



The Panther Press

Oak Park School

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For the Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff & Community
of Oak Park School - Sarasota County, Florida

Welcome Message

On behalf of the Oak Park faculty and staff we are excited to ROAR into the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year full of learning and fun!



September
2019

Leadership Team

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Serenity Ruscoe

Academic Interventionist

Brandie Flee

ESE Teacher

Heather Regan

Jayson Rawley

Music Teacher

Shane Swezey

Grade Level Chairs

K-2: Christine Robinson

3-5: Heather Regan

6-8 ACCESS: Tonya Duckworth

6-8 ACTION: Krysta Quattlebaum

9-10: Jayson Rawley

11-12: Jackie Disler

Structured

Jessica Bucholz

Curriculum Support

Bobbi Adams

Electives

Helen Pastore

Therapists

Mary Lisa Millbourn



Spirit Wear

Oak Park is pleased to announce that we will be offering a new line of spirit wear for purchase this year! Below is a picture of our new performance style shirts for purchase. They come in both men's and women's styles and are navy blue. We have long sleeve for \$20 and short sleeve for \$15. Please inquire with the front office if you wish to purchase a shirt!



Thank You's

On behalf of our Oak Park family we would like to extend a huge thank you to St. Patrick's Catholic Church for donating many backpacks, care packages, food bags, and gift cards for our students.

We would also like to thank Sarasota Baptist Church for inviting our students to attend their annual Day 4 Hope!

Also, thank you to Bayside Community Church for our staff back to school breakfast!

Oak Park Intramurals

Oak Park students will have the opportunity to participate in after school intramural sports again this fall. Students will be able to join our Oak Park Cheer team and learn all the Oak Park cheers to show their Panther Pride. Students will also have the opportunity to join the Oak Park Swim team and swim in our newly renovated pool. They will learn basic water safety and the four main swim strokes in a non-competitive environment. We look forward to seeing our Panthers in action. Be on the look out for the flyers below!





Save The Date! “Go Gold Day” 2019 – September 27

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and on Friday, September 27, the school district will GO GOLD in support of pediatric cancer.

Sarasota County Schools has previously participated in Go Gold Day in celebration of the lives of Benjamin Magilkey and Avery Rann – both of whom died of cancer in 2017. Benji and Avery both attended Southside Elementary School. The Magilkey family established The Benjamin Gilkey Fund for Innovative Pediatric Cancer Research in conjunction with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital and any proceeds earned on Go Gold Day will go to their organization. More than \$18,000 was raised by our schools in support of pediatric cancer research last year.

Clinic Corner

Stop Germs, Stay Healthy!

Wash hands often with soap and warm water

Use soap **Wash for 20 seconds** **Rinse well** **Dry**

¡Detenga los gérmenes, manténgase saludable!

- Lávese las manos frecuentemente con jabón y agua tibia
- Lávese por 20 segundos, enjuáguese bien, séquese
- Cubra su boca al toser y estornudar
- Quédese en casa cuando esté enfermo

Cover coughs and sneezes

When sick, stay home

Sarasota County Health Department **www.SarasotaHealth.org** **941-861-2800**

Adapted from graphics supplied by Seattle & King County Public Health Department

Save The Date! Forty Carrots Family Center's 17th Annual Free Community Speaker Event

Forty Carrots Family Center's annual speaker event is designed for families with children of all ages. Presented in partnership with the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, this year's event will feature Dr. Ross Greene who will share insights from his best-selling book, Raising Human Beings: Creating a Collaborative Partnership with Your Child. Attendees will receive a free copy of the book, and certificates of attendance will be available.

Ross W. Greene, Ph.D. is a clinical child psychologist and author of the books *The Explosive Child*, *Lost at School*, *Lost & Found*, and *Raising Human Beings*. Greene developed the model of intervention called Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS). His research has been widely published in academic journals, and he and the CPS model have been featured in popular media including *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Dateline NBC*, the *CBS Morning Show*, *National Public Radio*, *The Washington Post*, *Mother Jones*, and *The Atlantic*. Greene received his undergraduate degree at the University of Florida and his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Virginia Tech in 1989.

Date, Time & Location:

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Riverview High School Performing Arts Center

1 Ram Way, Sarasota, FL 34231

Admission: Admission is FREE and open to the community, but your RSVP is required.

Contact Information: For more information, please contact Forty Carrots Family Center.





Therapy Pool

Our therapy pool has been completely upgraded and installed with new electric wheelchair lifts. Ms. Cami is very excited to work with our students in the pool this year!



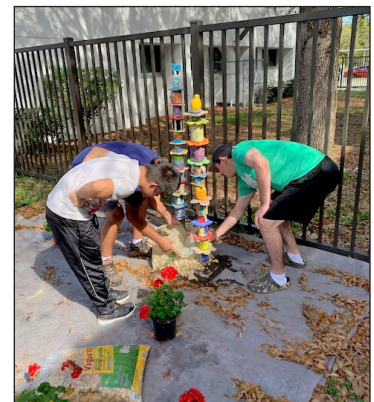
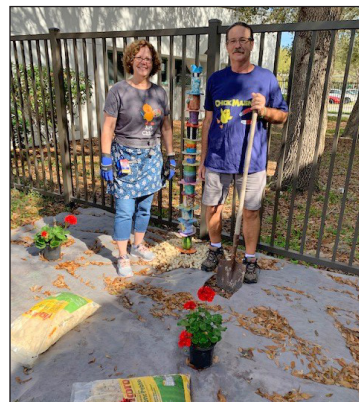
Culinary Arts

This year Oak Park is pleased to offer Culinary Arts as an elective. Mr. Craycraft and Ms. Rose have been working hard getting the program up and running! This elective course is designed to teach basic kitchen skills to students. They will learn food and equipment safety skills and be able to make healthy lunches and dinners. The course will also touch on costs associated with home-cooking verses eating out.

The salads, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be made available to staff members choosing to be members of the Culinary Club. Details are still being worked out and more information will be coming out soon.

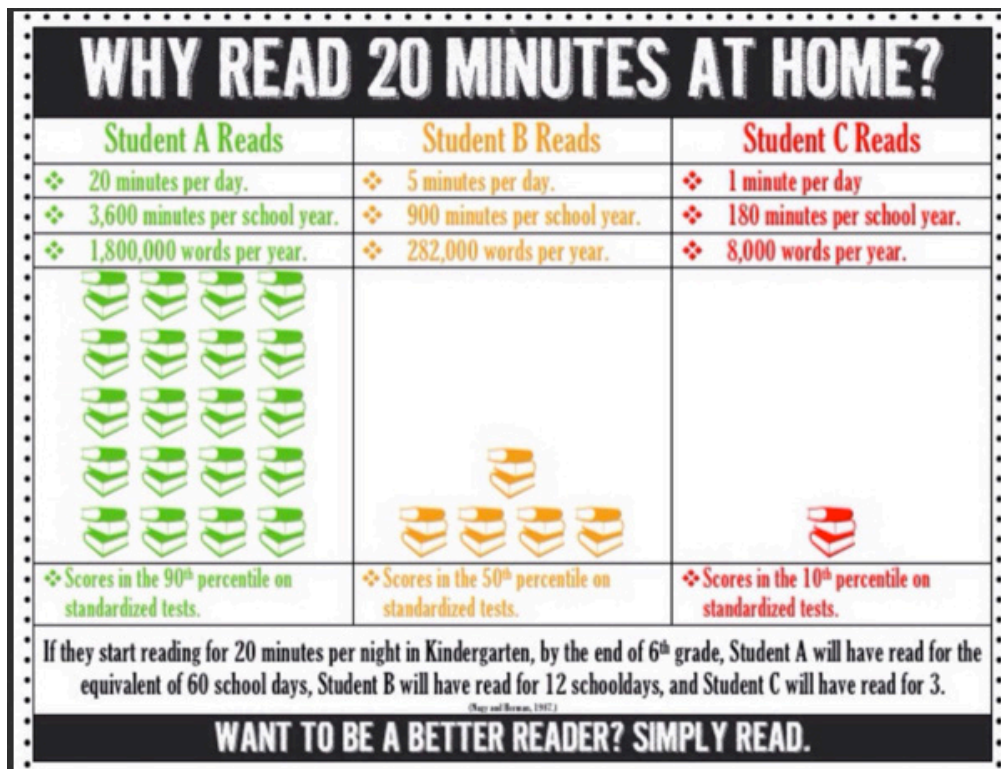
Practical Arts & Horticulture

Oak Park is fortunate to offer Practical Arts & Horticulture as electives for our students. As you walk into the front of the school make sure to take a look at our lovely totems that our students have made. Here are some photos of the students who worked on the clay totems for the front of the school. The students worked with Ms. Lloyd and Ms. VanDyke from Practical Arts on the mosaic bricks, clay flowers and totems. The concrete bricks, ladybug stepping stones and plants were done by Mr. Boesenberg's Horticulture classes.





Back To School Reading Tips



3. Think outside the bookbag

Some children run in the other direction when you ask them to read. Many students prefer accessing books on screen.

If you are hesitant to add more screen time to the day, try graphic novels, audio books, poems, joke books or magazines and comics – bite-sized texts can be more appealing than a traditional book.

Try:

- [Highlights](#), [Time for Kids](#), [National Geographic](#) - Great magazines for kids
- [Epic!](#) - An online library has a back to school blow out!
- [Project X Origins Graphic Texts](#)
- [What Do You Call a One-eyed Dinosaur?](#) by John Foster
- [Jelly Boots](#), [Smelly Boots](#) by Michael Rosen
- Magazines such as [Whizz Pop Bang!](#)
- Comics such as [The Phoenix](#)
- Visit: [Oxford Owl free eBooks](#)

How to Encourage a Reluctant Reader

1. Reading for pleasure

Remember, making reading fun and personalized is as important as levels and book awards. To avoid making reading feel like a chore or a race, I learned to be interested and impressed by whatever my kids are reading.

For most children, reading for pleasure starts with snuggly bedtime stories. There's no need to stop this daily ritual once children can read the words themselves. Listening to stories is a fantastic way to nurture a love of books. It also helps a child to access interesting content above their reading level. As they get older, take it in turns to read a sentence, page or chapter each.

2. "Make it funny"

Luckily you don't have to improvise – there are LOADS of funny children's books out there. Some children will enjoy snot jokes and slapstick; others will like tales of naughtiness that turn familiar rules upside down. Experiment, and see what sticks.

Try:

- [Football School](#) by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton
- [The World of Norm](#) by Jonathan Meres
- [Super Happy Magic Forest](#) by Matty Long
- [Badly Drawn Beth](#) by Jem Packer and Duncan McCoshan
- [The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff](#) by Andy Seed
- [Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face](#) by John Dougherty

4. Read for a purpose

My daughter is sometimes reluctant to start reading a new story, but happily dips into books that mix reading with hands-on activities. From coding, beading necklaces, origami to non-fiction books that give her a clear sense of purpose are always a big hit and can be enjoyed without the pressure to read them from cover to cover.

Attention-grabbing content is vital – reluctant readers will abandon a book in seconds if they aren't hooked. Seek non-fiction books that link to your child's existing passions, from animals and football to snakes and space! Remember, when reading a nonfiction book or magazine one can skip around to the preferred reading.

Try:

- [Guinness Word Book of Records](#)
- [Don't Eat This Book!](#) by David Sinden and Nikalas Catlow
- [Create Your Own Alien Adventure](#) by Chris Judge and Andrew Judge
- [My Book of Bike Activities](#) by Catherine Bruzzone
- [Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes](#)
- [Self-Destructing Science](#) by Isabel Thomas



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50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?

Important Dates

September 2nd- No School (Labor Day)
September 20th- Donuts with Dad
September 26th- Open House 5-7pm
September 23-27- Book Fair & Spirit Week
October 11th- End of Quarter 1
October 14th- No Classes
October 31st- Fall Festival
November 25th-29th- No School (Thanksgiving Holiday)
December 5th-6th- Holiday Bazaar

