



# OSTER-OAKVIEW COMMUNICATOR

August / September, 2011

## Administration

Dr. Michael Sass,  
Superintendent

Dr. Peggy Manville,  
Associate Superintendent

Mark T. Fleming,  
Principal

Emily Schissler,  
Assistant Principal

Oster-Oakview School  
Enter...  
Expecting to SOAR!

Office Hours  
6:45—3:25

Phone Number:  
815-485-2125

Attendance Hotline:  
815-462-7855

District Website:  
<http://www.nlsd122.org>

School Website:  
<http://www.nlsd122.org/schools/oster>

## From the Oster-Oakview Office

August always brings a sense of excitement and renewed energy in schools across the country and it is no different here at Oster-Oakview. What a great feeling of excitement it was to see so many parents and students during the Walk Through this past Friday. We hope you enjoyed the summer with your family and created memories that will be treasured for a lifetime! Now it's time to create memories during a fun and productive 2011-2012 school year. Please note the important information below and never hesitate to contact us via phone, email, or by stopping in the office with questions or concerns.

Mark T. Fleming, Principal

Emily Schissler, Assistant Principal

## Save the DATE

Expectation Night, - Wednesday, August 31

Doors Open @ 5:15

**4th Grade 5:30 - 6:00**

**5th & 6th Grades 6:30 - 7:15**

## Intermediate School Hours

Full day: 7:35 - 2:00

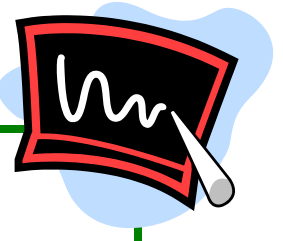
Early Dismissal: 7:35 - 10:35

## Oakview Recess / Lunch Times

5th Grade: 10:55-11:30

6th Grade: 11:35-12:10

4th Grade: 12:10-12:45



## OAKVIEW NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

August & September

#### Aug.

- 26 Club's Choice Fundraising Sale Begins (ends 9-6-11)
- 31 Expectation Night 5:30-7:15

#### Sept.

- 5 No School (Labor Day)
- 21 & 22 Outdoor Ed./Pilcher Park  
5th grade
- 23 10:35 Dismissal—School Improvement



### What to Expect When Reading an Oster-Oakview Newsletter

Each month a portion of the Oakview Newsletter will be sent home. In an effort to go green, we will not be sending home the entire newsletter. **To view the remaining pages of the newsletter, please visit the Oakview School web site at: <http://www.nlsd122.org/Schools/oster/>** This is a crucial method of communication from school to home. Please take a few minutes to read over the information and feel free to call the office with questions or if you would like a paper copy of the newsletter. Each newsletter will have information on important upcoming dates, PTO dates, and parent/student handbook policies for review. If you have any questions or suggestions on our newsletter, please contact Mr. Fleming or Mrs. Schissler. We welcome your comments.

### ABSENTEE HOTLINE 462-7855

When calling Oakview to report your child's absence, please use the absentee hotline. This voice mail is set up for your convenience. It is a 24-hour hotline that can be used day or night. Please leave your child's name, homeroom teacher, and reason for absence. Please be aware that if we do not hear from you by 8:00 a.m., we will make every effort to call you to find out why your child is not in school.



### PICTURE DAY

Picture Day at Oakview is Thursday, October 13th. Your child will have their class picture taken on this day. Watch for more information coming home soon.



## ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK...

Your child was given an assignment notebook for the year. Effective use of the assignment notebook is a team effort. Parents can help by checking the assignment notebook often to see that assignments are being completed. The notebooks are an effective way to keep organized.



## HOMEWORK REQUESTS...

When your child is absent we realize you would like to request homework in order for your child to catch up. At all grade levels, because of the time required to gather this material, these requests will be granted only after two consecutive days of absence. You can leave your request for homework on the absentee hotline in the morning. It can be picked up in the office between 2:10 and 3:10 p.m., or it can be sent home with another student.

## DRESS CODE...

All students are to wear clothing that completely covers the body from shoulder to mid-thigh. Undergarments may not be visible. Clothing made of spandex or similar material may not be worn unless other clothing is worn over it. Articles of clothing such as halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, short shorts or short skirts are not to be worn. Shorts must come to the fingertips when the student is standing with arms straight at his/her side. Tank tops, shoe skates and flip flops are not allowed, no exceptions.

In addition, no student shall wear or bring to school any clothing that displays inappropriate language, sign, symbol or depiction referring to drugs, gangs, or sexual innuendo. Coats, jackets, gloves, sunglasses, hats, and other outer wear may not be worn during class.

Anyone that comes to school dressed inappropriately will have to call home for different clothing.

## Oakview School Hours

Oakview will be open from 6:45 AM until 3:25 PM. If students need textbooks after school hours, copies of all textbooks are on file at the New Lenox Public Library.

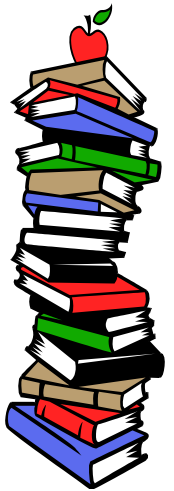
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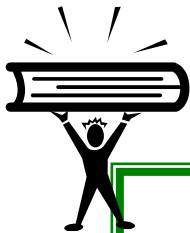
## RECYCLING

Oster-Oakview will not be collecting empty laser and inkjet cartridges this year. Please take your used items to your nearest recycling center.

## Campbell Soup Labels!

Please remember to keep sending in the Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels. The UPC code now needs to be included on the labels. Also, we will be collecting **Tyson** product labels this year. Your donations help us tremendously! Thank you for all your help.





### **Tardiness**

Oakview will enforce a strict policy regarding tardiness. Students are tardy as of 7:35 AM. Students will receive an after-school detention after 3 tardies in one trimester. It is very important that students have an opportunity to get settled in prior to the last bell ringing. This organization time helps ensure a successful day of learning. Please let the office know if you have any special circumstances.



### **Young Rembrandts**

Young Rembrandts drawing classes will be offered at your school this fall. Our philosophy is "Drawing is a learnable art." Children will learn how to draw a new project each week. Subject matter will vary from abstracts, still lifes, cartooning and art history. We focus on fine motor skills, spatial and global reasoning (math skills), attention to detail and focus. We also provide children with self-confidence, self-esteem and self-expression in their work. Techniques and lessons spill over into aspects of your child's homework. Classes are held immediately after school for one hour. Students will complete a project each week that will be displayed in an "Art Gallery" in your school for that week. We look forward to being at your school. Come join in the fun. Look for our flyers this fall. For additional information, please call Young Rembrandts at 847-760-5050



### **Attendance**

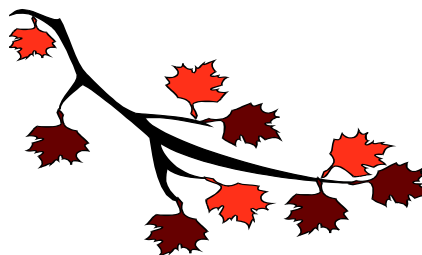
Punctual and regular attendance are two important factors in reaching academic success. Illinois State Law requires that students attend school on a regular and punctual basis. We realize that there will be times when a student may not be in attendance for an entire school day due to illness, etc. State attendance guidelines require that we record attendance days (lunch and recess are excluded as these are not instructional minutes) for a child who is in attendance as follows:

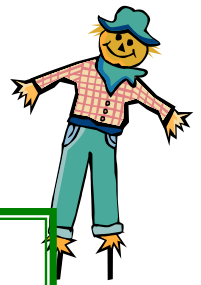
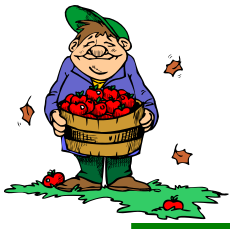
- 300-355 instructional minutes is considered present for the full day
- 150-299 instructional minutes is considered present for a half day
- Less than 150 instructional minutes is considered absent for the full day.

- - - see District Handbook

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Basketball tryouts for 6th grade girls will be coming up soon. Parents and students are always welcome at the games with a nominal admission fee that helps support our program. The price for boys and girls games this year will be \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults. Watch for more information to come home.





### **Weapons**

The Board of Education has adopted a zero tolerance policy with respect to the use or possession of weapons on school grounds. A student, who uses, possesses, controls, or transfers a Class 1 or Class 2 weapon as defined herein, shall be expelled at least one calendar year but no more than two calendar years. The expulsion period recommended by the Superintendent will be determined by the Board of Education on an individual basis. A “weapon” means (1) Possession, use, control, or transfer of any gun, rifle, shotgun, a weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18, United States Code, firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Criminal code, or a Category 1 weapon as defined in Section 33A-1 of the Illinois Criminal Code (a “Class 1 weapon”); (2) any other object if used or attempted or intended to be used to cause bodily harm, including, but not limited to knives, brass knuckles, billy clubs (a “Class 2 Weapon”), or (3) “look alikes” of any weapon as defined above (a “Class 3 weapon”). Such items as baseball bats, pipes, bottles, locks, sticks, pencils and pens may be considered weapons if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm (a “Class 4 weapon”).

The Building Principal or designee shall notify the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a Class 1 or Class 2 weapon to school and shall confiscate such weapon..



### **EARN FREE SUPPLIES**

Office Depot is Taking Care of Education in 2011 by providing the essential tools and supplies that students need to be successful. Every time parents, students and school supporters give your school’s 5% Back to Schools ID number (70033697) when buying qualifying school supplies at Office Depot, your school receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies

### **SCHOOL SECURITY...**

All doors will be locked after students enter the building in the morning. ALL visitors and parents must enter through the front office doors and sign in with the secretaries. Visitors and volunteers will be given a visitor badge to wear during their stay.

If your student has forgotten something in their classroom, they are allowed to come back to school to retrieve it. Please note that the front doors will be locked at approximately 3:25 p.m. daily.

### Visit district website for your reference needs

#### WORLD BOOK

To visit the district website— type in <http://www.nlsd122.org/schools/oster>

Click on : Teacher Links

Click on: World Book

Log in at the blue square

Log in ID is: oakviewhome1

Password is: oakview

In the search World Book Box— Type your subject

#### NETTREKKER

To visit the district website type— <http://www.nlsd122.org/schools/oster>

Click on: Teacher Links

Click on: Nettekker

In the blue box click on Log In and then pick our school/submit  
(may need to click Elementary)

In the KEYWORD box, type the name of the subject you are looking for

### P.T.O. CORNER

Visit the PTO Website at [WWW.NLSD122.ORG](http://WWW.NLSD122.ORG)

Click on “Community Connection” then PTO



### DISTRICT 122 VIRTUAL BACKPACK

New Lenox School District is proud to support the “Going Green” initiative by implementing a new approach to communicating messages from our community partners, government agencies and select businesses with our students and their families. We will rarely be sending fliers home in backpacks with our students, but rather posting them through a virtual backpack link on our website homepage.

### SPANISH QUEST

Oster-Oakview School will be offering an after-school Spanish program this year. Watch for more information about Spanish Quest.



# Foundation News

## Foundation Board

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Administrative Liaison

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### *What is the Foundation?*

The NLSD 122 Foundation is an Illinois 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, which is tax exempt for educational purposes.

The Foundation's tax exempt status allows it to accept 100% tax-deductible donations to provide perpetual financial resources for non-traditional or enhanced educational opportunities to NLSD 122 students, enhancing their educational

experience now and for generations to come.



*Volunteers needed for the following committees:*  
*Marketing*  
*Sponsorship*  
*Event Planning*  
*Grant Writing*



### *How is the Foundation governed?*

The NLSD 122 Foundation is autonomous from NLSD 122 District Administration and the NLSD 122 Board of Education. It has a separate volunteer Board of Directors and Bylaws that dictate how the Foundation may conduct business. Principal Officers serve 2-year terms and Directors serve 3-year terms.



### *Why does NLSD 122 need a Foundation?*

In these difficult economic times, schools are struggling to maintain basic resources. In an attempt to keep innovation and creativity in the classroom, the Foundation was established to raise funding

through donations and provide enhanced educational opportunities for the students of NLSD 122 that are not provided through traditional funding. Through hard-work,

dedication and synergy, the Foundation's Directors are driven to establish perpetual financial resources to provide impact for our students.



The first PTO meeting is on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Peace Lutheran Church (across from LW Central). Free babysitting is available. This month our Spotlight Schools are **Haines & Oakview**. Bring a friend and come get the inside scoop on these schools.

### **New News**

**Bunco Night** at Gatto's, sponsored by the New Lenox PTO. All District 122 parents and guardians are invited for a fun night of Bunco on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. \$10 entry includes Bunco, light appetizers, and soft drinks. Bunco starts at 7:30. Bring a friend for a night out.

### **2011-2012 PTO District Calendars**

If you still need a calendar, they are available for sale at the District Office for \$3. Thank you to all who purchased calendars at the Walk-Throughs and Expectation Nights.

### **Room Parents**

Room Parent and Volunteer sign-ups are available online. Check the PTO website, linked from [www.nlsd122.org](http://www.nlsd122.org) or your schools websites, for online registration. Each principal will hold his/her own Head Room Parent Meeting this year. Look for further information to come from your principal.

### **Fundraising**

PTO will be offering several fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money that is given back to help all the children of our district. In September we will be selling Golden Opportunities books. They are a great discount book for many types of businesses. Look for order forms early in September. Orders will be due September 15, books will be sent home on Tuesday, September 27.

### **5K Run/Walk**

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, sponsored this event, or participated in the Run/Walk. Without you this event could not have been as successful as it was. Look for information to come later in the year about our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K.

### **Market Day**

Last year, your New Lenox PTO, earned over \$23,000 from Market Day! This money allows us to provide funds to all of our schools. A few of our schools also participated in Pie Bonus Days (November) and Cookie Dough Bonus Days (February) which helped them earn over \$3,700!

The September Market Day order forms will be coming home the first week of school for students in grades K-6. **If your child is in Junior High and you would like to receive a form, please let the front office know.** The monthly order form can also be found in PDF format on the district website ([www.nlsd122.org](http://www.nlsd122.org)) under the PTO's web page. Jr. High families can order online or print out the order form and drop it off to the front office.

You may place your orders online at [www.marketday.co](http://www.marketday.co) using our account No. 3016. We encourage families to prepay online also. In doing so, you can bypass the payment line at pick up and head directly for the "prepaid" table (where the orders are always packaged first!) Note that **when ordering online you may choose to "pay at the sale"**.

If you visit a Market Day/Sara Lee or a Pea Pod store, provide them with our account information and a 5% profit will be donated to our schools. Please tell them to apply the sale to “the New Lenox PTO Account“ - No 3016.

Volunteers are always needed to keep Market Day running smoothly. Babysitting is available. Set up begins at 2:45 pm in Bentley’s gym with the sale beginning at 4:30 and with most orders pulled and packed by 5:30. If you can help for 30 minutes or 3 hours, any time you can give is always welcome! Jr. High students need “volunteer” hours. This is a great opportunity for them to get service hours.

Any Questions? You can contact our Co-Chairs, Denise McAvoy at 708/280-5657 or Kathy Klevorn at 815/462-0773

Thank you again for helping us continue this successful fundraiser!

More information on your PTO can be found on the PTO website:

[www.nlsd122](http://www.nlsd122).

or, click on link at the bottom left or  
access the PTO through any school website.

**SAVE—GIVE THIS PAGE A NICE HOME ON YOUR REFRIDGERATOR**

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Entry Bell	7:25
Warning Bell	7:30
Tardy Bell	7:35
Grade 4 Lunch	12:10
Grade 5 Lunch	10:55
Grade 6 Lunch	11:35
Dismissal	2:00

**SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS**

School	815-485-2125
Fax	815-462-2572
Absence Line	815-462-7855
Transportation	815-717-3100

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #122 ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS:**

Assignment notebooks are required for all students at Oakview. This year the cost of an assignment notebook for each semester was added into your textbook fees. If your child loses his/her assignment notebook, a new one can be purchased in the office for \$3.50.

**BIKE RIDING:** Please be advised that students should arrive at school no more than 5 minutes before the entry bell. That means students should not be on the school grounds until 7:20. There is no supervision available prior to that time. (Please refer to Page 8 of your Parent Handbook for further information.) Please carry Skateboards and roller-skates/blades on school property.

**ATTENDANCE:** Please remember to call our absence Hotline (462-7855) if your child is absent. Calls should be made by 8:00AM each day. Be prepared to give your child's name, grade and reason for absence. (Note: Students may not call themselves in absent.)

**TARDY:** Students may receive an after school detention after 3 tardies. Please make every effort to be at school on time.

**MEDICATION:** A reminder from our School Nurse— If your child has to take medication, prescribed or over-the counter, a Medication Authorization form must be submitted. This form must be signed by the doctor and the parent. Students are not to bring medication to school themselves. It is to be brought into the office by the parent. The medication form can be faxed to the school at 462-2572 by your doctor.

**SECURITY:** The safety and security of all our students is our number one concern. All visitors must report to the office upon entering the building to sign in and receive a Visitor's Badge. You will need to bring your drivers license. All doors are locked, except the main door by the office. We ask for everyone's cooperation. All visitors must wear a VISITOR'S BADGE at all times in the building.

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(over)

Oster-Oakview Staff	E-Mail	Voice Mailbox
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Mrs. Lindemann	klindemann@nlsd122.org	5212
Mrs. Lowell	llowell@nlsd122.org	5022
Mrs. Parker	lparker@nlsd122.org	5214
Mrs. Puckhaber	spuckhaber@122.org	5092
Mrs. Wolf	nwolf@122.org	

**5th grade**

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Mr. Parker	fparker@nlsd122.org	5220
Mrs. Pikalek	jpikalek@nlsd122.org	5241
Mrs. Sieger	lsieger@nlsd122.org	5315

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Mrs. Niemann	cniemann@nlsd122.org	5213
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Mrs. Schissler	eschissler@nlsd122.org	

**Voice Mail Instructions**

Call 1-815-462-7001, at prompt, enter the mailbox number followed by the # key