

# Oakfield Elementary

## OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

### It's All About the MINDSET

The Oakfield Elementary Staff is kicking off the school year by discussing MINDSET with students. It correlates with our school theme this year "Let Your MINDSET the Stage." I would like to inform you about two important mindsets for the school year:

1. *Learning is hard work.*
2. *Learning can be uncomfortable.*

As parents, you can help your learners this year by doing the opposite of what we, as parents, are programmed to do - allow him/her to be uncomfortable at times! Indeed, all learning occurs outside the comfort zone, not inside it. Being uncomfortable presents children with an important opportunity for growth. In fact, a growing area of psychology research in the area of "non-cognitive skills" points to a key predictor of children's success in college and career - the ability to work through their problems on their own.

The staff are using the *MindUp Curriculum* to teach in each classroom to support students learning brain-focused strategies for learning and living. If you would like to learn more about this curriculum check out the website <http://mindup.org/?nab=0>.

This is a year about creating a growth mindset. It is a year of learning. It is a year that will stretch us, challenge us, and yes, it will make each of us wonderfully uncomfortable at times. What a joy it will be to learn and grow together this year. After all, we are a community of learners. We know that learning is HARD WORK!

### DATES

### EVENTS

Tues., Oct. 4	<b>4K T/Th-5th Grade Picture Day</b>
Wed., Oct. 5	<b>4K M/W ONLY Picture Day</b> <b>6:00 PTO Meeting - Elementary Instructional Media Center (IMC) Formerly known as the Library</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Parent/Teacher Organization is a great way for parents to be active in our school. Please consider attending the meeting to support our school.</li></ul>
Fri., Oct. 7	<b>12:30 Wall of Fame-OES Gymnasium</b> <b>1:15 Early Dismissal</b>
Mon., Oct. 10	<b>5:30 School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting - MS/HS IMC</b> <b>6:30 Annual Budget Meeting - MS/HS IMC</b>
Tues., Oct. 18	<b>4:00 - 7:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
Thurs., Oct. 20	<b>4:00 - 7:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
Fri., Oct. 21	<b>No School for Students</b> <b>8:00 - 10:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> <b>PTO Wilderness Weekend in the Dells</b>
Mon., Oct. 24	<b>5:30 - Regular School Board Meeting - MS/HS IMC</b>
Wed., Oct. 26	<b>4K Halloween Party</b>
Thurs., Oct. 27	<b>4K Halloween Party</b>
Fri., Oct. 28	<b>K - 5 Halloween Parties</b>

### LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 1	<b>Hearing and Vision Screening</b>
Nov. 4	<b>Wall of Fame - Presented by the 5th grade</b> <b>Early Dismissal</b>
Nov. 18	<b>Early Dismissal</b>
Nov. 23	<b>Early Dismissal</b>
Nov. 24 - 25	<b>No School</b>

**Let Your MIND-SET the Stage!**

