



Knighly News

January 7, 2009

The Weekly Newsletter of
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School Calendar

January 11	End of Term 2
January 18	Holiday for MLK Day
February 12	Father/Child Variety Show
February 15	President's Day/Student Holiday, Teacher In-Service
March 1-12	Standardized Testing (grades 3-8)

Sports Calendar

January 7	Laurens Academy (Home) JV Girls 4:00 JV Boys 5:00 Var Girls 6:00 Var Boys 7:30
January 8	SCA (Away) JV Girls 4:00 JV Boys 5:00
January 9	SCA (Away) Var Girls 6:00 Var Boys 7:30

Built on a foundation of
Christian faith, Oakbrook
educates students to be
independent learners in a
changing world.

SCISA REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

On Thursday, January 14th, Oakbrook will host one of SCISA's eight regional spelling bees for the state of SC. Six SCISA schools in addition to Oakbrook will be participating. Two students from each of the grades three through eight have been selected to represent their grade. The eighth grader who remains in the SCISA Regional Bee the longest will also represent Oakbrook in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, on March 6th at USC Upstate.

Oakbrook's participants are:

3rd: Sam Kopf and Christiana Wayne

4th: Hadley Hudson and Jacob Seay

5th: Mary Katherine Kellam and Matthew Freissle

6th: Zoe Kushubar and Evans Hollingsworth

7th: Madison Leach and Samantha Esce

8th: Matt Thorne and Evan Bruns

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, please check with TV Channels 7 or 4 (or their websites) or radio stations WSPA (98.9), WORD (950AM), or WFBC (93.7). If we have a two hour delay, bring a bag lunch because no lunch orders will be taken.

Oakbrook Tours

Beginning January 12 and continuing each Tuesday throughout the semester, Oakbrook will be conducting tours for parents of prospective students. The tours will begin at 9:00a.m. in the main lobby. Please encourage families or friends to consider Oakbrook. If you would like to share some of our information brochures with them, please inquire in the main office.

Cultural Corner

Where Oakbrook meets the world!!!!

Christmas Cards for Costa Rican Children
The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Spanish classes made 95 Christmas cards, full of well wishes in Spanish, for children in Costa Rica. Mrs. Thalassenos' Spanish students also prepared angel ornaments for the children. During the Christmas break, fifth grader Kathleen Gibson and her family personally handed out the cards and ornaments to the children in Costa Rica. Thank you to the Oakbrook students for this act of Christian love and to the Gibson family for helping deliver it to Costa Rica.

Three Kings Day:

Many European and Latin American countries celebrated El Día de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) yesterday, January 6th. This day celebrates when the three Kings or Magi, followed the star to baby Jesus to bring gifts and worship Him (Matthew 2:1-12).

Children polish and leave their shoes or shoeboxes filled with hay/straw under their beds on the eve of January 6. The Kings come during the night, feed their camels the hay/straw, and leave generous gifts for the children. Happy Three Kings Day!!!!



Memory Verses

K4 and K5

Knowing God

January 11-15

II Timothy 3:15

“and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Lower School

“God’s Word is Alive and Active”

January 11-15

Philippians 3:8

“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.”

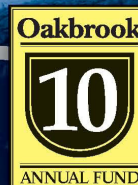
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ANNUAL FUND '10 PARTICIPATION BY CLASS

GRADE LEVEL	2009-2010 TO DATE
K4	40%
K5	27%
1	21%
2	33%
3	26%
4	39%
5	34%
6	16%
7	41%
8	24%
9	21%
10	26%
11	27%
12	22%
TOTAL	\$64,128

All New Feedback Box

For your convenience a feedback box has been added to the school website. It is available 24/7 for your comments and suggestions. The box can be found under **Contact Us**.

Camp Invention is returning to Oakbrook this year!

Camp Invention is a science based experience camp which helps students sharpen their problem solving and critical thinking skills.

The camp dates are June 21-June 25, 2010.

Students who will be entering grades 1 through 6 in the fall of 2010 may attend. These students will be receiving an informational flyer in their Thursday folder in the near future.

See Camp Invention in action by going to their website www.campinvention.org

More questions? Contact your camp director, Linda Stanley stanley.linda@oakbrookprep.org

OPS Cheerleading Clinic for K5-2nd grade

Be a Knights Cheerleader at half-time of the Oakbrook Varsity Girls' game on Tuesday, January 26

Attend the Oakbrook Cheerleading Clinic on Saturday, January 23 and learn a chant, cheer and dance to perform. Contact Susan Hollingsworth at hollingsworth.susan@oakbrookprep.org with questions.

Please see attached Registration Form for more information and to sign up.

SOLID BLUE SHIRTS 2010

Solid Blue 2010 T-shirts go on sale this week! These are Oakbrook's traditional homecoming shirts. The senior class of 2010 encourages all students from K4-12 to purchase a shirt and wear it on Solid Blue Day, Friday, January 22. We will have a Homecoming Pep Rally and four basketball games that day.

Forms for the Solid Blue T-shirts are attached and will also be sent home in Thursday folders. Please return order form by next Wednesday, January 13 to the Main Office or to homeroom teachers. Please see attached order form.

Dance Clinic

When: Saturday, Jan 30th

Time: 9am-Noon

Where: Oakbrook Dance Room

What: students in grades K4-5th may sign up by Friday, Jan. 15 in order to participate in learning the basic dance fundamentals, improvisation, choreographic principles, and much much more. All clinic members will learn a short dance sequence to be performed at the 4:00 halftime for the basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Fee: The cost is \$35, which includes a t-shirt to wear at the performance and a snack and drink during the clinic. On Jan 30th, you may drop off your student at the side entrance parking lot by the gym. We will have a sign in desk. Noon pickup will be located in the same place. You may turn in the forms (sent home in Thursday folders) to Jenny Howard or to the front office. Make checks payable to OPS attention dance clinic. Feel free to email Jenny Howard with questions: howard.jenny@oakbrookprep.org.

Father-Child Variety Show (and Luncheon)

February 12 11:30pm

1st—5th grades

Dads/Kids: if you are interested in performing in our Variety Show, please sign up by Jan. 22.

Contact Mrs. Wells 587-2060 ext 313 or Wells.Betty@Oakbrookprep.org

Slots are filled quickly—first come basis.

Congratulations Oakbrook students

Three Students Win Art Awards in the Youth Photography Contest Sponsored by the Spartanburg Soil & Water Conservation District

Some of our upper school students recently competed against other students in Spartanburg County in a category for photos of trees, plants & landscapes. When the judges were through, Oakbrook brought home every award offered for that category!

Caroline Bales won 1st Place and \$50;

Evans Hollingsworth was awarded 2nd Place and \$25; and Bethany Foil earned Honorable Mention, a certificate and a magazine subscription.

All of these winning photos will be displayed at the USDA Service Center in Spartanburg and at the next Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Banquet.

Congratulations to our great Photographers here at Oakbrook!