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# Oakville School District Community Newsletter

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Dear Oakville Community-

I wanted to take a time and reflect on the 2017-18 school year and report to you on the state of our district going forward.

First of all, I want to say Thank You! Oakville is an amazing place, and the opportunity to improve a place that works so hard for our community is something for which I am grateful.

Year 1, in any position has its ups and downs, and this year has been no different. This has been a year of change for our entire school community. Our students and staff have responded to each change, and we have come out the other side in a positive way.

Some of my favorite moments of the year include:

- Seeing Kindergartners learn what it means to ‘be in school’ and watching their growth.
- Watching our 5<sup>th</sup> grade emerge as leaders in our elementary school.
- Watching our students respond in a positive way when we set new expectations around cell phones and classroom behavior
- Watching our student athletes perform and represent the best of what Oakville can be about.

We have had our challenges on the financial end this year. There was some financial mismanagement that occurred prior to the current administration. I can say with confidence that these issues have been addressed, been turned over to the proper authorities, and have made it so we have re-established protocols and procedures with regards to finances going forward. ***Please know that we are committed to being good steward of the districts monies.***

In conclusion, 2017-18 in Oakville has been a year of growth and I see nothing but upward trajectory for us going forward. As always, please reach out if you have feedback, a question, or concern at any time.

Sincerely,

Rich Staley  
Superintendent, Oakville School District

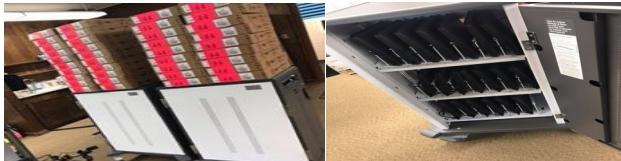
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2017-18 in a Nutshell

FALL

Our new school year started with a new administration with Rich Staley as our new Superintendent and Tanya Bunting as our new Business manager. Together our new team started looking at district level systems and making adjustments and updating procedures to help the district become more efficient.

During the course of the year, Oakville added 160 new Chromebooks into our school for student use. Each classroom in the school has Chromebooks for their use.



We received amazing support from our community this year United Way, South Sound Rotary, Oakville Assembly of God, . . . . . and various others donated school supplies, coats, shoes, clothes, and a large variety of other items to our students to help them be successful.

Grays Harbor Teen Homeless Backpack Program has supplied 30 food back packs to our families in need all year long. Students and their families have been supplied with food for weekends to assure nutrition on weekends when students aren’t at school.

In October we started an After School Program to give students extra support in their academics. We served almost 30+ kids on a regular basis through May.

WINTER

In February we added a new member to our Board of Directors as Donnie King’s long-standing term ended, and we were fortunate to add Darryl Dick to our team. Darryl adds a former educator’s perspective to our team and has blended with our board nicely.



We were able to allocate funding from our Transportation funds to purchase a new school bus for our district. This purchase will allow us to get back on the state schedule to replace our busses on a regular basis.

We launched our District Facebook Page. Like us on Facebook @OakvilleSchoolDistrict



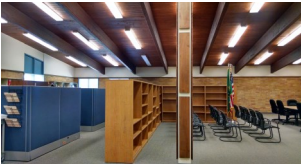
Thank you to our patrons in the Oakville School District we passed our 2-year Maintenance and Operations Levy. This will set us up with financial predictability for the next two years. Thank You Oakville!

SPRING

In March we were fortunate with the hiring of Mr. Scott Hyder as our Dean of Students. Mr. Hyder has brought forth a great deal of energy and ideas that will benefit our school going forward.

During Spring Break, our Maintenance department took care of 3 major projects:

- Replaced the beams that were deemed unsafe by our insurance carrier that held up our covered area.
- Re-Floored the front entry-way to the Elementary School with tile. The previous entryway was covered in cracks from the 2001 earthquake and was becoming a safety hazard.
- Remodeled the library to move the District Office to the main building. The ‘old’ district office needed to be relocated to make room for our Oakville Pre-School



We started a partnership with Grays Harbor Youth Works to provide exposure and opportunities for our High School Students to explore different career paths in Grays Harbor County.

Our Financial health continues to become stronger as the year progresses. Through several grants we have been fortunate to receive, strong financial commitment to improving internal controls, and making sure we are spending down our Federal and State Grants to improve our operating costs, we are ending the year on a positive trend financially.

Priorities for 2018-19

Through generous grants from the Grays Harbor Foundation and Grays Harbor YMCA, we are going to be able to launch an Oakville Pre-School for the fall of 2018. Providing Early Learning opportunities for our students before Kindergarten will only benefit our students in the long run.

We have hired a Counselor to join our team next year! Jessica Madison comes to us from Hoquiam where she has most recently worked as a Mental Health Counselor.

We have changed providers for our website and we will be launching a much more user-friendly website this summer. Our goal is to provide more timely and accurate information to you by using our website.

We will be using Skyward more and more next year. We hope the items that parents and students will have access to with Skyward will increase.

Our focus next year will be on building community. Community will be a focus for us in our classrooms, with our teachers, with our School Board, and with our extensions in finding opportunities for our community to engage with us. How can you help?