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FOR UPDATED 2009-2010  
INFORMATION**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families and Friends of Oak Grove,

It is with great pride that I announce that Oak Grove earned a 64 point gain in our Academic Performance Index based on the achievement of our students STAR tests last Spring. This is the largest increase of any middle school in the county and surpasses the statewide increase. I am so proud of the students here at Oak Grove. They believed in their abilities, worked hard all year, and then took the test very seriously. It is an honor to share in their accomplishments.

Credit is indeed due to our students, but I must acknowledge the amazing work of the teachers at Oak Grove. They are committed to their students both academically and socio-emotionally. They are some of the most highly skilled teachers in the areas of planning instruction, engagement, assessment, and the use of data to inform instruction. They are team players who work together in collaborative teams to plan curriculum and maintain Common Consistent Practices. They have worked diligently with their minds and their hearts and in this time of school wide recognition, please take a moment to thank the teachers here at Oak Grove.

This success could only have occurred with the entire Oak Grove community working together and believing in our students. Over the years we have seen increased levels of parent participation and influence in ensuring that Oak Grove meets the needs of the community we serve. We have seen more parents in classrooms, participating in Parent Patrol and Uniform Sweeps, and becoming members of PTSA, Site Council, ELAC, and Community Culture Committee. The focus on Academic Achievement was also maintained by the entire support staff of clerical, custodial, food service, and can be seen daily in the efforts of the After School Program.

This growth is only a beginning and we have goals set to ensure that all of our children reach high levels of academic achievement.

**Happily  
Ms. McCormick**

## COMMUNITY CULTURE

**As we continue our progress, I invite you to attend our first Community Culture Committee meeting of the year, to be held Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 – 5:00 in the Library.**

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Dear OGMS families and friends,** Greetings and welcome to the 2009-10 school year. It has been a great beginning and I would like to take some time to:

Thank teachers, staff, administrators, parents and students who helped us during registration.

Thank all parents and students who supported OGMS by purchasing a binder. We still have some for sale.

Thank all parents and students for supporting our uniform policy.

Thank our energetic and diverse parents and students attending PTSA.

### **In the meantime...**

There is still time for you to volunteer at our school. Stop by the office, complete a volunteer form and we will contact you soon.

Also, please mark your calendars as we are planning our second bi-annual Rummage Sale in December. We are accepting donations everyday from 8 -8:30am.

We continue with our Uniform Recycling Program. If you have school uniforms that your child is no longer wearing (still in good condition), please donate them to us.

Please contact myself at 682-1843, x 5306 if I can be of any service to you.

Regards,  
Martha Potts – Community School Coordinator

## OGMS UPCOMING EVENTS



**SITE COUNCIL  
BALLOTS DUE IN  
OFFICE—TUES.  
SEPT. 22ND**

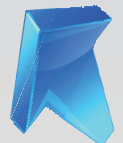
**SITE COUNCIL  
TRAINING ON  
WED., SEPT 23RD  
@  
YVHS**

**PICTURE DAY  
TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29TH  
DURING P.E.**

**DELAC  
OCTOBER 21ST:  
@ WILLOW CREEK-  
CENTER @ 5:00**

**PTSA  
OCTOBER 22ND @  
OGMS LIBRARY**

**YOUNG LIFE  
STARTS  
MONDAY, SEPT.  
21ST  
ROOMS G-1 & G-2**



**— OAK GROVE UNIFORM POLICY**  
**Fingertip Rule: Shirts must be above,**  
**Shorts and Skirts must be below**  
Navy blue or black slacks, shorts or skirts  
Collared white or grey neat polo shirts  
White or gray under shirt  
White, navy blue or gray sweaters or vests

