheon was a success!

The menu was a delicious assortment of southern favorites to go with our “Gone with the Wind” theme. Thank you to the Hospitality committee for your donations! To Stephanie Martin, Staci Dollenmayer, Michelle Fox and Suzanne Cruickshank who came and helped us before and/or after the luncheon, thank you so much!

Our last Teacher and Staff luncheon for this school year will be on Wednesday, May 20th in the library.

We will “Let the Good Times Roll” and celebrate a great year!

If you would like to help with this last luncheon, please feel free to call me, Michelle Alfred (584-8180) or Tabitha Connell (319-2594).



Thank you to all the Hospitality Committee members for all your cooking talents and deliveries this year! We were fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers to support this monthly program. It was a great year! We hope each of you will join us again next year as we continue this program in an effort to show our teachers and staff appreciation for all that they do.

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| Kristie Baxter | Nicole Heath | Debbie Rice |
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| Renee Hall | | Christine Wyant |

We couldn't have done it without you!
Sincerely,
Michelle Alfred and Tabitha Connell
Hospitality Committee Co-Chairs

DINNER



DILEMMAS

Character Word of the Month

Caring
Being kind, friendly, considerate and
willing to listen, give and share.

By Mary Hart,
Oakhurst Guidance Counselor

You, as a family, are encouraged to discuss a separate ‘situation’ each week of the month, presented as a “Dinner Dilemma”. You could decide how the character quality relates to the situation presented. Additionally, you could discuss how the character quality of the month applies to each family member. The character word for the month of May is **“Caring.”**

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Situation: Sam sees a jacket lying on the PE field. He knows it belongs to a kid in another classroom.</p> <p>Dilemma: On one hand Sam can walk away and ignore the jacket. On the other hand Sam could show he cares by taking the jacket to the boy. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Situation: Sue is on her way to the mall with some friends. She is late and her friends are waiting for her. Kim stops Sue to talk about a problem. Kim has been crying. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue wants to go to the mall with her friends. She does not want to keep them waiting any longer for her. On the other hand Sue knows a caring person would stay and listen. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?</p>
<p>Week 3</p> <p>Situation: Sue’s aunt gives her \$10.00. Sue wants to buy a book that cost \$9.95 at the school Book Fair. As she walks to the Book Fair Sue sees the collection box for donations to hurricane victims. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue really wants the book. On the other hand Sue really cares about the hurricane victims. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?</p>	<p>Week 4</p> <p>Situation: It is Monday morning and the student responsible for cleaning the cage and feeding the class pet is absent. Dilemma: On the one hand Sam does not like to clean the pet’s cage and knows it is not his job this week. On the other hand Sam knows someone needs to volunteer to care for the pet. Discussion: What is your advice for Sam?</p>

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