

Oakwood News



October 15, 2018

Important Dates:

- Oct. 16th — Fall Fundraiser Kick Off
- Oct. 18th Middle School Band concert at Oakwood
- Oct. 24th and 25th — Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 30th—Fall Fundraiser Ends
- Oct. 31st Halloween Parade
- Nov. 2nd Fire Prevention Assembly
- Nov. 6th—No School
- Nov. 7th—Title 1 Parent Night
- Nov. 8th—Picture Retake Day

September Raiders of the Month

Congratulations to the students who earned Raider of the Month in their classrooms! These students have demonstrated Raider PRIDE all month. Thank you for being great role models at Oakwood!

DK	K	1st	2nd
Owen Weller	Tryston Nannerman	Grace Porter	Easton Hinds
Keegan Lampman	Brennen Huhn	Jazzy Dodson	Dakota Gordon
Brantley Bennett	K'Lee Nurenberg	Morgan Bos	Oliva Setter
Connor Fedewa	Magnus Doak	Kyle Kebler	Payton Platte
	Baileigh Schafer	Lyla Schneider	Kennedy Butler
	Charlotte Martin		

Little Raiders

Amelia Meyer
Leo Peridis

Halloween Parade

This year the annual Halloween Parade will occur outside on the Middle School football field. Parents and visitors should line the perimeter of the field prior to the start of the parade. The parade will have our students complete a single circuit around the inside of the field, after which the students will walk back to the school and return to their class.

The parade will start at 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 31st. Spectators are asked to arrive early and find a place around the outside of the field ***no later than 2:55pm.*** Parents are asked to ensure their student's costumes are school appropriate; this includes no weapons and no blood.

Coat Drive

Sponsored by the Portland Community Association

With the winter months soon upon us, we are soliciting donations of your gently used winter jackets now through October 19th. Men's, Women's and Children's apparel are all accepted and can be brought to the coat drive box near the main entrance of the school. Other donation boxes will be located at the Portland City Hall, local churches, the Senior Center, Independent Bank and the Edward Jones office. These items will be made available to those individuals and families in need in our community on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00am-1:00pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent St. in Portland.

Thank you for your help!

Christmas Giving Program

Applications for the Portland Community Fund Association's Christmas Giving Program will be available at the beginning of October. Applications will be available at the school, Portland City Hall, Portland Library, and Tom's Pharmacy. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance should fill out and application. For more information, please call Lisa Balderson at 517-930-1651 or Sandy Klein at 517-526-0529.

Cold Weather

It is that time of year where the cold weather is upon us. Please be sure to send your child to school with the appropriate outdoor gear; coats, gloves, hats, etc. Student go outside for recess unless it is raining or the temperature is 5 degrees or below.

Healthy Birthday Treats

If you are looking for a way to send in a healthy treat for your child's birthday, please consider ordering from our Portland School Food Service Department. You can order fresh fruit, apple slices, carrots and dip, fruit kabobs, etc. and it can be delivered to your child's classroom. You can place your order by calling 517-647-2984 or email spell@portlandk12.org at least 3 days in advance.

Third Grade Reading Law

Being a good reader is critical if a student is going to be successful in school. In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed the Third Grade Retention Law to ensure that students exit third grade reading at or above grade level. This law goes into effect Spring 2020. In accordance with this law, and a means of better informing classroom instruction, Portland Public Schools will assess all elementary students three times annually. These assessments, DIBELS, will help identify students who need intensive reading instruction and intervention and will provide useful information to help teachers tailor instruction.

The law requires districts provide early and regular written communication to parents of students who are not meeting proficiency targets. The communication will include a reading improvement plan outlining information about current services being provided, additional reading supports planned and strategies for you to help your child at home. If your child is in need of a reading improvement plan, the classroom teacher will contact you prior to Parent Teacher Conferences to discuss fall assessment data. At Parent Teacher Conferences, your child's teacher will go over the reading improvement plan with you.