



# The Owl Speaks

Oakmont Elementary School




"Where you are part of the Oakmont Family"








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### Family Dance

Oakmont's 5th Annual Family Dance, "Whoooo's On First?," is coming up. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST FUN EVENTS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. . . . YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT. This year, the dance will feature the music of LCR, as well as your choice of premium stadium food, games and activities for all ages. Tickets may be purchased using the Pre-Sale Order Form sent home last week. Additional forms are in the office. Pre-sale prices are \$6 per person (\$2 OFF LAST YEARS PRICE) **Pre-sale ends on March 6th.** Remember, prices at the door are \$9 per person. . . . **SO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Children are only allowed at the dance with their families and NO STUDENTS may be there unsupervised. Our staff are enjoying the evening just like you and are not responsible for supervision.

### 4th Grade STAR Writing Test

Each year, 4th and 7th grade students take a STAR Writing Test, in addition to the test all Grade 2-12 students take in May. If you have a student in the 4th grade, PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY APPOINTMENTS ON MARCH 3-4 so we can administer this assessment. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

### Spring Conferences

For the week of March 2-6, Oakmont will be on minimum days. All students in grades 1-6 will get out at 1:00pm. Kindergarten students will get out of school at 11:30am. Please check with your child's teacher about scheduling a conference. Spring Conferences are a VITAL time to check in on progress and plan out the remainder of the year. Also, registration for Summer School will take place during conferences again this year. It is important that if you student is recommended for Summer School, that you complete the registration process for them. Your teacher will have all the information needed to register at your conference.



### Read Across America Day

As every year, Oakmont participates in the national Read Across America Day celebration. The event, which coincides with the 105th birthday of Dr. Seuss, has national events in schools and communities where kids of all ages spend some time to celebrate the joys of reading. Here at Oakmont, the school staff brings their favorite book and reads it to two different classes. At home that night, you may think of how to celebrate. In my house, we leave the television off that night and spend that time sharing books together. Please take this opportunity to create a special event with your family and foster a love of reading.

### Daycare Spots Available

The CUSD Child Development Program currently has limited state funding available for assistance with paying for on-site child care. Certain conditions apply and families must meet both the need (such as working or going to school) and income requirement to qualify. A family of two, for example who earns a maximum gross monthly income (before taxes) of \$3,518 or a maximum yearly income of \$42,216 may qualify for assistance. A family of four who earns a maximum of \$4,188 or yearly of \$50,256 may qualify. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

IF you think you might qualify for child care assistance, please call Claudia at the Child Development Office (909)399-1713.

### Living with Coyotes

Please check the back of this document for an announcement from the city regarding our four legged neighbors.



### Souperbowl of Caring

Thank you to all who sent in dry foods to support our neighbors who need a hand. Oakmont collected 381 items that have been donated to a local food bank. GREAT JOB STUDENT COUNCIL!!!!

## **Baile de Familia**

¿El quinto año del Baile de Familia Anual de Oakmont, “Whoooo’s On First?,” Se acerca ESTE EVENTO ES UNO DE LOS MAS DEVERITADOS DEL AÑO ESCOLAR. Este año, el baile presentará la música de LCR, así como su opción de alimento de estadio superior, juegos y actividades para todos los años. Los boletos pueden ser comprados usando la Hoja de Pedido de la Pre-venta enviada a casa la semana pasada. Las formas adicionales están en la oficina. Los precios de la pre-venta son 6 dólares por persona (2 dólares del ÚLTIMO PRECIO DE AÑOS)  **finales de la Pre-venta el 6 de marzo**. Recuerde, los precios en la puerta son 9 dólares por persona.... ¡¡COMPRE SUS BOLETOS AHORA!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **Sólo se permiten a niños en el baile con sus familias y NINGUNOS ESTUDIANTES pueden estar allí sin supervisión.** Nuestro personal disfruta de la tarde justo como usted y no es responsable de la supervisión.

## **Prueba de “Star”**

Cada año, los estudiantes de grado 4 y 7 toman the prueba ESTRELLA que consiste de lectura, además de la prueba todo el Grado que 2-12 estudiantes toman en mayo. Si usted tiene a un estudiante en el grado 4, **POR FAVOR NO programe NINGÚN APPOINTMENTS** para las fechas de 3-4 DE MARZO entonces podemos administrar esta evaluación. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor ver al profesor de su niño.

## **Conferencias de Primavera**

Para la semana del 2-6 de marzo, Oakmont será durante días mínimos. Todos los estudiantes en grados 1-6 saldrán en 1:00pm. Los estudiantes de jardín de infancia saldrán de la escuela en 11:30am. Por favor compruebe con el profesor de su niño sobre la programación de una conferencia. Las Conferencias de Primavera son un tiempo VITAL para facturar en progreso y plan el resto del año. También, el registro para el Curso de Verano ocurrirá durante conferencias otra vez este año. Es importante que si le recomiendan el estudiante para el Curso de Verano, que usted completa el proceso de registro para ellos. Su profesor tendrá toda la información tenía que registrarse en su conferencia.

## **Lea a Través de Día de América**

Como cada año, Oakmont participa en el ciudadano Leído a Través de la celebración de Día de América. El acontecimiento, que coincide con el 105 cumpleaños de doctor Seuss, tiene acontecimientos nacionales en escuelas y comunidades donde los niños de todos los años pasan algún tiempo para celebrar las alegrías de la lectura. Aquí en Oakmont, el personal escolar trae su libro favorito y lo lee a dos clases diferentes. En casa esa noche, usted puede pensar como divertirse. En mi casa, dejamos la televisión de aquella noche y gastamos {pasamos} aquellos libros de subdivisión de tiempo juntos. Por favor tome esta oportunidad de crear un acontecimiento especial con su familia y criar un amor de lectura.

## **Puntos de la Guardería Disponibles**

El Programa de Desarrollo de Niño CUSD actualmente ha limitado la financiación estatal disponible para la ayuda con el pago para el cuidado de los niños local. Las ciertas condiciones se aplican y las familias deben encontrar a ambos la necesidad (como el funcionamiento o yendo a escuela) y exigencia de ingresos para licenciarse. Una familia de dos, por ejemplo quién gana unos ingresos mensuales gruesos máximos (antes de que impuestos) de 3,518 dólares o unos ingresos anuales máximos de 42,216 dólares puede tener derecho a la ayuda. Una familia de cuatro quién gana un máximo de 4,188 dólares o cada año de 50 dólares, 256 puede licenciarse. Los honorarios están basados en una escala móvil.

SI usted piensa que usted podría tener derecho a la ayuda de cuidado de los niños, por favor llame Claudia en la Oficina de Desarrollo de Niño (909) 399-1713.

## **Vida con Coyotes**

Por favor compruebe la espalda de este documento para un anuncio de la ciudad en cuanto a nuestros vecinos de 4 pinnas.

## **Souperbowl de Preocupación**

Gracias a todos quién hizo pasar la comida de lata para apoyar a nuestros vecinos que necesitan una mano. El Oakmont coleccionó 381 artículos que han sido donados a un banco {una orilla} de alimento local.  
¡¡BUEN TRABAJO DEL CONSEJO DE ESTUDIANTES !!!!



### LIVING WITH COYOTES – Precautions

Few animals in America are more adaptable to changing conditions than the coyote. Coyotes can live just about anywhere. They are found in deserts, swamps, tundra, grasslands, brush, and dense forests, from below sea level to high mountains. They have also learned to live in suburbs and cities like Los Angeles, New York, Denver and Claremont.

Coyotes are active mainly during the nighttime, but they can be moving at any time during the day. Most sightings of coyotes occur during the hours close to sunrise and sunset.

In urban areas where coyotes are less likely to be harmed and more likely to associate people with an easy and dependable source for food, they can become very bold. They will come up to the door of a house if food is regularly present. Coyotes have learned that small dogs and cats are easy prey.

Here are some steps you can take to reduce the chance of student and coyote conflicts:

- Do not feed coyotes!
- Have students walk to school in groups or pairs.
- If confronted by a coyote, the students should shout, clap their hands or make some type of loud noise to scare the coyote away.
- Discourage coyotes from frequenting your area. If you observe coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, or blowing a whistle.

You can obtain a free wildlife whistle at the Claremont Police Department, 570 W. Bonita Ave.; The Hughes Community Center, 1770 North Danbury Road; or Claremont City Hall, 207 North Harvard, Claremont.

If you encounter a coyote and it is acting in an aggressive manner toward a human and one's safety is in danger, dial 9-1-1 and the police department will respond.

For further information on coyote safety the California Department of Fish and Game has an excellent web site at [www.Keepmewild.org](http://www.Keepmewild.org).

Please contact Captain Stan Van Horn at the Claremont Police Department, (909) 399-5406 if you have any further questions regarding coyote safety.