

# Oak Street School - A Place where Hearts & Minds Continue to Grow....



## INTRODUCING—THE RAPTOR.....

February 8, 2018

**Oak Street School** is piloting the **Raptor Visitor Management System** to strengthen our program of campus safety for all students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the **Raptor** system allows us to do that. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen all visitors in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering the Oak Street Elementary building, visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a Driver's License, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent of guardian for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, the school staff member can use any form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor System. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork.. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### FSA Officers:

Shawn Reid, President  
Katie Isaak, Vice President  
Katie Isaak ,Treasurer  
Shannon Piche-Smith, Secretary

**Meeting 2/8@ 8:30 AM**

**@ Bailey Avenue**

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## OAK STREET SPELLING BEE.....

**We would like to thank all of the student participants as well as the many family members who were in attendance!**

**The winners of the bee were as follows:**

**C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S!!**

**Grade 3: 1st place: Raif Lautenschuetz**

**2nd place: Kate Taskin**

**Grade4: 1st place: Daniel Alexis**

**2nd place: Aiden Heater**

**Grade 5: 1st place: Marissa Silver**

**2nd place :Oliver Buckser**



## **Intramurals & Chorus In Session—Please check your child’s schedule and make note of their Team or Chorus Activity.**

**Intramurals** are in full swing for Oak Street 4th and 5th grade students. Only students scheduled to play on that day will be allowed to stay after school. All students should be picked up promptly at 3:15 PM. Please be reminded to wear proper footwear !

**Chorus** is also in full swing! .Please pick up at 3:20 PM!!

### **Important Dates for Future Reference**

- February 13– 11:30 AM—Early Release
- February 14—VALENTINE’s DAY
- February 15—PASSPORT TO SUCCESS @ PHS
- February 16—1:40 PM—Oak Assembly—
- February 19—23—February Break—No School
- February 28—CLUBS BEGIN
- March 1- Oak Community Night—**STEAM**



### **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS — VISITORS DURING LUNCHTIME**

Mr. Barnhart would like to remind families about our free and reduced breakfast/ lunch program.

Proper nourishment is very important to the learning process.

Please take the time to fill out an applications if your income qualifies you to do so. Please call Charlene O’Connor at 957-6000 Extension 5093 with questions you may have.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ARRIVAL** It is very important that your child is in attendance at school unless he/she is ill or affected by a family emergency. It is also important for students to arrive at school by 8:15 AM. All minutes for instruction time are valuable. When students are tardy, their transition into the school day is affected and basic instruction has often begun. We are also shaping important understandings and habits related to the importance of being on time and responsible when children are young. These habits continue into the middle , high school and post secondary and employment stages of a person’s life.

**SCHOOL HOURS—8:15 AM—2:25 PM**

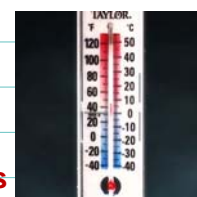
**OAK STREET ELEMENTARY OFFICE—518-563- 4950**

**OAK STREET HEALTH OFFICE—518-561- 4760**

### **“WEATHER” OR NOT TO GO OUTSIDE FOR RECESS**

**Students will be going outside for recess if the temperature is 15 degrees with the wind chill factored in as well.**

**Students should arrive at school fully prepared for the cold weather.**





Jayson Barnhart, Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Plattsburgh City School District is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in pre-kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.

By 9<sup>th</sup> grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!!

**Clearly going to school regularly matters!**

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Have students prepare for school the night before - finish homework, get a good night's sleep, lay out clothes and pack backpacks.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.
- Talk to your student about the importance of attendance.

Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

There are many people in our school prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time. We invite you to contact us if you are facing a personal challenge so that we might be able to assist you. We promise to track attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class, communicate with you to understand why they were absent, and to identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

*Jayson Barnhart*

## Please continue to follow these rules to make 2018 a great year!

**Students are not allowed back into their classrooms after 3:00 PM for any reason.** If there is an emergency, the family will need to contact the principal. The main reason is to provide building security (safety/theft) but also students should be responsible for all their required items when they exit the classroom.

Students should not be arriving to school earlier than 8:00 AM . There is no supervision outside until this time. Breakfast begins promptly at 8:00 AM and we hope all students are taking advantage of our Free Breakfast and Lunch program ! Contact the website for further details.

**Students :**Bicycle /Skateboard privileges are granted as long as the child maintains a responsible attitude for the safety of themselves and other children. Children are allowed to ride their bicycles/skateboards only to and from school. The child is requested to push/carry their bicycle/skateboard on and off the school property. All parents are urged to provide a lock for the child to safeguard his/her bicycle.

### **Students will not:**

1. Wear hats in the building, except for extenuating circumstances.
2. Utilize radios, Ipods or Ipod like devices, cell phones and/or mp3players.
3. Bring guns, knives, caps, explosives, or other sharp objects to school (as per BOE policy).
4. Drink soda except during parties or field trips.
5. Ride bikes, rollerblades, or skateboards on school grounds during school hours.
6. Have in their possession or use tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, alcohol or drugs (as per BOE policy).

We have found that items such as trading cards and toys from home often interfere with class activity, can be very distracting for students and can cause problems among children. Toys can be lost, broken or even given away. We have a wide variety of toys and recreational activities available to students during recess and free play. If there are special occasion or circumstances bringing in items from home, arrangements can be made through the classroom teacher or Principal.

### **Parents and those responsible for picking up students please note :**

There is **NO SMOKING** on school premises. This does include your vehicle. Please comply with this rule.

**Parents Please note: Cars should not be parking in the passing lane/thru area in the parking lot!** This is a Safety Concern and we need cars to move smoothly so students may enter the school.

Please drop off your student and move ahead. If you plan on staying in your vehicle you must park in a designated area to wait.



# CAUGHT BEING GOOD !!!

Many students have been “Caught Being Good”

Their names are read during

announcements and they are able to choose something from the Caught Being Good Cart !

Some of the recent behaviors reported from the students who have received red tickets are as follows:

I picked up the games and game pieces that were scattered on the floor.

I picked up garbage/litter on the playground.

I found a piece of metal in the hallway and turned it into the office.

I asked other students to be quiet while others were trying to concentrate.

I asked another student to join our group.

I waited very quietly and respectfully in the hallway.

I carried a tray for a friend who was injured.

I helped a faculty member pick up books they had dropped on the floor.

I reported that a piece of equipment was broken.

I helped a student who had fallen down.

I provided a kind gesture/gift to a monitor.

I reported a safety issue to a monitor.

I found money and turned it into the teacher.

I concentrated on doing school work while others were not following directions.

I was being a positive role model for others on the playground.

I showed good sportsmanship during an activity.

I reported that someone had spilled milk in the hallway.

I helped find an item that a classmate had lost.

A friend was alone at breakfast and I asked that student to join our group.

I tried to cheer up a friend who was crying.

I helped my teacher carry books from another classroom.

I helped 3rd grade students bring the computer cart back to the classroom.

I worked hard at being respectful and responsible.

