

Oakfield Elementary School

MARCH IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

April 2nd - Election Day

April 12th - Grandparents' Day

April 17th - Family Fun Night

May 3rd - Career Day

May 15th - Spring Concert

4K Registration

- By the end of the March, prospective 4K parents will be mailed a registration packet generated from the school census. Please spread the word to friends and



family who may be interested in the School District of Oakfield 4K program. If your child is currently enrolled in the 4K program at Oakfield Elementary, registration is not necessary for 5K until August. Oakfield Elementary is excited to welcome the Class of 2033!

Mark Your Calendars

Students in grades 3 - 5 will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam during the **weeks of April 8 - May 3**. Teachers

will be providing families with exact days and times for their classroom

after Spring Break. We

strongly encourage families to schedule appointments and other activities around this



DATES

EVENTS

Fri., Mar. 1	<p>Read Across America Day - Wear Red and White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day filled with reading and Dr. Seuss related activities <p>8:00 Breakfast and a Good Book for Kindergarten families in the IMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Guest Literacy Meeting at 8:00 Guest reader at 8:20 <p>End of 2nd Trimester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ES Report cards will go home March 12th <p>1:30-5:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving blood helps fund High School scholarships! <p>PTO Fruit Sale Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 PM Volunteers needed for sorting fruit 3:30 - 7:00 PM Orders need to be picked up
Mon., Mar. 4	<p>6:00 PTO Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Dalzin will be presenting on the Operational Referendum for April 2nd election
Tues., Mar. 5	End of 2nd Trimester
Thurs., Mar. 7	4:00 - 6:00 PM YAM Night: Celebration of Arts - ES Gym
Sat., Mar. 9	Destination Imagination Competition - Oshkosh
Sun., Mar. 10	<p>Daylight Savings Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Spring" your clock ahead one hour
Mon., Mar. 11	<p>Report Cards will be sent home</p> <p>5:30 School Board Meeting in OES IMC</p>
Wed., Mar. 13	<p>Human Growth & Development Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional information will be sent home with 4th grade girls, and 5th grade girls and boys <p>2:15 Kohl's Wild Theater Assembly</p>
Thurs., Mar. 14	4th Grade Field Trip - State Capitol, Madison
Mon. Mar. 10 - Fri., Mar. 15	<p>Youth Art Month Celebration Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - Wear Primary Colors: Red, Blue, Yellow Tuesday - Wear Secondary Colors: Orange, Green, Violet Wednesday - Wear Lines, Shapes, & Patterns Thursday - Dress Like an Artist Friday - Wear the Rainbow Colors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten= Red 1st Grade= Orange 2nd grade= Yellow 3rd Grade= Green

assessment schedule. Making up the assessments will require additional time out of the classroom, so we hope to avoid this whenever possible. This assessment will be used to gauge how well students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards. Thank you for your support!

Summer School

Look for the Summer School course booklets to be sent home with the youngest child in your family next week. Teacher Recommendation courses be sent with your child

the same day as the booklets are sent home.

Please consider signing your child up for at least one 3 week session. It helps prevent them in losing their skills during the summer months. We highly recommend students choosing at least one of the four classes being an academic class. **Summer School Registration forms will be due 4/5/18.** Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

How to Empower Children

- Give children responsibilities at home, like jobs
- Celebrate accomplishments, and reflect when something doesn't go well
- Involve children in family decisions, but don't share "adult problems" with children
- Lead by example, be a positive role model in their life
- Support and guide



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4th Grade= Blue ○ 5th Grade= Violet <p style="text-align: center;">TURN OVER →</p>
Fri., Mar. 15	<p>12:30 Wall of Fame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation: Youth Art Month Assembly-Awards & Raffle <p>1:15 Early Dismissal</p>
Mon., Mar. 18 - Fri., Mar. 22	<p>Spring Break - No School</p>
Thurs., Mar. 28	<p>National Scribble Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Maly, our art teacher, and Mrs. Bergum, our school counselor, will be leading a drawing prompt from the book "I Am Not Just a Scribble" involving inclusion and emotions.

Benefits to Empowering Children

Empowerment is the "process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights." To empower children is to guide them to feel valued, capable, and to realize they play a role in the creator in their own lives. This doesn't mean we should give children everything they want. Of course children must still learn to work within guidelines and rules set by their families, other adults, and authorities. As parents or adults in their lives, we ultimately can't do it for them. Below are strategies to help you understand empowerment and how to empower your children.



Why we should empower children

- **Grow confidence and self-esteem**
 - Confidence and self-esteem enables children to feel happy and comfortable with who they are, as well as try new things. They are more likely to manage their own behaviour.
- **Encourage independence**
 - Allowing children to have a say in their lives and make choices that affect them helps them to be independent.
- **Build resilience**
 - Empowerment is a key factor in building resilience, which enables children to bounce back from whatever life throws their way.
- **Develop self-respect**
 - When children understand that they are powerful creators in their own worlds, they develop a sense of self-respect. Self-respect enables children to better respect and value others.
- **Make them better learners**
 - A confident, independent child has the best chance of being an effective learner and shaping a fantastic future

children, listen to what they may be trying to tell you

for themselves.

Please empower your children to help them to become more resilient, effective learners. What better way to set them on a path to reach their full potential.

Sources:

<http://musicearlychildhoodpresenter.com/blog/5-reasons-to-empower-children/>