

March 3, 2020

Good afternoon Families,

Hope you are enjoying this gorgeous spring day. A few important reminders and an important request:

**Your donations to the Oak Hill PTO are needed**

**Thanks for taking a minute to read and to donate!**

The PTO and I are trying to help raise the necessary money to continue to support the wide variety of special programs to enrich your child's education.

**While our school population has stayed steady, the PTO dues we collect from families has dropped considerably.** In previous years, we have collected close to \$19,000. This year, as of March 1, **we have collected only \$15,000 with only 25% of families contributing.** My PTO doesn't conduct frequent fundraisers like the elementary schools, we depend on YOUR dues to support the many programs and initiatives in our building that have a major impact toward your child's educational experience. The dues are \$100 for each family, but if a \$100 isn't possible, then any contribution will help keep the programs intact.

Please see below a brief bulleted list of how your dues keep many important programs running. **If you have not yet paid your annual PTO dues this year, please take a moment to donate this money. It will take only a few minutes and will support the programs for your children for the winter and spring!**

<p><a href="#"><u>Click to Donate Now</u></a></p> <p>Please note that you will be sent to the Oak Hill PTO site and then go to the right side of the home page screen and just below the thermometer please click on the yellow "Donate" button.</p>	 <p>DONATIONS TO THE PTO</p> <p>\$30,000</p> <p>\$15,695</p> <p>52%</p> <p>Dues: \$100/family is suggested but any amount is welcome. Help us support all families with an additional donation of \$50, \$100 or more. THANK YOU!</p> <p><a href="#">Donate</a></p> <p>VISA M.C. AMEX DISCOVER</p>
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**Below is a list of 6 ways that the money is used:**

1. The PTO supports the teachers who wish to purchase additional curriculum materials to enhance the learning in their classrooms; teachers have purchased whiteboard easels and

extra copies of book club books as just two examples. The reimbursement of up to \$75 per teacher gives many teachers the flexibility and autonomy to buy exactly what they need for a particular group of students.

2. The PTO also provides the school with additional classroom technology like the addition of Chromebooks into each of the math classrooms to support differentiated learning and provide more challenging work for students.
3. They also support my principal's fund where I use money to support teachers' initiatives to add to the curriculum experience. One example is our school's annual participation in the national [American Mathematics Competitions](#). This program provides a friendly competition to help foster a love for mathematics. This year Oak Hill won the School Certificate of Honor with a team score of 68 points and 17 students scored in the top 10% range nationally, including 1 student in the top 1%, and 4 students in the top 5% range.
4. Every year, there are several Creative Arts and Sciences programs funded by the PTO that bring diverse voices and talent into the school that inspire our students. This year, students have already enjoyed a whole school program Women in Jazz and the CAS AuthorFest.
5. The PTO also supports a beautification effort twice a year in the fall and spring to keep the outside grounds lovely for all as well as the overhaul of the school's vegetable and flower garden in front of the school.
6. And, we try to thank our Oak Hill educators for their hard work. Throughout the year, the PTO supports faculty appreciation breakfasts, luncheons and assorted treats. These small surprises go a long way in keeping up the morale for your children's educators during the ups and downs of a school year.

**Term 2 closes March 16 - Remind your child about turning in their work.** If you have any questions about your child's progress, please email your child's teachers and/or reach out to the guidance counselor.

**Coronavirus Update:** You have seen Dr. Fleishman's update about the Coronavirus.

[David Fleishman March 1 Communication to Families.](#)

All of the principals are carefully following the recommendations of Newton's Health and Human Services department. At Oak Hill, we continue to recommend that everyone wash their hands frequently. Our custodians are wiping down daily all the "touch points" across the school

including the doors for all the entrances and exits of public spaces. We have Purell dispensers in classrooms across the school. We recommend that if your child is not feeling well, please keep the child home; here are examples of symptoms for keeping the child home:

- A fever over 100° during the past 24 hours
- A cold in the active stages: coughing, running nose, sneezing
- A sore throat and/or swollen neck glands
- An undiagnosed rash or skin eruption
- Vomiting or diarrhea during the past 24 hours
- Head lice that has not been treated

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nurse Susan Riley or I.

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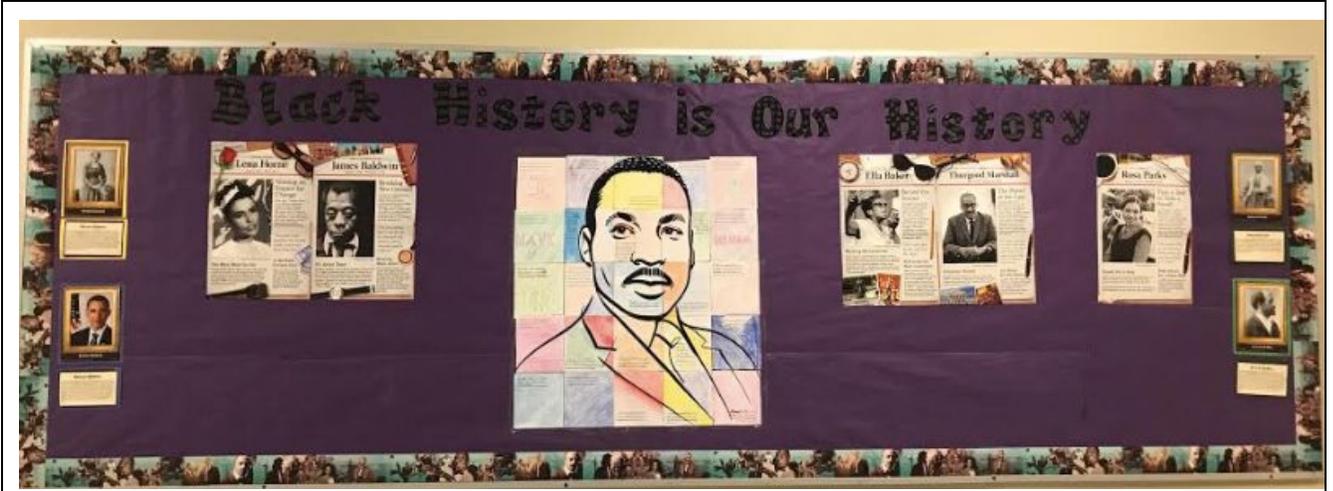
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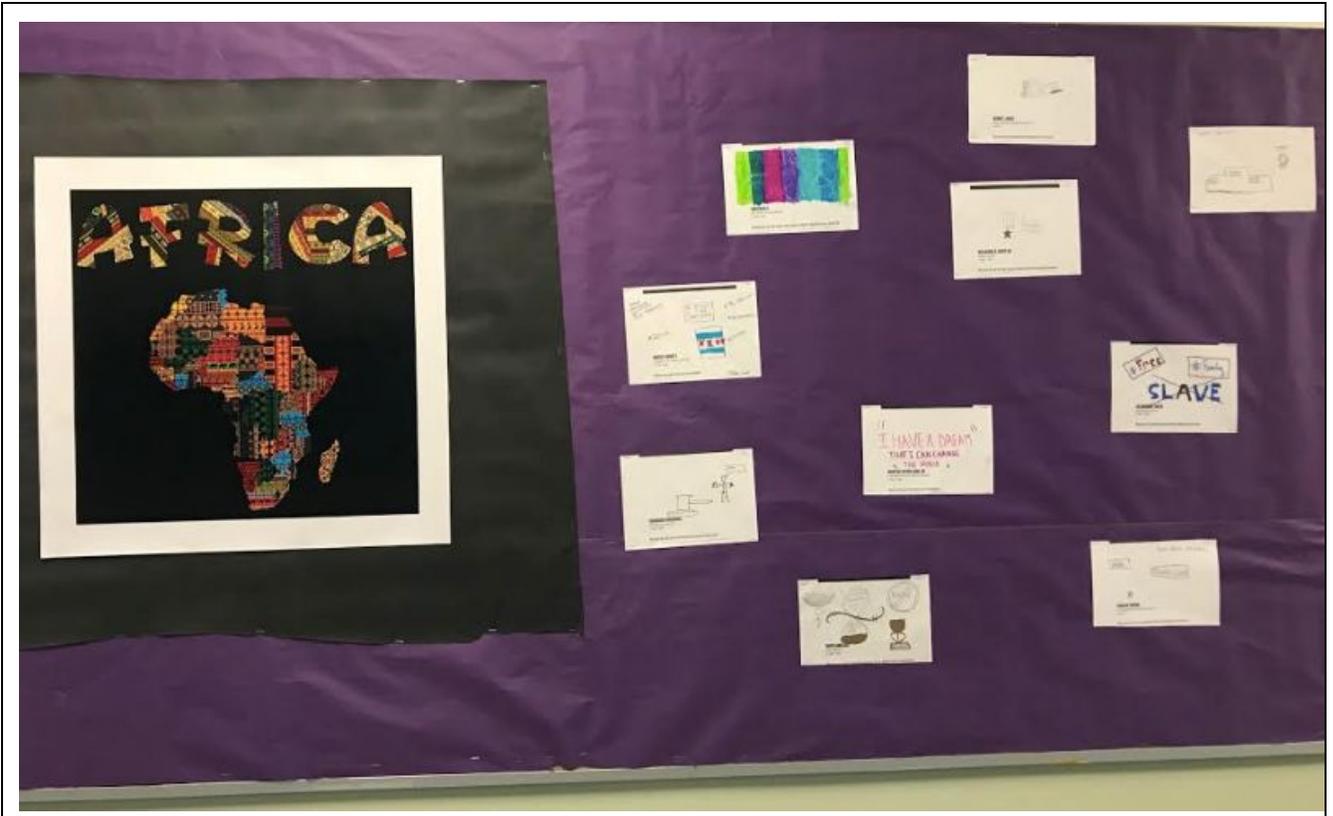
**Messages being sent to children on our classroom walls and hallways:**

Our teachers strive to continue to create public displays of student work, key messages of core values and images of different people who represent our diverse communities at Oak Hill. Here are just a few examples:

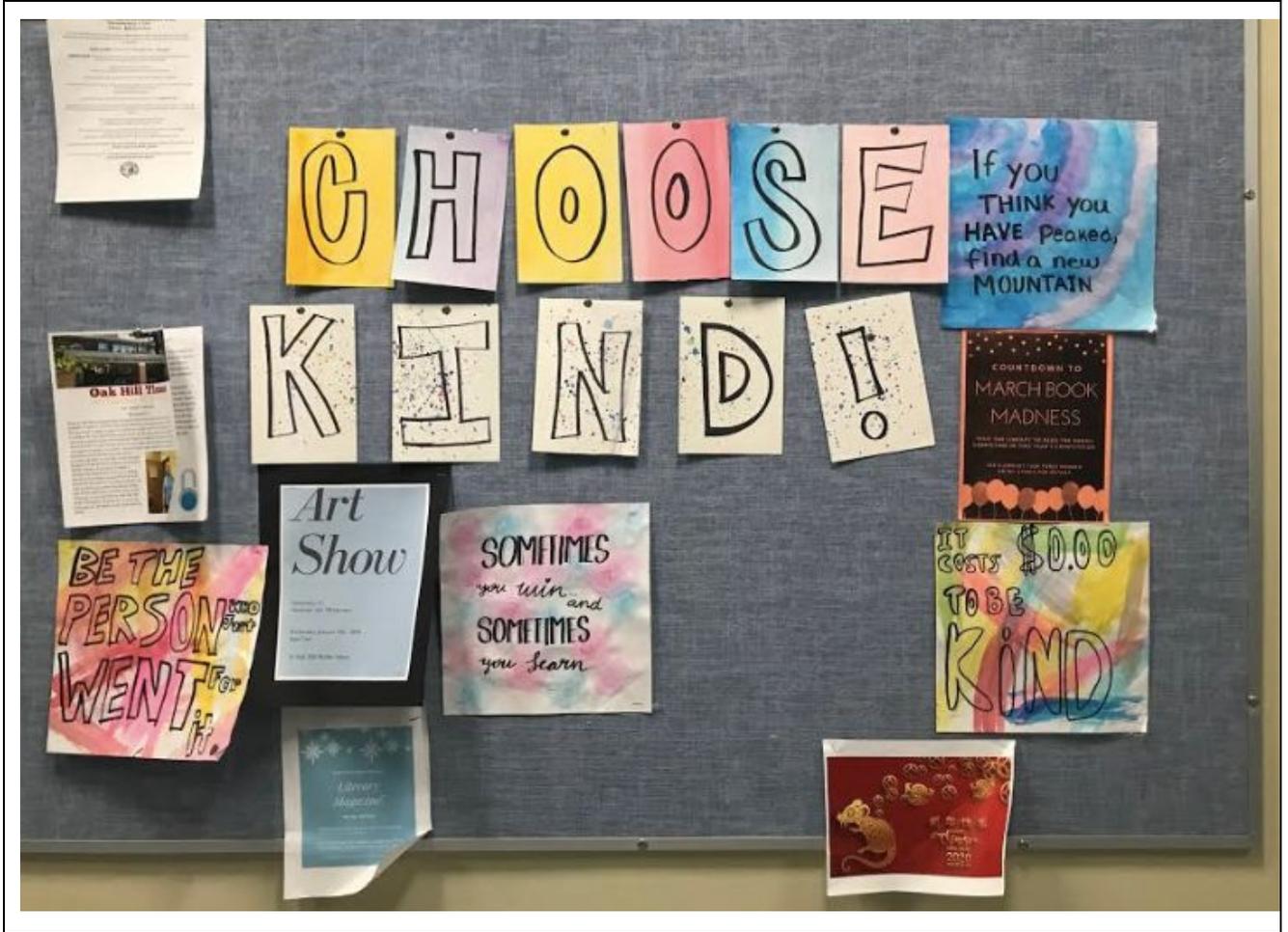












**SAVE THE DATE:** All families of 6th grade students, please mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 2** for the annual **Global Goals exposition**. Students across the grade will be sharing their projects related to the U.N. Global Goals beginning at 8am! Please arrange now time off from work to be able to attend. It is one of the most special days of the 6th grade experience!

**MCAS 2020: Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacation on the test dates.**

**6th grade:**

ELA- April 9, 13 (periods 1-3)

Math- May 12, 13 (periods 1-2)

**7th grade:**

ELA- April 7, 8 (periods 1-3)

Math- May 18, 19 (periods 1-2)

**8th grade:**

ELA- April 14, 15 (periods 1-3)

Math- May 7,8 (periods 1-2)

STE- May 14, 15 (periods 1-2)

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**Afterschool Enrichment and Athletics**  
**March 2020**  
**ALL CLUBS BEGIN AT 2:30 AND END AT 4:00**

**MONDAYS:**

Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Math Counts	Mr. Bunting, Room 152
Big Y & The Green Beans	Mr. Butler, Room 206/7

**WEDNESDAYS:**

Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Makers Club	Mr. McGraw, Room 206/7
Art Club	Miss Calhoun, Art Room
Beyond Monopoly	Mr. McDaniels, Room 251
Jazz Band	Ms. Kleyensteuber, Band Room

**THURSDAYS:**

Newspaper	Mrs. Kappel, Room 234
Math Team	Ms Deschaines, Ms. Hsu, Mr. Timmins Room 233
<b>Clay Club 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only</b>	Miss Calhoun, Art Room

**FRIDAYS:**

Girls Who Code	Ms. Cadigan, Room 232
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