FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016-2017

Oak View
Elementary School
5004 Sideburn Rd.
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Attendance Line
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Website
http://www.fcps.edu/OakViewES/

Notes from Oak View
The FCPS Go To Guide is an online resource contains valuable information you may need throughout the year, including calendars, services and special programs, the instructional program, and information about starting school.

Oak View Elementary has produced this handout that includes some additional notes that are important for our school community. Keep this in a safe place, as it will be a handy resource for you and your family and will help us get off to a great start for the 2015-16 school year.

ATTENDANCE
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM -3:15 PM
Early—8:15 AM
Oak View Elementary will supervise students starting at 8:15 AM. To keep our students safe, walkers and car riders should arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 AM.

On time—8:20 AM
Our first bell rings at 8:20 AM. Students should be in their seats and ready to learn by the second bell at 8:30 AM

Absent or Tardy—8:30 AM
If your child is either going to be absent for the entire day or late for any reason, call the school attendance line at 703-764-7171 before 8:30 AM. The attendance line is available 24-7. If the school does not receive a call from a parent, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Excused Absence and Tardy—Illness of the student, death in the family, doctor or dentist appointment, and observance of a religious holiday.

Unexcused Absence and Tardy—Family trip, child care situation, oversleeping, nonschool-related activity, traffic, or missed bus.

Release of Students during the Day
Oak View will excuse a student during the day for valid reasons. Parents should send a written request to the teacher when your child must leave early. Parents must come to the school office to pick up and sign out their child. Oak View will not allow a student to walk home alone during the school day, nor will we release your child to anyone other than adults listed on the Emergency Contact Form without a written request signed by a parent.

HEALTH SERVICES
When to Stay Home — Students with symptoms, such as rashes, watery and inflamed eyes, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home until a doctor evaluates their symptoms and determines whether or not they are contagious. The Fairfax County Department of Health recommends that children remain home fever-free for 24 hours after an illness prior to returning to school. Remember to call the Attendance Line at 703-764-7171 to report your child’s absence.

Medication at School — Prescription and most over-the-counter medications require strict adult supervision. Parents and guardians must transport medications to and from the school health room. Forms to authorize school staff members to administer medications are available in the school office and online at http://www.fcps.edu/forms.shtml

FOOD SERVICES
Breakfast—$1.75 Lunch—$2.90 See http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/serve/lunchmenus.shtml for updated information, menus, payment options, free/reduced meals and FAQs. You can pay online via mySchoolBucks.com.

We are always happy to see a parent, grandparent, or sibling come to eat with a student. It is a special occasion for the entire class. Visitors typically either purchase lunch from the cafeteria or bring a bag lunch from home. It is nice for the students to see that grownups also eat nutritious lunches. We ask that you do not bring in soft drinks or “fast-food” lunches. The sale of soft drinks to students is prohibited in all Fairfax County Public Schools, from elementary through high school, during the school day. The emphasis on nutritional eating is reflected in our health curriculum and in the selection of food sold in the cafeteria. We ask that when you come to eat lunch with your child, you help us continue to model healthy, nutritious eating. It is your presence, more than anything that makes the occasion special for your child.
TRANSPORTATION
Children thrive on the consistency of a routine. You should make changes in transportation only when necessary. If you require a change, such as going home with a friend or meeting a parent at Kiss and Ride, send a note to your child’s teacher on the morning of the change.

We must receive a note from both the parent of the child going to visit and the parent of the child being visited. Buses operate at capacity and cannot accommodate extra passengers. Play dates should be arranged after your child has arrived home.

YOUR CHILD
School Clothes
We expect students to come to school dressed in proper attire for school activities. Clothing should fit, be neat and clean, and conform to standards of decency. We do not permit: clothing with improper language or images, sagging or low-cut pants, low-cut necklines, tube tops, halter tops, backless blouses or blouses with only ties in the back, clothing constructed of see-through materials, head coverings, such as scarves or bandanas, unless required for religious or medical reasons. Tennis shoes or shoes with rubber soles are necessary for physical education classes and active recess play.

Homework
The faculty of Oak View believes that homework is an essential part of the school program. Purposeful homework assignments are intended to reinforce and extend learning initiated in the classroom and can provide an opportunity to inform parents of current topics. Homework can also stimulate creativity, critical thinking, and awareness that learning can take place outside of the classroom.

The responsibility for homework gradually increases for students in grades 1 through 6.

The Parents Resource page on the FCPS web site offers links to valuable information, including the Fairfax County Public Library Homework and Student Support link.
http://www.fcps.edu/parents/index.shtml

Personal Property
FCPS does not assume responsibility for the personal property, including personally owned computing/network devices, of students and does not purchase insurance for their property. Oak View Elementary urges parents and students to carefully consider the types and value of property taken to school, especially items with monetary or sentimental value. Unidentified articles found in the school are placed in a designated location.

Student Progress Reports
The school year is divided into four nine-week grading periods. Shortly after each grading period, you will receive a printed Progress Report.

Discipline
We expect students to respect the rights and privileges of others and accept responsibility for their own actions and the consequences of their behavior. The FCPS discipline code is presented in Regulation 2601 and the Student Responsibilities and Rights brochure.

Field Trips
During the school year, classes may take field trips that relate directly to the regular instructional program. We send permission slips home prior to the trip, and parents must return them to the school no later than the day before the scheduled trip. We cannot accept verbal permission. Oak View often asks parents to help chaperon field trips. All students must ride school-arranged transportation to and from the field trip destination.

For safety and insurance reasons, younger siblings may not attend.

Birthdays
Oak View Elementary does not allow the delivery of balloons, flowers or celebration performers, etc. Parents who want to provide a healthy class treat should:
• Notify your child’s classroom teacher in advance. The teacher knows of food allergies and will be able to monitor all children’s health and safety.
• Treats should be single-portion finger foods that do not require adult assistance to cut or supervision to distribute.
• As you can understand, party invitations are not suitable for distribution at school. Social arrangements should be made from home to avoid hurt feelings and to minimize distractions from the school’s academic focus.

YOUR PARTICIPATION COUNTS!

Research shows that students achieve academic goals and learn essential life skills and responsibility to the community when parents and teachers build partnerships of trust and collaboration. Oak View Elementary invites our parents to:
• Attend Open House prior to the first day of school to meet your child’s teacher and see your child’s classroom.
• Attend Back to School Night to receive an overview of your child’s school year.
• Volunteer in your child’s classroom. Your child’s teacher can provide you with opportunities.
• Join your child in all of the special events and activities our school and PTA sponsors each year.

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