



Oakland Roadrunner

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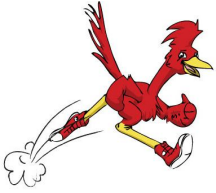
“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.”

Author Unknown

A black graduation cap with a gold tassel is positioned over a white diploma. The diploma is framed by a black border. The text is written in red on the white background of the diploma.

Congratulations 5th graders!

**Oakland is going to miss you,
but we know you are off to do
bigger and better things!**



**"Students are here to learn,
Teachers are here to teach,
and we're all here to be the
change!"**



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. This year we implemented our school improvement plan and with laser like focus progressed toward the below goals:

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.

We hope that you will join us Monday, June 13th at the final PTA meeting of the year. That evening there will be a 7 minute video reviewing the school year.

Every member of the Oakland community should be very proud. We truly live our motto: "Students are here to learn, teachers are here to teach and we're all here to be the change!"

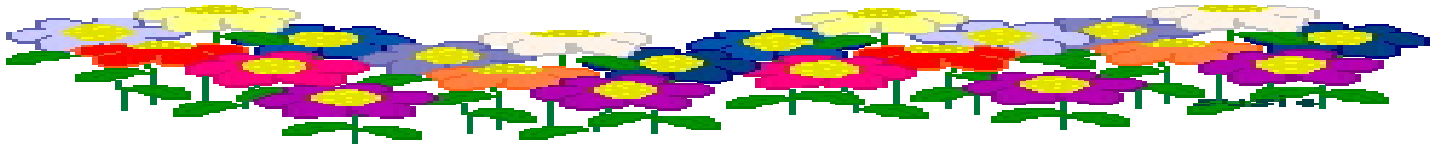
"To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly."

-Henri Bergson

Have a safe and wonderful summer,

Dave Pontzious
Principal

Note from the President:



Dear Oakland Students, Faculty, Staff and Community,

As my time as Oakland Elementary's PTA President draws to a close, I wanted to take a few minutes to say thank you for a wonderful year. I have been at Oakland since 1999 with my oldest daughter and I can tell you, there is no Elementary school more committed to their students, than Oakland.

As Principal Mr. Pontizious always tells me, "We have the very best students, staff, faculty and parents!" We all should be very proud.

As this year comes to a close, let us "look back" at what our PTA entity of dedicated parents, staff and faculty, accomplished together. We set our goals at the beginning of the school year, stayed focused and on task. Our net profit is \$22,423.00 and are all very excited about where we've been and what we've accomplished!

Here is a snapshot of some of our accomplishments:

- School grounds clean-up

- Hosted a "Family Night" Welcome Back ice cream social

- Hosted a "Family Night" Trunk or Treat/Monster Hot Rods, Daddy Daughter dance. Mom and Son Bowling, Movie Night, First ever Reading Night, Spaghetti Dinner/ Bake Sale, Year end All school picnic

- Sponsored many Assemblies for the year

- Petitioned hard to our legislators to oppose budget cuts to our schools

- Hosted a "Welcome Back" breakfast for staff, and organized a Staff Appreciation week.

- With your help provided Thanksgiving Baskets for our own Oakland Families in need

- Helped support the 5th grade Instrumental Music Program

- Provided an ARMY of volunteers throughout the year for bottle drives, school socials, scholastic book fairs, and fundraisers.

Although I could go on, I'm sure you can see we did great things year. It's because we have such a wonderful and dedicated PTA, that's partners with an amazing school like Oakland. To make such progress and achieve this success, we should all feel proud.

Please continue to show your support to the PTA by joining next year. It is the largest organization that advocates for our children, and is beyond fundraising and programs in schools - just being a member is being another voice for children in Royal Oak and Capitol Hill.

Thank you again for the honor of serving you and our children. I wish all my best and continued support to Candi Drouillard, the next PTA President elect and her new PTA Board. Please stay committed, stay passionate, and stay involved! Your children will benefit for years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Kris Weber
Oakland Elementary
PTA President

Oakland Elementary PTA

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May 9, 2011

President's Report (Kris Weber):

1. Rally May 12 at the Capitol at noon - support needed.
2. Thank you to all the volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Week
3. PTA Council Member of the Year was awarded to Kellie Orloski
4. Teachers - if you haven't requested your \$10/student - you need to do so as soon as possible. Just request, in writing, that you are asking for your \$10/kid and give a grand total (put in PTA mailbox).

Board Liason's Report (Deb Anderson):

1. Should be a State budget by end of May - may not be good.
2. New Superintendent is Sean Lewis-Lakin (sp?); she thinks he brings a lot to the table
3. This Sunday, May 15th from 1:00-4:00 PM at the new Emerge Theater in RO is a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club and the RO Foundation for Public Education. Tickets pre-ordered are \$15.00 and at the door they are \$20.00. Lots of fun activities planned. Check out the school district's website for a link for more info :)

Teacher Report (Kate and Kris Ryan):

1. We thanked the PTA for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week; they loved all the thank you's they have received thus far.
2. We told them how much fun we had at the Tigers game with the Safeties and thanked them for the money they gave for the parents to park.
3. We told them that Student Council will be selling cookies (from the cookie dough sale) at lunch time for \$0.25 each and the money will go towards Blessings in a Backpack
4. Last, we told them we will be having a Service/Safety/Broadcast breakfast this Friday morning and are planning to have an afterschool rec on Wed, May 25th.

5. Thanked the Climate Committee for a great Cooperation Assembly and how the kids had fun building bridges; he thanked volunteers for helping.

Other news:

1. 13 themes have been chosen for the baskets for the raffle at the Family Picnic on Thursday, June 16th. Information will be going home with students soon. Each classroom will be assigned a theme for their basket and the students are asked/encouraged to bring in items to put in the basket. Baskets are then raffled off that night :)
2. Our school is an "Emerald" school and Karen Kaiser and a small group of parents are going to be planning activities for next year to elevate us to "Evergreen" status hopefully.
3. We may be doing another cookie dough fundraiser in the fall. If we sign up now, the company will give us \$350.00 in playground balls.
4. Planning to have a Skate World night next fall - November 12 or 19; we can actually make money on this :)
5. Tee shirts and cookbooks are still on sale

Kris Ryan for Michelle Winquist

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2010-2011 Budget

Income	Actual 09/10	Proposed 10/11	Actual 10/11
5th grade instrumental program			\$ 300.00
Bake Sales	\$ 210.25	\$ 150.00	\$ 327.65
Book Fair	\$ 5,117.54	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 4,960.53
Box Tops		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,493.09
Brueggers Bagels		\$ 200.00	\$ 40.85
Chuckie Cheese		\$ 200.00	\$ 173.15
Cookbook Fundraiser			\$ 1,617.50
Cookie Dough Fundraiser			\$ 19,332.00
Donations		\$ -	\$ 53.00
Donations for Turkey Dinners			\$ 100.00
End of Year Picnic/auction	\$ 811.29	\$ 500.00	
Founders Day Dinner		\$ 500.00	\$ 362.50
Fun Run	\$ 10,016.40	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,503.50
Gordon Foods			\$ 27.69
Haiti	\$ 754.88		
Krogers	\$ -	\$ -	
McDonalds	\$ 192.79	\$ 200.00	
Snookers gambling event - Millionaire		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,865.00
Mom and Son Event			\$ 136.00
Movie Night Popcorn Sales		\$ 90.00	\$ 115.00
Music Program Donation from Oakland		\$ 200.00	
Noodles	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
Partylite Candle Fundraiser			\$ 542.33
Pop Can Fund Raiser			\$ 1,468.60
PTA Memberships	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 655.00
Secret Santa	\$ 3,591.18	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,688.78
Schwans	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
Sonic		\$ 200.00	\$ 327.74
Spaghetti Dinner		\$ 150.00	\$ 297.00
Spirit Wear	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,057.00
Texas Roadhouse		\$ 400.00	\$ 625.13
Tupperware Fundraiser			\$ 156.90
Trunk or Treat Popcorn Sales		\$ 90.00	\$ 144.95
Total Income	\$ 21,194.33	\$ 28,880.00	\$ 50,370.89

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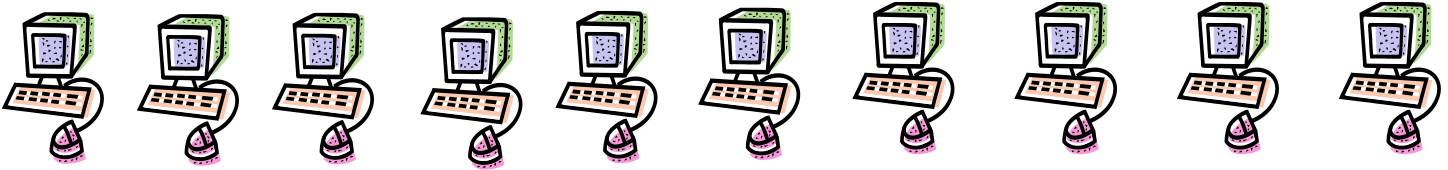
2010 - 2011 Budget

Expenses	Actual 09/10	Proposed 10/11	Actual 10/11
Appreciation Days	\$ 349.80	\$ 350.00	\$ 362.34
Auction	\$ 66.69	\$ 70.00	
Baby-sitting	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 140.00
Box Tops	\$ 65.71	\$ 70.00	
Broadcast	\$ -	\$ -	
Clean up the school grounds		\$ 150.00	\$ 81.34
Community Action			
RO Youth Assistance		\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Thanksgiving - received \$100 donation	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 162.62
Am Cancer Society		\$ 50.00	
ROHS Special Olympics		\$ 50.00	
Boys and Girls Club		\$ 50.00	
pizza party for class who donates most blood			\$ 30.00
Royal Oak Rotary Club - basket donation			\$ 44.52
Royal Oak High PTSA - All Night Party			\$ 50.00
Cookbooks - fundraiser			\$ 1,737.07
Cookie Dough Fundraiser			\$ 11,556.00
Cultural Arts	\$ 624.49	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 642.07
Donuts with Dave		\$ 100.00	\$ 74.11
Field Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.85
Flowers/Gifts Staff and Board	\$ 450.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 115.42
Fun Fair/End of Year Picnic	\$ 725.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 357.54
Fun Run	\$ 312.61	\$ 500.00	\$ 326.11
5th Grade Graduation	\$ 160.18	\$ 400.00	\$ 154.14
Haiti	\$ 754.88		
Historian/Publicity	\$ -	\$ 80.00	
Lansing Trip	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Liability Insurance	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
MEAP	\$ 380.34	\$ 200.00	\$ 169.21
Millionaire Fund Raiser - Snookers gambling	-		\$ 3,040.00
Music Program		\$ 245.00	
Office Supplies/Expenses	\$ 167.72	\$ 155.00	\$ 10.45
Presidents Expense	\$ 66.75	\$ -	
Partylite Candle Fundraiser			\$ 278.03

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Expenses	Actual 09/10	Proposed 10/11	Actual 10/11
Pop Can Fund Raiser Party			\$ 35.80
Principal Day			\$ 50.00
PTA Conventions	\$ -	\$ -	
PTA Council Dues	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
PTA Founders Day	\$ 150.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 218.16
PTA Founders Day Dinner		\$ 500.00	\$ 475.00
PTA Scholarship Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PTA Unit Dues	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
PTA Membership	\$ 472.50	\$ 475.00	\$ 491.25
Reflections	\$ -	\$ -	
Returned check fees/bank fees	\$ 347.23		\$ 0.05
Safety & Service Squad	\$ 543.59	\$ 600.00	\$ 446.62
Safety Insurance	\$ 24.88	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.84
Secret Santa	\$ 3,591.18	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,612.77
Secretary Day			\$ 50.00
Scholastic Book Fairs	\$ 5,117.54	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 4,942.81
School Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	
Skate World Fundraiser 2011/2012			\$ 150.00
Socials			
Sweatheart Dance	\$ 381.65	\$ 380.00	\$ 453.08
Mom/Son Event	\$ 210.58	\$ 200.00	\$ 467.77
Movie Night		\$ 200.00	\$ 175.57
Magic Night		\$ -	
Trunk Or Treat	\$ 227.53	\$ 250.00	\$ 310.46
Spaghetti Dinner	\$ 220.11	\$ 250.00	\$ 192.55
Reading night		\$ 380.00	\$ 380.87
Picnic/Ice Cream Social	\$ 380.34	\$ 200.00	\$ 218.89
Spirit Wear	\$ 607.76	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,071.00
Spot Light a Class		\$ 150.00	
Student Fund	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,160.00
Welcome Back Staff		\$ 150.00	\$ 144.67
Website	\$ 383.78	\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ 20,773.36	\$ 23,060.00	\$ 37,494.98
Total Income From Prior Pg	\$ 21,171.33	\$ 40,706.06	\$ 50,370.89
Income Less Expenses	\$ 397.97	\$ 17,646.06	\$ 12,875.91

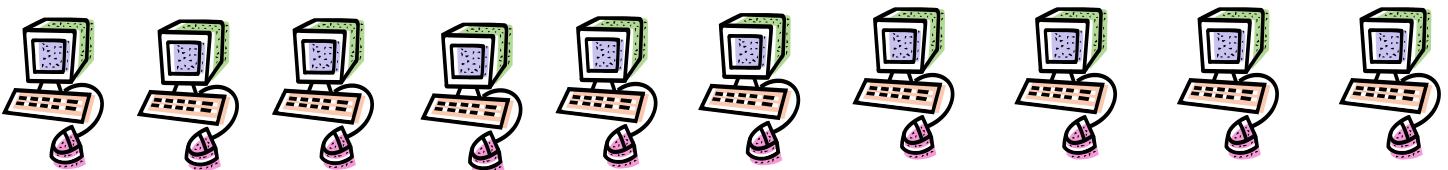


Check out the Oakland Elementary PTA Website

www.oaklandpta.com

Here is some of what you will find:

- Agendas and minutes for the PTA meetings
- Information about PTA events
- A link to our new Facebook page
- Much More!



September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 First Day back to school!	7	8	9	10
11	12 PTA Mtg 7pm media ctr chidcare available	13	14 Ice Cream Social Welcome Back 6pm— 7:30pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31