

The Oakfield Difference

School and Community News

December 2015

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How Did She Do That?!



Wa proudly shows off her stellar flexibility and gives the crowd a wave.

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Goodbye, "Lyle"

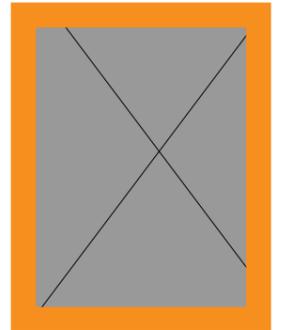
To your right right is our beloved tech mastermind, Alex Balieko, who recently left us. You will be missed Lyle.



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Oakfield Families and Community Members,

On October 26, 2015 the Oakfield School Board approved the proposed 2015-2016 district budget. The Board also approved the 2015-2016 tax levy in the amount of \$2,392,720. The Board made the decision to under levy \$100,000. The mill rate to fund the 2015-2016 tax levy is set at \$10.93 per \$1000 valuation.



The 2014-2015 tax levy was \$2,391,487. with an under levy of \$100,000. and a mill rate of \$11.15. The 2013-2014 tax levy was \$2,132,968. with a mill rate of \$10.35.

As a District, we are able to maintain a healthy budget because of the successful six-year school referendum, as well as the Wisconsin Sparsity Grant for specified rural school districts and the revenue generated by strong numbers of open enrollment students into our school district.

The additional revenue sources of the Sparsity Grant and the funding received through open enrollment will allow the District to continue to move forward in taking responsible measures to address some ongoing needs of our facilities. At this time, the priority projects for the 2015-2016 school year may include improving the windows, doors, outdoor brick, and the library of our fifty-two year old Middle School/High School (built in 1963), and allow us to begin the process of replacing some sections of carpeting in the eighteen year old Elementary School (built in 1997). The District has also placed a priority on steadily increasing security at both buildings. The 2015-2016 funding will support these efforts.

The School District of Oakfield continues to be thankful and appreciative of the generous support of the community members to maintain our current standard of a quality education for all of our students.

I hope that you will have a peaceful and joyful holiday season with your loved ones, neighbors, and friends. We look forward to many more exciting and rewarding activities and events during the second half of the school year in the School District of Oakfield!

Our Roots Run Deep - Our Branches Stretch Far

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sue Green

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Oakfield Middle School

1st Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Role ~ GPA 4.0-3.6

Honor Role ~ GPA 3.59-3.0

Grade 8

Karissa Albrecht
Jenna Anderson
Andre Artiles
Blake Bass
Logan Boeder
Britney Boelk
Andrew Bovee
Avery Conger
Joshua Duke
Reed Godfroy
Brandon Grider
Eleanore Karls
Briana Kissinger
Mya Lamonska
Ryan Laning
Taylor Liebenow
Aryn Uttendorfer
Treston Wonser

Grade 7

Madison Boeder
Emily Fink
Maddisin Freund
Mary Hawkins
Vada Hofman
Andrea Langhoff
Coby Liebelt
Grace Maurer
Hope Lynn McKibbage-Rickert
Grace Meyer
Teddy Page
Hunter Pauliot
Emily Primeau
Emily Reynolds
Steely Schaefer
Victoria Smith
Abigayle Streeter
Tailon Tadman
Mason Tapp

Grade 6

Isabella Backhaus
Ethan Batchelder
Bart Bijl
Ella Cedar
Bennett Dercks
Hannah Duke
Jack Fox
Ethan Glugla
Courtney Kaufman
Braeden Lawson
Alyssa Morell
Adrienne Moser
Cami Patten
Emily Patterson
Alexander Paz
Jenna Sabel
Cameron Schaefer
Mallory Schaefer
Nathaniel Schneider
Emalie Seager
Nora Waltz

Grade 8

Austin Balthazor
Dirk Bijl
Travis Bovee
Grant Burbach
Zyler Chapin
Keegan Collien
Austin Craig
Jaide Cruthird
Emily Culver
Amber Freeman
Austin Gitter
Andrea Kintzler
Bryce Marks
Jair Paz
Daren Reed
Taylor Ryan
Louis Schraufnagel
Vaughn Williston

Grade 7

Brock Boelk
Bryce Bornick
Emerson Bradwin
Noah De Haan
Vanessa Flury
Colten Gustavus
Bo Jacob
Blake Justmann
Alexis Kamenski
Tyler Kaufman
Ayden Killam
Carley Kopf
Kya Meinburg
Javaun Mielke
Carla Paz
Michael Rilling Jr.
Joseph Schmitz
Zachary Seyfert
Taylor Tadman
Oscheanna Voss
Xavier Waltz
Alexander Wilson

Grade 6

Grant Bass
Zeydn Chapin
Jaylin Gremminger
Noah Haseman
Savana Kintzler
Kyle Kirchoff
Brayden Kissinger
Megan Kottke
Hudson Martin
Kaliya Mielke
Sydney Newton
Abigail Norton
Colin Perry
Reagan Ramminger
Daniel Sing
Matthew Stahmann
Brianna Totz
Cole Volbright

Oakfield High School

1st Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Role ~ GPA 4.0-3.6

Honor Role ~ GPA 3.59-3.0

High Honor Roll

Grade 12

Benjamin Aschaker
Katelyn Beulen
Tyler Burbach
Hannah Flury
Khalicia Frintner
Joshua McCleave
Kaitlyn Primeau
Lauren Pritzkow
Alyssa Sabel
Thomas Schulz
Mackenzie Treffert

Grade 10

Brianna Babler
Alex Chiavetta
Sierra Conger
Noah Duke
Alexia Flury
Elizabeth Knoblett
Alexandra Kosterman
Meghan Laning
Eli Liebelt
Aleah Mies
Michael Primeau
Lucas Pritzkow
Sarah Ruplinger
Brianna Sabel
Michael Schaefer
Kallie Stoppleworth
Ethan Tapp
Brenna Wiczek

Honor Roll

Grade 12

Ross Ellison
Alysa Mies
Rollin Petersen
Andrea Schmitz
Logan Schonasky
Jered Strong
Sadie Zuelsdorf

Grade 10

Brandon Anderson
Kody Bielinski
Parker Dietzel
Olivia Holz
Eric Jacob
Brady Laabs
Karissa Ryan
Jonathan Schmitz
Benjamin Schneider
Jordan Strong

Grade 11

DuWayne Balthazor IV
Johnathan Bovee
Matthew Dinse
Cody Floyd
Emily Franke
Jacob Gallitz
Brooke Justmann
Logan Killam
Peter Klaske
Katelyn Mulholland
Mikayla Newton
Olivia Newton
Joseph Ruplinger
Benjamin Sales
Owen Stoppleworth
Samuel Stoppleworth
Michael Towne
Casandra Wettstein
Samantha Wettstein
Laura Wusterbarth

Grade 9

Bilguun Altangerel
Jacob Cedar
Samantha Chiavetta
Madyson Cruthird
Cinthia Garzon-Morales
Christopher Grace
Caylee Graham
Kodi Lenhardt
Sean Maurer
Joshua Myers
Grant Ries
Sabrina Sabel

Grade 11

Maurice Artiles
Jason Culver
Kayla Jones
Michaela Kindler
Raymond Kuslits
Aaron Shepherd

Grade 9

Savannah Eggers
Lainey Floyd
Nicole Harmsen
Michael Kottke
Cathryn Kuslits
Max Margelofsky
Rodrigo Morales
Tanner Newton
Roman Pedersen
McKayla Reinke
Megan Ryan
Cordell Schmidt
Dustin Sing
Tyler Streeter
Kayden Vossekuil
Audrey Wilson

Oakfield Unveils New Website!

Please check out the district websites new look. Other changes include a new slide show that promotes our new district mission statement, a new announcements tool to feature the key events going on in the district, and new links at the top of the page for better navigation. www.oakfield.k12.wi.us

Movie Review

SPECTRE | B-

SPECTRE is the new installment in the James Bond franchise starring Daniel Craig. SPECTRE stands for Special Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion and I know this because I know my 007 (and I googled it). This time Mr. Bond is going up against his iconic arch-nemesis Ernst Stavro Blofeld (and he even has the cat!). With bond girls Monica Bellucci (Matrix Trilogy) and the awesome Léa Seydoux (Blue is the Warmest Color), and Skyfall director Sam Mendes along for the ride, I was convinced that SPECTRE was going to be the best James Bond movie ever! But...

SPECTRE didn't really satisfy all my expectations, especially the main villain. Christoph Waltz was Blofeld, how could they have screwed that up, here's the answer: by barely bringing him onscreen. (Context: Blofeld is the most iconic of the James Bond baddies, he hasn't been in an official Bond film since 1981 and is most pictured as a man with a scarred face stroking a cat; Mike Myers parodied him with the character of Dr. Evil in the Austin Powers movies). I think Blofeld really only has three scenes in the movie (and he only has the cat in one of them!), and this was a really long movie. My other issue with Blofeld is that he's not all that menacing. Take Silva from Skyfall for example, when he threatens Bond or M you knew he was going to follow through, you knew he was a huge threat. But the problem I have with Blofeld is that he doesn't really have any threats, most of his dialogue with Bond is comprised of, "I've been the one doing this," or, "It was me all along." Pretty much, he comes in and says, "All those things you thought Le Chiffre, Dominic Greene, and Silva did was actually me and I've tortured you your whole life. Am I going to torture you now, maybe, but mostly remember all that other stuff I did." I think SPECTRE spends most of its time with the villain reminiscing the previous Bond movies.

Another problem I had was actually Seydoux. Don't get me wrong, I loved her in the movie, she was easily the best "Bond Girl" since Vesper Lynd. But her romance with Bond, although very passionate near the end, was so abrupt that I found it almost completely unbelievable. One minute she says to Bond that if he comes near her, she'll kill him, and a couple minutes later, their making out in a train. Obviously a lot of scenes must of been cut, which is why I'd love to see an extended Director's cut.

In the end, SPECTRE is a good movie, but coming off Skyfall, it's not that great. Not to mention, if you haven't seen the other Daniel Craig Bond movies, you're going to be completely lost. It was a very well shot and directed movie, but the writing wasn't there and the character development suffered. But it is a perfect sendoff for the Daniel Craig era of James Bond and I'm excited to see who'll be taking over. Chances are that if you like the James Bond movies, you'll enjoy SPECTRE, but if you're just getting into these movies, watch Casino Royale or Skyfall instead.

Article Submitted by Ben Aschaker



Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Wedel

Mr. Wedel is the Oakfield business teacher. He is a very well like teacher by the students and they all say his classes are a lot of fun and a great way to learn. He is in his second year of teaching at Oakfield but he has had a crazy teaching career coming from two years teaching in Thailand. He has been through many teaching obstacles that i think are a great fit for Oakfield in having such a qualified teacher. Here are a few Q and A's on the business teacher to get to know more about him.



Mr. Wedel was born in Beaver Dam and went to college at UW-White-water where he studied business education. He is excited to be teaching at Oakfield because he likes the students and the community. In his free time, Mr. Wedel likes to go four-wheeling and spend time with friends and family.

He became a teacher because he enjoys inspiring students and pushing them to do their very best, and he enjoys teaching business because it is practical and it allows the students to experience class in a unique and hands on environment.

Congratulations to the Oakfield Middle School Forensic Team for hosting the Flyaway Invitational on November 7th!

Sixteen Oakfield Middle School students participated in the Flyaway Middle School Forensics Meet on November 7th, 2015. About 100 students from surrounding middle schools (Horicon, Mayville, Brandon, Rosendale, and Lomira) gathered together on Saturday, November 7th at Oakfield Middle School to perform and recite literary prose, poetry, and plays.

The Oakfield students worked hard to prepare for the meet, practicing during their noon hour and during homeroom. For many, this was the first time performing, which is exciting.

The coaches are Emily Waisanen and Heather Thone, which special thanks to Josh Thone for creating the schedule, as well as Margaret Maurer and Cheryl Tapp who helped as parent volunteers, as well as all of the other parents who came to listen and support the students as they performed.

The Oakfield Middle School Students are:

Vanessa Flury
Zachary Seyfert
Emily Reynolds
Emily Primeau
Mason Tapp
Grace Maurer
Coby Liebelt

Emalie Seager
Nora Waltz

Cameron Schaefer
Mallory Schaefer

Hannah Duke
Abigail Norton

Chase Towne
Colten Gustavus
Alex Wilson



Thank You Oakfield Fire Department

A huge thank you to the Oakfield Fire Department for all their support during October's Fire Prevention Week and throughout the school year. Students in grades 4K - 5

had an opportunity to explore the Survive Alive House on October 7th and 8th. Firefighters arranged for the house to be delivered during Fire Prevention Week. They helped students gain knowledge on what to do if their house started on fire.

The fourth and fifth graders had the opportunity to be in the house when it was filled with smoke. The 4K - 3 grades just practiced exit drills without smoke. Students also participated in fire safety activities in the library



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6:00 p.m.

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SCRIP

The Scrip program is run by the PTO and sells gift cards that the PTO buys at a discount. In the past, the profits from elementary student sales went to fund such items as the playground, school shirts, and other projects. Currently, each family is able to keep 80% of the profits for their family's school expenses. Each family, elementary through high school, will have an account that they can accrue profits in, to use on school expenses. You can use your profits to pay for required costs such as:

- Registration fees, Athletic fees, Gym clothes, Netbook fees, School sponsored trip fees, Class and Club dues, Drivers Ed (when offered thru school), College books and tuition

For example, if you purchase the cards below, you would be banking \$16.80 for your account. If you did this once a month for a year, you would have banked over \$200.00!!

Pick N Save (3% profit)	\$200.00	\$10.00
Friar Tucks (5% profit)	20.00	1.00
Kohls (5% profit) (can pay bill)	100.00	5.00
Fleet Farm (5% profit)	100.00	5.00
		\$420.00

\$21.00 x 80% = \$16.80

Doing so, you have purchased things that you already needed! You can order as often as you need it. Everyone needs groceries and gas; so remember to ask your family and friends!! You can order for them as well (separate checks/payment accepted). You can also use these for gifts, holiday presents, or a shopping trip! NOTE: Check the store card/certificate language for terms of use.

To order:

- Get a Scrip Order Form and fill it out-be sure to include your contact phone number; available on the Oakfield School District website <http://www.oakfield.k12.wi.us/> - Go to a school tab at the top, then under "PTO" link ~or~ from your school office.
- Pay with cash or make check payable to "Oakfield Scrip".
- Make sure to note at the bottom on the front of the form, how you would like your filled order to be returned to you.
- At the bottom on the back of the order form, fill in where your profits should go.
 - Instead of your family account, you can also choose to donate your profits to any school, organization, or club; please note this designation on the back of your yellow order form.
- Put order and payment(s) in an envelope and send Attn. Scrip at the Elementary Office.

We have volunteers to help fill orders daily at 1:30 pm. The Stores listed on the front of the form are typically stocked at the elementary school and will be filled as soon as available. If any items are not in stock (including those listed on the back of the form), they will be ordered weekly and be filled as soon as they are received. Any questions, please contact Sarah Laning at 920.279-8946.

To receive your profit to pay for school related fees:

- Requests for funds can be made in writing by completing the blue Scrip form. Form also available at <http://www.oakfield.k12.wi.us/> - go to your school tab, then under the "PTO" link.
- You can bank these amounts in your account for as long as you like.

Any questions please contact us!
Sarah Laning, PTO President

SCRIP

- That great program that pays you back for everyday purchases!
Upcoming HOLIDAY ordering Deadlines:
~ December Holiday
Scrip orders are due by 10:00 am 12/14 into the Elementary Office; will be in Elementary Office by 12/21.

NOTE: NO SCHOOL 12/24/15 through 1/1/16 ~ No orders filled.

Otherwise, orders are filled daily at the Elementary School around 1:30 pm.

>> Some things you may not know:

- The Oakfield Elementary School, Middle School, and High School each have their own Scrip accounts.
- Each student, family, teacher, club, group can have their own Scrip Account(s).
- Profit from your purchases can be donated to any school/teacher/group/club within OSD. Just mark on the back of the yellow order form, where you would like your profit to go. Thanks for considering it!

An updated Order Form has been issued. Recently added were:

- Backyard Bar & Grill (FDL)
- Disney
- Gino's (FDL)
- Panera Bread
- Panda Express
- Philly's on the Miracle Mile (FDL)
- Under Armour
- Also, Kwik Trip has changed their policy again, and the profit percentage will go from 10% back to down last year's 5%.

Contact Grace Kaer in the OES Office for questions or program details gkaer@oakfield.k12.wi.us or 920.583.3146. Or PTO President Sarah Laning at oakfieldpto@gmail.com.

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School and Community News

Oakfield Recreation Association October 29, 2015 – Meeting Minutes

Present:

Board Members: Brian Sabel, Katy Flury, Scott Liebelt, and Deb Newton

Others: Lisa Bornick, Michele Sabel, Kris Lamonska, Tanya Marcoe, Jennifer Duke, Joe Ryan, Josh Marschie, Sarah Laning, Brad Sabel, Louie Uttendorfer, and Mandy Leibenow

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Baseball / Softball / T-Ball

Fencing: Brian Sabel and Doug Mock are still working on getting better fencing on the East and West Diamonds - something that has an easier and better setup. Batting Cage: The poles are put together, but, we are still looking for some netting. We are trying to find a cheaper alternate that the original quote of \$1,800. When complete the new hitting cage should last 8 – 10 years. We would like to thank the following people for all the help they gave working on the batting cage. Parker Dietzel, Terry Dietzel, Matt Shafer, Aaron Schepp, Michael Merk, Brad Sabel, Brady Laabs, and Johnny Bovee.

Special Thank You: We would like to give a special Thank You to Pat Ryan. He donated between 12-15 hours of his time as well as all his tools and equipment to weld together the batting cage and wouldn't accept anything for it. Brian Sabel made a motion to buy him a \$150 Chamber of Commerce gift card. Sarah Laning second the motion and all were in favor. Thank You Pat Ryan!!!

Diamonds: Due to the weather, we will hold off on spraying the diamonds until next spring.

Basketball

League Meeting: Another league meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, Brian and Josh will attend. They hope to know all the dates and locations for the League Tournaments.

Equipment: The balls and scorebooks are in and will be distributed. All new med kits were bought this year as well. They had been sharing with the Baseball and Softball coaches. They are much nicer and Katy Flury filled them up with supplies. Brian Sabel sent out an email last night to all the coaches to see if anyone wanted any training aids. Josh asked if it was OK to buy videos with this money. Yes it is.

Apparel: Sarah Laning brought 3 designs in for us to vote on. The apparel order will go through an online store this year. They will tag and bag everything for her and we get 10% of the sales. She is offering: regular t-shirt, dry fit t-shirt, hooded sweatshirt, sweatpants, dry fit shirt, and a backpack. An email will be sent out next week.

Tournaments: Josh Marschie reported that the tournaments are filling up nicely already. The girls are ok and the boys are all full.

Elementary School: Starting March 19, 2016 for three weeks, the Elementary School Gym will not be available – they are completely redoing the floor. This may affect some teams that are going to state with late season practices. This will also affect the Little Dribblers Camp. We will have to hold it at the High School, so we need to set a date early.

Half Time: There are 3 games reserved this season for a Rec half time show. All 3 games will be the Girls Varsity home games in December.

Sunday Morning Practice: Someone noticed that the gym was reserved for an early Sunday morning practice. All parents must be contacted ahead of time and all must agree. As long as no one complains, this is fine, but if we get even one complaint (religious obligations, family time, etc...), no one will be allowed to practice on Sunday mornings.

Coach's Clinic: Robert Wonsler the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach is sponsoring a coach's clinic. The clinic will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 @ 4:00pm at the High School. The Rec strongly recommends that all the girl's basketball coaches attend. Parents are welcome to come as well. Coach Seyfert the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach will hold a clinic at a later date.

Uniforms: Sarah Laning reported on the Uniform status. We have to make a decision tonight what we want to do. We do not have enough "good" uniforms to fit all the teams. After a long discussion about price, quantities, and need, we had a vote. Brian Sabel made a motion to buy new "sublimated" uniforms @ \$100 each for three boy's teams and 2 girl's teams. This will be a total of 61 uniforms for a grand total of \$6,100. Louie Uttendorfer second the motion and all were in favor. We will also need to keep in mind that we may need to possibly replace an additional 5 teams next year. It was suggested that we raise our registration fee by \$10 to help offset this cost.

Hoops Club: We plan on announcing all the participant's names at a home varsity game. They will come out to center court and we will have a drawing for a special sports package prize.

Gym Banners: Brian asked for status on the Gym Banners that the Rec donated money to. Sarah Laning reported that they hope to have the banners up in the gym by the first of the year.

Appeal: Tanya Marcoe and several of the 8th grade girl's parents came to the meeting to make an appeal over the decision to not allow the 7th and 8th grade girls practice until after Dec 1st. We made this decision due to them just completing their Middle School Basketball season and needing a break. The season can go long, especially if you plan on going to the state tournament. She wants to start practice right away because the girls are still in good shape from school ball. She emailed all the parents and said their season will be done at the end of January, not the middle of April like last year – all the parents agreed. The board will meet privately after the meeting and let her know tomorrow. ****The board decided that as long as all the parents were in agreement, it would be ok to start practice on November 9th. This would still give them at least a 2 week break.****

Extras

Darrol Collien: Darrol Collien has officially resigned as the Village of Oakfield Parks Director. He has served this community for many many years and we would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to the Oakfield Parks and Athletics Programs. Brian Sabel made a motion to buy him a plaque honoring his service. Scott Liebelt second the motion and all were in favor.

Football Team: We want to wish the (7-2) Varsity Football Team good luck at the Jamboree this weekend in Schoefield. This is a great accomplishment.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2015 @ 7:30 at the Oakfield Community Center

Meeting adjourned @ 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Newton



Elementary School News

Principal Message December 2015

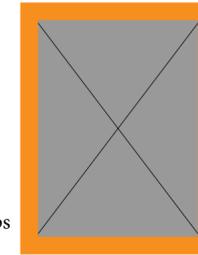
Message From Mrs. Doyle
-Oakfield Elementary Principal

December is here! Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we try to be proactive with December events, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, the hustle and bustle of holiday events, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along like daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency. This is one of the best gifts you can give your child this holiday season.

During the holiday season, the act of giving is contagious. Ms. Ballweg, our school counselor is organizing the Oakfield Elementary Giving Tree Project again this year. Our focus is to support Oakfield families in need of basic items as well as a few fun surprises for the children of the family. Please feel free to stop by the elementary school to select items from the Giving Tree located in the entry of the school by the office. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The timeline for the Giving Tree Project is Tuesday, Nov. 17th - Monday, Dec. 14th.

Our monthly Wall of Fame assemblies continue to recognize students who are making good choices. This past month the fifth grade classes presented ways that students can be EMPATHETIC. Students will be nominated by staff during the monthly for showing characteristics of being empathetic. Being able to feel other's joys and sorrows is a life skills we continue to encourage our students to practice in their classrooms, at recess, in the cafeteria, and on the bus to assist them in being the best person they can be.

Finally, we hope you can find time in our schedule to join us for the Oakfield Elementary Christmas Concerts. They will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 5:00 PM for grades K, 2 and 4 and 7:00 PM for grades 1, 3, and 5. Art Club will have food available between concerts (hot ham and cheese, sloppy joes, Mrs. Hein's chili, chips, drinks, and a bake sale). Showcasing our students musical talents is a favorite activity in December. We hope you can join in on the holiday spirit.



Saluting Our Veterans and Active Military Personnel

On Wednesday, November 11th, Oakfield Elementary welcomed veterans and active military personnel to our school. Most of our special guests were relatives or special friends of students and staff. The day began with presentations in classrooms by some of our military guests. Students gained new knowledge of what life is like in the military.

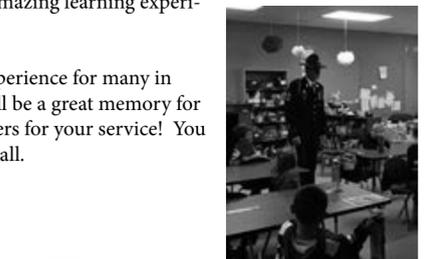
A Veteran's Day Assembly took place at 10:00 AM for all elementary students. At the assembly, a slideshow displayed many men and women who served or are currently serving our county. Photos were submitted by Oakfield Elementary families. Veterans and military personnel in attendance were then asked to come forward and introduce themselves. The assembly ended with students singing the song, "Proud to be an American". The Oakfield FFA, led by Ms. Zimmerman, provided refreshments and snacks to honor our guests to conclude the celebration. What amazing learning experiences for our students.



Photos were submitted by Oakfield Elementary families. Veterans and military personnel in attendance were then asked to come forward and introduce themselves. The assembly ended with students singing the song, "Proud to be an American". The Oakfield FFA, led by Ms. Zimmerman, provided refreshments and snacks to honor our guests to conclude the celebration. What amazing learning experiences for our students.

It was an emotional experience for many in attendance, one that will be a great memory for us all. Thank you soldiers for your service! You are an inspiration to us all.

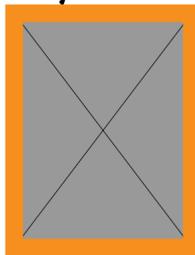
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Middle/High School News

Notes from Mrs. Klassy

As educators, and as parents, it is hard at times to figure out some of the behaviors exhibited by the teens that we work to support. Here are some tips from What your teenager needs, written by a charity working in support of families, to help us remember where they are coming from and what we can do to develop a stronger relationship with them.



Don't ignore them for the wrong reasons

There are times when it is best to not become flustered by a certain behavior or inappropriate comment, but ignoring teens when they become withdrawn is another thing. When teens mope we need to make sure that we don't ignore them in a way that convinces them that we don't care.

Teenagers want to spend time with their parents

Even though teenagers would most often choose to spend time with their friends or on their cell phone, it doesn't mean that they don't need family interaction. Finding time to do things together is essential, especially finding time to eat meals together. Teens also need to partake in physical activity and benefit from activities that combine this with family time.

Set boundaries for choices and responsibility

Teens need parents to set boundaries for them. It is up to parents, however difficult, to find a mix between being too lenient and being too harsh. Setting up a system where teens gradually earn more and more responsibility is the best bet.

Teenagers need our attention

Perhaps even more than children, teens need our attention. Try to find time to enjoy who they are and what they are interested in. They need us to listen to them and to guide them, not to always tell them the way that things should be. Arguments with teenagers are inevitable, but trying to talk with them about an issue to outline your point of view may be more helpful than just making a decision without an explanation.

Adolescence can be a confusing and difficult time for parents and children, but aiming to understand the reasons behind their behaviors is a good step to take to work through it. If you would like to read the full article, please visit: <http://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/you-and-your-teen/what-your-teenager-needs/>

Wedel were you born
Mr. Wedel was born in Beaver Dam and went to college at UW-Whitewater where he studied business education. He is excited to be teaching at Oakfield because he likes the students and the community. In his free time, Mr. Wedel likes to

He became a teacher because he enjoys inspiring students and pushing them to do their very best, and he enjoys teaching business because it is practical and it allows the students to experience class in a unique and hands on environment.

Mr. Wedel is the Oakfield business teacher. He is a very well like teacher by the students and they all say his classes are a lot of fun and a great way to learn. He is in his second year of teaching at Oakfield but he has had a crazy teaching career coming from two years teaching in Thailand. He has been through many teaching obstacles that i think are a great fit for Oakfield in having such a qualified teacher. Here are a few Q and As on the business teacher to get to know more about him.

Congratulations OHS Conference Band Participants!

On Monday, November 9th, eight High School Band students traveled to Green Lake to participate in the Trailways North Conference Band. Students spent the day working on difficult band literature with 130 students from other high schools including Cambria-Friesland, CW Christian, Green Lake, Markesan, Montello, Oshkosh Lourdes, Princeton, and Randolph under the direction of clinician Richard Zeman. The students took on a huge challenge while rehearsing and performing a Sousa March in six flats, but witnessed success with continued work and focus. The busy day concluded with a successful concert of six pieces, including the students' favorites, Storm Warning



by Robert Sheldon and Quad City Stomp by Michael Sweeney. Congratulations to the Oakfield Students who represented Oakfield in a positive and professional manner: Lizzy Knoblett (sophomore, clarinet); Mikayla Newton (junior, trumpet); Olivia Newton (junior, clarinet); Sabrina Sabel (freshman, flute); Chris Sutton (senior, trumpet); Ethan Tapp (sophomore, clarinet); Lizzy Tweedale (freshman, piccolo/flute); Brenna Wiczek (sophomore, tenor saxophone).

S.P.I.R.I.T Riders' Ride-A-Thon

Modern Woodmen of America 6225 Oakfield members volunteered (parking vehicles) and held a matching funds fundraiser at the Free S.P.I.R.I.T. Riders' 2015 annual Ride-A-Thon. MWA 6225 matched up to \$1000. A check for \$6,840.00 was presented to Mary Narges, Executive Director of Free S.P.I.R.I.T Riders, Inc.



Left to Right
Sam Beulen, MWA 6225 Trustee
Jeanette Boyle-Gustavus, MWA 6225 Trustee
Mary Narges, FSR Executive Director
Achilles, Belgian/Qtr Horse
Ann Boyle-Gustavus, MWA Member
Sandy Beulen, MWA 6225 Activities Coordinator
Alexa Beulen, Community Volunteer
Lori Pea, MWA 6225 Membership Coordinator
Lane Beulen, MWA member
Not pictured but instrumental in making the event successful: Katelyn Beulen, Kevin Pea, and Kenneth Pautsch.

Elementary School News

Teachers and Students Show Off Skills at Pep Rally



Coach Ricket dressed up as a cheerleader getting the crowd pumped up!



Tyler running threw the cheerleaders like a boss



Mrs Vaughn to the left , Mrs O. to the right, and samsun in the middle



Showing of their skills



This is our House!



Tyler and Ross carrying Ricker out to the stands

Our students and staff came together to show off their spirit and support for Oakfield athletics.



Ross runing threw the cheerleaders

Pumpkin Decorating Contest a Huge Success



Seirrea Conger pumpkin she designed and put alot of work to!!



Some nice pumpkins!

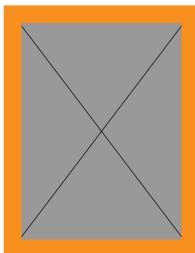


Kallie Stoppleworth on the left, Annalise Wirtz in the middle, and Ally Kosterman on the right

The Counselor Connection

Kelly Guenther
6-12 School Counselor

The Student Services office has been busy preparing for high school students to begin registering for classes in the near future. The one on one high school meetings with students have been helpful in guiding them with course selections and future planning. Current 8th grade students and parents should be looking for upcoming notifications about the High School Planning Night I will be hosting to help students gear up for class expectations and how to be successful when preparing for high school. Look for this meeting to be the first part of January! I will keep you posted.



Our middle school students have been as busy as ever. Academic learning, personality forming, social relationship developing is all taking place in the course of one short day for your active adolescent. It's also very natural for them to start decreasing their communication of all the details of their day. Perhaps you've heard in response to "How was school today?" the not overly-enthusiastic, "Fine." Another common question, "What did you do in school today" may be retorted with a low-energy, "Nothing." Sometimes, all the activity taking place in one day can be simply overwhelming; narrowing down to specifics can help. Try to dig a little deeper with a few of these starters:

Tell me about the best part of your day.

Tell me about something that stressed you out today.

What topic are you discussing in [Insert Subject]?

Tell me something that challenged you today.

Tell me a skill you've been trying to master.

And if all else fails, talk zombies with your middle school student. Then when they least expect it and after a few laughs, toss in the deep questions! You may be surprised what they are willing to share.

CJ's Interview Basketball Manager

Why did you become manager of the basketball team?
I like basketball and want to be part of the team.

What is your favorite part of the job?
Helping them by being waterboy.

What advice would you give to other people that want to be manager?
If you fill up the water never drop it.

What do you do to prepare yourself for the game?
Make sure I have the water ready and the medical stuff packed up.

What was the coolest thing last year?
When you had to retrieve the basketball that was stuck between the back board board and the basketball hoop ring.

Do you think you'll be doing this in the future since you like it so much and are good at it?
Yes I will because I enjoyed it last year and I am going to be the manager this year, I will be the manager until my high school career.

Khalicia Frintner: High School Student of the Month

Q: So how long have been attending Oakfield High school?

A: Well, I my first year here at Oakfield was way back in 2012. I was a freshman, and let me tell you, it's been quite the experience here at Oakfield!

Q: Are you in any extracurricular activities?

A: Yes. I am currently on the Girls' Varsity basketball team. I have been playing basketball since my freshman year. I also participated in Volleyball all 4 years as well. I am also in swing choir, forensics, and art club.

Q: Are you excited for high school coming to an end?

A: I am excited to graduate and continue my education at UW-Milwaukee, although I'll miss some of the teachers (shoutout to Mr. Manier, Mr. Wedel, Mr. Tapp, and Ms. Bellanger). I'll also miss my friends and all the little things that are often taken for granted like Friday fun-day! Appreciate the little things kids and Stay in school!!

Q: Are you hoping you will keep in touch with some of your fellow classmates?

A: Oh yeah, fo sho! I can't imagine my life without the amazing friends that I have! Except for Ross, I could do without him. But other than that I definitely plan to stay in touch with the homies. Also, thanks for always having my back guys, I absolutely adore all of you- Ride or Die!!! (Shoutout to homies Sadie and Alyssa Sabel)

Q: What do you plan on doing after high school?

A: I plan on attending college when I graduate. I got accepted to both UW-Milwaukee and UW-Oshkosh, which is pretty cool, but I think that I will choose Milwaukee.

Q: Is there anything you will miss from Oakfield High?

A: Oh there are just too many memories, I don't know where to begin!



Parker Dietzel High School Student

Q: What do you like most about school?

A: Talking with friends

Q: What sports do you play?

A: I play Basketball and Baseball

Q: Who is your favorite team?

A: New York Lizards LaCrosse Team because lacrosse=life.

Q: Favorite highschool Moment?

A: Homecoming

Q: What do you like to do outside of school?

A: Fishing and hunting



Ethan Batchelder MS Student

Q: What do you like about school?

A: Math and social studies, also loves hanging out with friends.

Q: When is your birthday?

A: January 2nd

Q: Who is your favorite teacher?

A: Mr. Manier because he is funny and fun

Q: Who is your favorite sports team?

A: Green Bay Packers

Q: What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?

A: Shooting buckets and riding Bikes.



Andy Van Vliet Ruling

Wisconsin Freshman Forward from Belgium was ruled ineligible for the 2015-16 college basketball season. Van Vliet, who is 6'11 was expected to add depth to a young Badgers Basketball team. The NCAA said in response to the school's appeal that Van Vliet was denied reinstatement because of "factors outside of Van Vliet's control". Also as a result, it hurts the Badgers Basketball team this year especially since they are young and with Van Vliet sitting out, he will only have 3 years of eligibility remaining.

My opinion about the NCAA ruling Van Vliet ineligible for the 15-16 season makes no sense. Now if we were talking about the blue bloods of college basketball the NCAA would've allowed them to play. I say that because in the past few years, UNC and Louisville have been investigated by the NCAA for academic fraud but as a result nothing happened even though there was evidence that this was happening. But since Van Vliet doesn't play for an iconic college, he now sits out a whole year of basketball and on top of that, the NCAA won't let him get a year of eligibility back.

Story by Joseph Ruplinger



Athlete of the Month: Johnny Bovee

Oakfield Boy's Basketball had a tough last season as they were only able to muster 2 wins. As tough as the season had been, players feel that they are going to be able to turn it around as a new season begins. Johnny Bovee is the starting point guard for the Oakfield Boy's Varsity Basketball Team. After a tough last season, the boys are optimistic about this upcoming season. I sat down with Johnny Bovee to talk about this season's potential.

Q: How do you think this season will go?

A: Better than last year due to more experience and a better team atmosphere

Q: Who do you think will lead the team?

A: The Seniors are definitely stepping up to lead the team

Q: What is the team's biggest strength?

A: The experience of the team and the return of the starting 5 besides Tyler Holz

Q: What are you most excited about this year?

A: Getting to play in the new gym



Badger Alumni

By: Johnny Bovee

The reigning NCAA champion of the year Frank Kaminsky started his first NBA season for the Charlotte Hornets earlier this month. Frank averaged 18.8 PPG, 8.2 RPG, 2.6 AST during his senior season for the Badgers. The Badgers fell to Duke in the National Championship 68-65. Kaminsky entered the draft and was selected as the 9th overall pick in the 2015 NBA draft. Thus far Kaminsky has struggled in the NBA only averaging 3.1 PPG, 1.7 REB, 0.9 AST.



Also former Badger Sam Decker entered the NBA draft this past year instead of playing out his senior year with the Badgers. He averaged 13.9 PPG, 5.5 REB, and 1.2 AST in his junior year with the Badgers. Decker was selected with the 18th overall pick in the NBA draft selected by the Houston Rockets. Decker injured his back early this season only getting to play in 3 of the first 11 games for the Rockets. He will require back surgery and will miss around three months to recover.

The Price of Pro Athletes

Are professional athletes overpaid? This question arises often. The answer is no, professional athletes deserve every dime they earn for multiple reasons. The business in sports are much different than an average business. Team owners and General Managers are forced to evaluate a worker's salary for next year or the next 5 years. Most people criticize these large \$20 million per year contracts, when in reality, they deserve it. Seeing these large contracts lead people to believe that all athletes are



millionaires but most are not. The average salary of a professional athlete is \$457,989. Athletes deserve this amount of money because they work harder and sacrifice more than most people. Most athletes train and condition for an average of 5-6 hours per day, 6 days

a week. This may not seem like a lot but the intensity of the training is ridiculous. You would have to be extremely fit to undergo the level of training intensity they put themselves through day by day, week after week. The average person would struggle in what these athletes refer to as a "warm-up". These athletes deserve a large contract because they worked every day to go to where they are now. You can compare them to any other wealthy man. This job was not handed to them, they had to work hard to get where they are. The athlete's entire yearly schedule is scheduled for them. Their schedule consists of practices and training nearly every day and an average of three to five games per week. This takes away from nearly any free time and takes you away from friends and family. They are also limited to what they can do as they have many people who look up to them as role models, making their life even harder since they have to watch what they do with their life.



Most people see headlines of record breaking contracts that professional athletes earned and are quick to judge the "ridiculous" salary. The fact is that the business have the money to pay their players. They make tons of money on tickets, selling merchandise, sponsors, and advertisements. Most teams make hundreds of millions of dollars. The team has all this cash coming in. Would it be fair for the owner to keep most of it and distribute a minimum amount to staff and players? Where would all this money go? The most logical answer would be to give it to the players that owned you the money. The owners keeping all the money or giving it to someone else would be unjustified. The athletes that make the large contracts are also held higher than the other players. They are bigger role models for many people. They are expected to do more on and off the court than the other players. Professional athletes are proof that through hard work, determination, and sacrifice, you can live out your dreams and get a career in something you love. People judge that professional athletes are overpaid because they only hear about the large contracts. Most people don't realize what athletes have to go through and sacrifice to get these contracts, whether that contract is for millions or less than \$30,000.

Sports News

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKFIELD OAKFIELD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Monday—October 26, 2015

- Meeting called to order by President Kottke at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll call
- o Members: P. Kottke, J. Nyhuis, M. Murphy-Steinke, H. Kopf, A Patterson, T Marcoe
- Absent: P Dercks
- o Staff: S. Green, B. Doyle, C. Klassy, D. Mock, M. Guth, S O'Malley, J. Ogle, D. Schell, M. Zimmerman
- o Others: A. Lichtenberg, D. Tackett
- Board pictures were taken.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Murphy-Steinke, moved to approve the 2015-2016 Budget and Annual Meeting and the October 12, 2015 school board minutes with an amendment to the school board minutes to change the Monday, October 26, 2015 School Board Meeting location to the Oakfield MS/HS. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Mrs. Kottke, seconded by Mr. Nyhuis, moved to approve the warrants through October 26, 2015 as presented. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Public Input – none.
- Deputy Tackett shared information on updates to the MS/HS security for emergencies and the schedule to implement the same updates at the Elementary School.
- Mrs. Kottke, seconded by Mrs. Marcoe, moved to approve the final 2015-2016 budget as presented. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kopf, moved to approve the 2015-2016 tax levy in the amount of \$2,392,720 that includes a \$100,000 under levy. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Administrator Green presented the Third Friday in September 2015 pupil count with a comparison to the Third Friday in September 2014 pupil count. A report on the history of open enrollment numbers for the School District of Oakfield was also reviewed.
- Mrs. Murphy-Steinke, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, moved to approve the coaches for winter sports: Kyle Seyfert-Varsity Boys Basketball; Matt Schaefer-JV Boys Basketball; Heather Justmann-7th grade Boys Basketball; Eric Schreiner-8th grade Boys Basketball; Robert Wonser-Varsity Girls Basketball; Jamee Sampson-JV Girls Basketball; Mark Morell-V/JV Wrestling; Josh Thone-V/JV Wrestling. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Mrs. Kottke, seconded by Mrs. Marcoe, moved to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Cheyenne Geisthardt from her position at the childcare center. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Mrs. Murphy-Steinke, seconded by Mrs. Kopf, moved to approve the employment of Brenna Wiczek in the childcare. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Mrs. Kottke, seconded by Mrs. Patterson, moved to approve specific facility projects as presented to include: Elementary school – refinishing of gym floor by Stalker Floors, flooring for the hallway and four classrooms by Twohig Flooring; Middle/High School – repair and restoration of outside brick by Central Restoration; Oakfield Childcare – flooring for a room in the childcare area by Twohig Flooring. Administration and maintenance personnel are to negotiate with the identified vendors for the lowest prices for awarding multiple projects. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
- Administrator Green provided a legislative update focusing on the proposed bill on school referendums.
- CESA 6 Update – No report was given.
- Principal Klassy provided an update on security cameras, 7-8th grade writing project, MS math and language art weekly staff meetings, teacher observations and evaluations, fall concerts, MS parent listening sessions, and PBIS incentive dance. Principal Klassy also informed the Board the Klassy family will be moving into the Oakfield district.
- Mr. Mock, Dean of Students/Athletic Director, reported on the football team success and the close of the fall sports season. Principal Doyle reported on services from a family resource consultant for the childcare, Mrs. Hein presenting at an art conference, application for an Oakfield Community Foundation grant for the Love and Logic six week course, a Down's syndrome video, and wrapping up the first cycle of the evaluation process.
- Administrator Green shared information on the state testing program and staff development focus.
- Next School Board Meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Oakfield Elementary School.
- Mrs. Kottke, seconded by Mr. Nyhuis, moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Guth, Acting School Board Secretary