

October 4, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Wow, where did the first nine weeks of school go? This Friday is the end of our first nine week grading period. Your child's teacher should be contacting you about a time to conference on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss your child's progress thus far this year. It is very important for the academic success of your child that we work together and have open lines of communication between home and school.

School pictures will be on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. All children will get their picture taken. If you plan on purchasing pictures, please send the picture envelope to school with your child by Thursday. This will be a free dress code day for OGLE children.

I am excited to report that Oak Grove Lower Elementary had a Quality of Distribution Index (QDI) of 200! The QDI measures the distribution of student performance on state assessments around the cut points for Basic, Proficient, and Advanced performance. Because we have only one MCT2 tested grade at OGLE, we don't get a school level performance classification. If we could get a performance label, we would be considered a Star school, which is the highest rating possible! I want to thank the teachers, students, and parents for their commitment to student achievement. We will be celebrating our achievement on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> with a STAR celebration. Students may bring a blanket or towel to sit on while enjoying their BBQ hamburger. Students may also wear an Oak Grove spirit shirt (t-shirt) along with dress code bottoms. Come help us celebrate! Please enter the campus at the entrance on Old Hwy 24, not the Bellegrass entrance.

As always we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week the last week of October. Our counselors have scheduled a fun filled week around the theme of "Reach for the Stars! Not Drugs!"

**Monday, October 24**—"We Are Superstars"--Dress like your favorite movie star

**Tuesday, October 25**—"Be Free of Drugs"—Free dress code day

**Wednesday, October 26**—"Hats Off to Being Drug Free"—Wear your favorite hat to school

**Thursday, October 27**—"Show Your School Spirit"—Wear black and gold

**Friday, October 28**—"Hocus Pocus, Drugs Aren't My Focus"—Brown Bag Costume Party—Dress as your favorite storybook character

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Parent Pow Wow Title I Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be having parent information sessions on Accelerated Reader, *EnVision* math, MCT2, writing, and internet resources. Our parents

always give us feedback that these sessions are very informative and useful, so please add this date to your calendar. Daycare will be provided for children 3 years and older. More information will be coming home soon.

Important dates to add to your calendar:

October 6	Picture Day (free dress code day)
October 7	STAR Celebration (wear an Oak Grove spirit shirt)
October 10 & 11	No School
October 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences (report cards given out)
October 13	PTO Meeting @ 6:00 (Third grade performing)
October 24-29	Red Ribbon Week
November 3	Fall Parent Pow Wow Night

I want to thank you for your continued support. The success of our school depends on our partnership. If there is ever anything that we can do to improve or be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jenny  
Principal