



The Coyote Howler!

The Coyote Howler is the newsletter of the Oak Hills PTA

December 2018 / January 2019

Dates to remember

Dec 24th - Jan 11th - No School

Jan 6th & 20th - Sensory Sensitive Sundays for SDC families - see our website for details

Jan 21st - No School

Jan 29th - STEM Expo posters DUE

Jan 30th & 31st - STEM Expo judging

Feb 1st - STEM Expo Awards Ceremony

Feb 4th - 8th - Kindness Week/Boxes of Love

Feb 6th - 8am PTA Association Meeting

Feb 12th - Valentine's Art Evening

*Gratitude Attitude:
Our space for giving thanks*

*Thank you to Susan Topping
and all her hard-working
volunteers for running the
Holiday Shop this year!*

Message from the PTA President, Alisa Miller

Dear Oak Hills Families,

What a great Oak Hills 2018! We've met new families and welcomed the return of others. We have enjoyed our many PTA programs and watched as our students broaden their learning experiences. We've held assemblies that have brought us back in time and another that took us into space. We've shared great together-time at our monthly PTA meetings, Pastries with Parents, Movie Night, Glow Dance, and Fall Spooktacular. We entered an enchanted forest that gave the students a world of books and experienced the art through a child's eye during our amazing Reflections gala. We have celebrated our students in different ways of achievements like reading and art and have enlightened them with the power of giving during our Food Drive, Operation Gratitude, Book Drive and Toy and Coat drive and our adorable Holiday Shoppe. Our Winter Wonderland dance featuring our Oak Hills chorus, sings us further into the holiday season.

Ring in the new year we have our STEM expo that allows our scientists and engineers to share their hard work and research and that is just the beginning of an amazing 2019 year!

All of this comes with the love and dedication of our Oak Hills staff, parents, students and volunteers. None of these things would be possible without our volunteers. Thank you for the time you have shared with us thus far in making our Oak Hills days fond memories for all.

We look forward the second half of the school year and wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season and New Year.

With gratitude,
Alisa and the entire PTA Executive Board.

Message from STEM Expo, Dr. Symensma-Cohen

We are expecting nearly 200 scientists/engineers to participate this year in our 2019 STEM Expo. Please show your commitment to STEM education at Oak Hills by volunteering that week! Contact Tonia at tsymensma@gmail.com to sign up.

Registration forms were due Dec 12th...email tsymensma@gmail.com, if yours will be late.

Posters: Due in the MPR Tuesday Jan 29th

Judging/Interviews: Jan 30th-31st during school hours

STEM Expo Awards Ceremony: Friday Feb 1st, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Message from Assistant Principal, Mrs. Seeley

Only four short months ago, as proud Oak Hills Coyotes, students and staff participated in our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Kick-Off Assembly, and our school community continues to H.O.W.L. loudly. Oak Hills' PBIS commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, positive environment where all students are afforded the opportunity to reach high levels of social awareness and academic excellence, is reflected in the way we **H.O.W.L.: H – Have Respect O – Own Your Actions Safely W – Work Together L – Listen Attentively**. At the PBIS Kick-Off Assembly, with help from our mascot Cody Coyote, students and staff learned and practiced Cool Tools to demonstrate H.O.W.L.ing throughout the school. More specifically, students learned positive behavioral expectations in the cafeteria, on the playground and walking in the hallways.

Oak Hills Coyotes caught H.O.W.L.ing at school earn special tickets. PBIS tickets earned may be used to buy special school supplies, arts and crafts, toys and games at the Coyote Corner student store open every other Friday during brunch. For every 25 tickets earned, students receive a special Oak Hills Coyote wristband. To date, 724 wristbands have been earned which equates to 18,100 tickets earned in wristbands alone! In addition, at undisclosed times, announcements are made by administration for students wearing their H.O.W.L. wristbands to come to the office to receive a special reward. Further, students who have earned more than one wristband are able to share their additional bands with friends who may not have yet earned one, to come to the office to earn the prize as well. While our PBIS efforts were kick-started back in August 2018, students and staff are still H.O.W.L.ing which directly contributes to the positive, nurturing and warm atmosphere of Oak Hills School.

Oak Hills Variety Show:

Calling all parent volunteers! Cathi Banks, chairperson of the Variety Show, is looking for a volunteer who is available to take over the show for the 2019-2020 school year. Work along side her this year and be chairperson next year! Contact Cathi Banks at: ohvarietyshow@gmail.com.

Next PTA Association Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6th at 8:00am in the MPR. Refreshments will be served.



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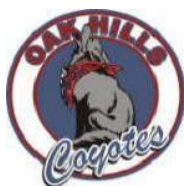
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Reminders:

- Stay up-to-date by checking our website regularly at www.oakhillspta.com.
- Our Oak Hills App is available at your app store by searching "Oak Hills School".
- Please like and follow us on Facebook for last minute updates and reminders.
- Volunteer opportunities are always posted on our website on the ever evolving SignUpGenius link.
- Fridays are Spiritwear Day. If you don't have Spiritwear yet, something navy or maroon works great!



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