

# Roadrunner Review



June 2010

Eighth Edition Summer 2010

# From our principal:

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us. It has been a very busy year at Oakland Elementary School and I would like to thank the staff, students, parents, and community for a great school year. At the beginning of the year we reviewed recommendations for improvement from NCA/CASI. From those recommendations we initiated a systematic plan of academic interventions for our students, created a vision for Oakland Elementary School, and created a school improvement plan. In the Fall we will begin implementation of the school improvement plan consisting of four goals based on our vision.

**Vision:** Oakland Elementary School shall be a community that nurtures academic excellence, engaged learners, and character development for all students. This vision will guide our plans as well as be the benchmark by which we evaluate our progress.

**Goal #1 Reading:** All students will read at grade level.

**Goal #2 Writing:** All students will meet writing grade level content expectations.

**Goal #3 Math:** All students will master grade level math facts.

**Goal #4 Climate:** Create an environment where students excel in learning and teachers excel in teaching to produce a sense of pride and community among staff, student, and parents.

For Oakland Elementary School to meet these goals, parents, staff, students, and the community will work as team to ensure that “Students are here to learn, teachers are here to teach, and we’re all here to be the change.” Look for information on our progress of meeting these goals in the 2010-2011 school year.

This year I have been extremely impressed with our parents and community. The evening of the Open House I spoke to parents and asked for volunteers to assist in improving the appearance of the building, assisting in classrooms, and helping with the day-to-day operations within the school. Volunteers came out and gave the front of our school a beautiful makeover. A special thank you to Ryan and Noelle Downs, Jeff and Linda Spier, Kathy Ryan, and Fran for weeding and planting our front garden. Also, thank you to PJ’s Flower Market, Bordine’s Express, PMN Consulting, Perennial Accents, Suburban Flowers, and Jim’s Flowers for donating an assortment of flowers and plants.



As you can see the garden is beautiful. We will be asking for volunteers to help maintain the garden.

I invite you to attend the June 14, 2010 PTA meeting. We will be reviewing the new parking/traffic procedures for the 2010/2011 school year and asking for parent volunteers to help us implement the new plan. We will need six volunteers to help direct traffic and act as crossing guards.

Again, thank you for a wonderful school year. I wait in anticipation for another successful year. A child's success is dependant upon our investment in our roles as teachers, parents, and mentors.

“Each person must live their lives as a model for others.”

-Rosa Parks

Dave Pontzious  
Oakland Elementary Principal

**For all those who helped make our garden so beautiful THANK YOU!!!**

Fran (son in 4th grade)  
Amanda (daughter going into K next year)  
Danielle (daughter Jean in Ms. Fitzpatrick's class)  
Stephanie Hamlet  
Ryan and Noelle Downs

**All those who sponsored Oakland Elementary Garden**

PJ 's Flower Market  
121 N. Main  
Clawson, MI

Bordines Express on Coolidge  
1835 S. Rochester Rd  
Rochester Hills, MI 48037  
(Main Store)

PMN Consulting  
Nurse Case Management Company  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303

Kathy Ryan  
Ferndale, MI

Jeff and Linda Spier  
Royal Oak, MI

Perennial Accents  
1322 Catalpa Dr.  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
Andy (by appt 248-541-5845)

Suburban Flowers  
13 ½ and Woodward

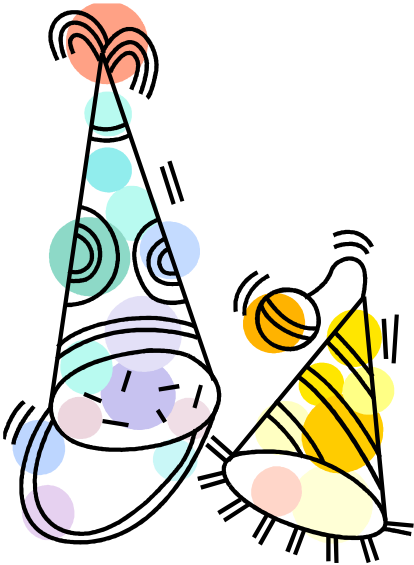
Jim's Flowers  
@ Fresh Approach

# July Birthdays

Ms. Alyssa Reimold  
Ms. Diane Alvin  
Ms. Stacey Winn  
Ms. Wendy Zieleniewski  
Ms. Nancy Youngquist  
Ms. Shawn Gibson  
Brenden Hudson  
Remington Klapko  
Andrew Crane  
Michael Mollencopf  
Gabrielle Ybarra  
David Halbach  
Matthew Danan  
Hailey Durant  
Taylor Giese  
Rhyan Williams  
Donovan Chalmers  
Zachary Tresik

Aidan Parks  
Haven Youngblood  
Cloe Dobbs  
Kirsten Dobbs  
Shamar West  
Adam Schaefer  
Isiah Daniels  
Nia Wochnowski  
Nicole OConnor  
Quinn Owens  
Sydney Thomas  
Lauren Hall  
A'Yyan Haashiim  
Destiny Hart  
Brooke Vickery  
Devvn Jones

Look Who's Celebrating  
A Birthday  
This Month!!!!





# June 2010 The Place for PTA News



Oakland Elementary  
Parent Teacher Association  
May 10, 2010

Meeting called to order 6:00 p m.  
Welcome

School Board Liaison – Mike Hartman

Still working on the budget, Thursday is the next budget meeting and it will \*

Be at Oakridge. The budget deficit was lowered to 400,000-450,000 – benefits Went up.

Presidents Report –

Nothing really to report, just a big Thank You to all who donated for the \* Staff appreciation.

Family Fun Nights are once a month and they are as follows: \*

Oct. 14th – Trunk or Treat Nov. 12th – Magic Show

Dec. 16th—Movie Night Jan 14th – Mom/Son event

Feb. 10th - Sweetheart dance March 18th – Spaghetti Dinner

April 21 - McDonalds May 20th –Bake Sale/Game Night  
June 18th – End of the Year Picnic

## Minutes

Approved & filed \*

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was approved and filed. \*  
Just one question about the postage reimbursement. Shawn stated that Kris buys a roll of stamps for the year, but is going to double check. \*  
It was mentioned to maybe add what the deposits were for on the report. \*

## Principal's Report – Mr. Pontzious

On-Line – the website has a ton of information.  
[www.royaloakschools.com](http://www.royaloakschools.com) \*  
Has a plea for volunteers for next year. There will be new parking and drop off procedures for next year. He needs about six people who can volunteer on a consistent basis. The service squad can also help. \*  
We are working on our NCA goals, we have four goals. Title 1 is a part of the NCA goals. \*  
We received a grant to make a parent resource center. \*

## Teacher's Report – Mrs. Ryan

A suggestion was made to maybe accept checks instead of cash for fundraisers \*For tax purpose, Shawn stated that all they need is our 503C Tax ID number.

A question was asked why we haven't had very many assemblies, the reason is \* We need someone to coordinate it and assemblies cost a lot of money.

Thank you for the field trip money, most of the teachers used it for the Movie \* "Oceans". Mrs. Rybicki said that her students loved it, for some it was the first

Time riding on a bus and even going to a movie theater. Mrs. Ryan said that it Turned out to be really good and the students really had a good time.

Thank You for Staff Appreciation. \*

The kindergarten students really liked the book fair, they liked being able to buy \* One book and getting one free.

### Committee Reports

Book Fair – was really good, Stacey mentioned that she is going to make the \* Students and parents aware that there is sales tax that needs to be added to The price of the books.

Also a suggestion was made to have stickers or a stamp for the students to put There name in their books and to help us know that they were paid for.

Bake Sale – a suggestion was made that we have a raffle for the fifth grade \* Students for front row seating at 5th grade graduation, and the money raised will Go toward the graduation.

We are also looking for someone to run the 5th grade graduation, Shawn and \* Barb McCutchen can get things done before, but they have 8th graders and there is an award ceremony at the same time.

Website – If you have anything that needs to go on the website you can e-mail it to Kerry at [derminerker@royaloakschools.com](mailto:derminerker@royaloakschools.com) and she can put it on the site. There is a link from the Oakland site that will take you to the PTA site or you can go directly to [oaklandpta.net](http://oaklandpta.net). Kerry can also scan things to put on the site. \* The End of the Year Picnic will be from 4-7 on the last day of school. Baskets, inflatables and a rock wall. Families can bring a picnic dinner and enjoy \* Dinner outside. More details will follow.

Basket raffle at the year end picnic – If you buy items to donate to the classroom \* Basket then you will get a tickets depending on how much you spend and you can then place those tickets in any basket of your interest. The baskets will be displayed the week before the last day of school. More info to follow.

Website – Kerry found a cheaper company for our website it will save us \$16.00 \* A month.

The Fun Run will be held in the fall next year, we think we will have a better turn \* If its in the fall.

Old Business \*

There was no old business \*

New Business

No new business \*

The winner of the Hollywood Gift card is Angie Durant,  
Congrats.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next PTA meeting is June 14th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.  
Babysitting is available.

**Without a doubt, providing recognition is one of the best ways (if not the best way) to build and maintain superior performance. The reason for that is quite simple:  
reinforced behavior gets repeated.**

~ Eric Harvey

Dear Oakland Families,

Thank you all for this year! I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for the support and help you gave this year (you all made my second year a breeze). Without all of you the PTA would not function.

I can't wait to see each of you Friday at the End of Year Picnic. I am looking forward to lots of fun. Good luck to everyone in the Basket Raffle, we ended up with lots of GREAT looking baskets. Thanks to those that helped pull that off.

I would like to wish the incoming PTA Board all the luck and fun in the next two year's, for me it is defiantly an experience that I will cherish for many years to come. I look forward to the exciting things you all have planned.

Good luck to the outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, you will enjoy your new experiences in Middle School.

Have a safe and wonderful summer! See you next year.

Shawn Gibson  
PTA President.

# Ms. Farber's Class



We learned how  
to make  
Maple Syrup!  
Yummy!

# Oakland's 1st Graders



1st Grade Concert  
Don't we look  
great!

# Ms. Farber's Class



We had a  
very special  
visitor!

# MS. Farber's Class



Our field trip  
to the Historic  
Village in Troy

# Mrs. Fitzpatrick's Class



what a lovely job they did!

<http://www.royaloakschools.com/portal/oakland/staff>



Please go here to see what our teachers are saying!  
Several teachers (more to come soon) have their own websites! These pages are filled with what is going on in the classroom now and what is up coming! Check it out!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
NEW OAKLAND PTA  
OFFICERS FOR THE  
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

**PRESIDENT:  
KRIS WEBER**

**RECORDING SECRETARY:  
MICHELLE WINQUIST**

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:  
KELLEY BACHELDOR**

**TREASURER:  
KELLIE ORLOSKI**

**HISTORIAN:  
LISA TYNER**

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE:  
JAMIE DANIELS**





Check out the Oakland Elementary PTA Website

[www.oaklandpta.net](http://www.oaklandpta.net)

Here is some of what you will find:

- Agendas and minutes for the PTA meetings
- A calendar of events listing the activities happening at Oakland Elementary.
- A link to our new Facebook page
- Much More!



# Box Tops for Education



# Box Tops for Education

Please clip Box Tops from your favorite grocery items and send them into your child's teacher.

Each month the class with the most box tops per student will earn a prize!



# Box Tops for Education

## April 2010

Classroom	0	2	50	7	10	150	20	25	30
		5		5	0		0	0	0
Rybicki	27 box tops								
Fitzpatrick	30 box tops								
Truesdell	57 box tops.....								
DeVine	16 box tops								
Smith	46 box tops								
Farber	29 box tops								
Kapera	Don't forget those boxtops!								
Green	Don't forget those boxtops!								
Tarsavage	85 box tops.....								
Donnellon	100 box tops.....								
Shannon	1 box top      Don't forget those boxtops!								
Ryan	8 box tops								



Box Top Winner for April:  
Mr. Donnellon's Class—3.8 box tops per student!



Rybicki	21 box tops
Fitzpatrick	72 box tops.....
Truesdell	77 box tops.....
DeVine	68 box tops.....
Smith	61 box tops.....
Farber	15 box tops
Kapera	27 box tops
Green	186 box tops.....
Tarsavage	Don't forget those boxtops!
Donnellon	1 box top      Don't forget those boxtops!
Shannon	94 box tops.....
Ryan	97 box tops.....

Box Top Winner for May:  
 Ms. Green's Class—7.4 box tops per student!



## Box Tops for Education--Year End total!

	Sept/Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan/Feb	March	April	May	total
<b>Classroom</b>								
Rybicki	60	153	36	36	45	27	21	<b>378</b>
Fitzpatrick	98	92	76	90	58	30	72	<b>516</b>
Truesdell	0	0	107	185	212	57	77	<b>638</b>
DeVine	2	177	119	139	8	16	68	<b>529</b>
Smith	293	39	108	153	57	46	61	<b>757</b>
Farber	104	106	130	142	54	29	15	<b>580</b>
Kapera	291	38	24	132	60	0	27	<b>572</b>
Green	0	46	918	301	71	0	186	<b>1522</b>
Tarsavage	0	0	442	195	19	85	0	<b>741</b>
Donnellon	106	371	142	81	0	100	1	<b>801</b>
Shannon	64	119	3	100	474	1	94	<b>855</b>
Ryan	493	20	315	287	15	8	97	<b>1235</b>
	1511	1161	2420	1841	1073	399	719	<b>9124</b>

**9124 Boxtops = \$913.40 raised for the Oakland PTA**

**Boxtops for Education will send a check in December**

Thank you to all that donated! Remember to collect your Boxtops over the summer. See following pages for products with Boxtops!



# WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE



*www.oaklandpta.net*

will be taken down June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please check out our new website

at

*www.oaklandpta.com*

beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>.