



January 16, 2026

Dates to Remember:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

No School Mon. 1/19/26

Oak Run Elementary School

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Dear Oak Run Families,

As we begin 2025, I want to welcome our students back and share a few important updates for January.

A Strong Start to the New Year

We are excited to step into the second half of the school year with renewed focus and energy. Our staff is committed to helping every student grow academically, socially, and emotionally. January is an excellent time for students to reset routines, set new goals, and build strong habits for success. We appreciate your support in encouraging regular attendance, timely homework completion, and positive behavior at school.

Academics & Instruction

Teachers will be reviewing expectations and beginning new units in all subject areas. This month, you may notice students bringing home fresh reading materials, math practice, or writing assignments. Please take a few minutes each evening to check in with your child about their learning—your involvement makes a big difference.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, January 20
- **Report Cards:** Will be sent home in early February
- **Presidents' Week Holiday:** February 16 through the 20th, ELOP will be offered Monday through Thursday (not Friday). You must notify the district that your child will be attending by Wednesday, February 11th.

Please make sure the office has your correct contact information so you receive all school notifications.

Winter Weather & Safety

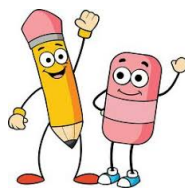
With colder temperatures and unpredictable winter weather, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly. In the event of weather-related delays or closures, we will notify families through our phone and email system.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Oak Run Elementary is a special place, and our school community thrives because of the care and involvement of families like yours. If you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful start to the new year!

Mrs. Hanna's TK - 3rd Grade Class



Happy New Year to us! What fun it was to come back and begin January 2026! It was so encouraging to hear all of the adventures and excitement that the students had over their vacation time! We talked about presents that we got, places that we went, and our favorite things about time spent with family.

We all had to re-orient ourselves with “being in school “. It was amazing how fast we got back into the routine. This class enjoys learning – they are eager to learn new things and even want to jump ahead! So, this is what we are diving into in January.

In Language Arts Kindergarten is learning about sentences. First grade they are learning about apostrophes and how to use them. Second grade is learning about quotation marks in writing dialogue and how to use them.

In Math, first grade is practicing single digit subtraction. Second grade is leaning about two-digit subtraction and Third grade is multiplying by tens and hundreds – they are all making great progress.

In Social Studies this week it seems appropriate that we are looking at things from the past and checking out what is going on in the present. Is it the same? Is it different? How different is it? How has life changed? How did we light up our homes in the past when it got dark and how do we do it today? What about cooking – do we still cook the same as we did 100 years ago? Is there anything that we cook the same? What about keeping warm? Do we still keep warm the same way? What about communication – do we communicate the same way? It’s even fun to discover that five years ago we were communicating differently than we do now! And, it’s interesting to imagine what will communication look like in the future!

In Science, we are learning about recycling and what you are supposed to recycle. Is it important? Things we use like glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastic bags are made from sand, metal and oil. We are learning that earth’s natural resources are limited and they cannot be replaced – so what are we going to do about that? What is our responsibility? That is where recycling comes in!

Learning is an adventure every day and we love doing it. It is a great time to work with these students every day.

Mrs. Hanna

Mr. Kempkey's 4th-8th Grade



We are now in our second week back from winter break, and I'm happy to share that our classroom is truly back in the swing of things. Students have settled back into routines, are staying on task, and are being productive throughout the day. Our updated classroom schedule has been a big help, as it now includes clearer daily expectations along with built-in short break times to support focus and independence. This structure has made a noticeable difference in how smoothly our days are running.

Each morning, students are strengthening their writing and listening skills through journaling. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, students respond to a journal prompt chosen by me. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, our wonderful TA, Jill, reads *Where the Red Fern Grows* aloud to the class. After each chapter, students write about what happened in their journals, practicing comprehension, reflection, and written expression every day.

In math, students are making great progress as they work through new concepts and reinforce previously learned skills. Much of this learning happens in small groups, where students collaborate, problem-solve, and—most importantly—have fun while learning. After math, students head to lunch and then enjoy daily PE, except on Fridays. On Wednesdays, students attend music after PE, and on Fridays they go straight to music after lunch, which brings us to the end of our early-release day.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, we focus on History and Science. In History, we are continuing our study of the birth of the United States and how it developed into the nation it is today. In Science, we are exploring life science, focusing on living things, life cycles, and the systems of plants and animals. During this time, we also begin working on hands-on projects and club-style activities, which will continue to grow as the weather improves and we complete several major projects planned for the year.

We are also excited to welcome a new student, bringing our class total to ten students. This small class size allows for meaningful connections and individualized support, and I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside an amazing TA and an additional helper who provides one-on-one support for several students. Thanks to this teamwork, students are making strong academic and personal progress.

Overall, this school year is shaping up to be an amazing one. The growth, effort, and positivity I see every day make me proud of our classroom community, and I'm looking forward to all that the rest of the year has to offer.



Composing Songs

Happy New Year! We are starting to become immersed in Composing our own Songs.

We teach composing songs to elementary students because it supports **how children learn, think, and express themselves, not just because we want them to become musicians.**

Here are the key reasons:

1. It builds creativity and self-expression
2. It strengthens musical understanding
3. It supports cognitive development
4. It encourages ownership and motivation
5. It develops communication and collaboration
6. It nurtures lifelong musical thinking

We hope to share some of them with you at our annual Pie Night in March.



Week of Jan.19, 2026

* Breakfast is served with 1 cup of fresh fruit, lunch is served with ½ cup of fresh fruit and all meals are served with 8 oz. 1% or fat-free milk.

MONDAY 19th	TUESDAY 20th	WEDNESDAY 21st	THURSDAY 22nd	FRIDAY 23rd
<u>Breakfast</u> Cheesy Eggs & Toast Or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	<u>Breakfast</u> Pancakes & Bacon Or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	<u>Breakfast</u> Ham & Egg Sandwich Or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	<u>Breakfast</u> Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	<u>Breakfast</u> Scrambled Eggs English Muffin Or Cereal with Fruit & Milk
<u>Lunch</u> Fish Sticks Potatoes Green Beans Fruit & Milk	<u>Lunch</u> Bean, Beef & Cheese Burrito Salad Fruit & Milk	<u>Lunch</u> Chicken Fettuccini Garden Salad Fruit & Milk	<u>Lunch</u> Hot Dog Chips Fresh Veggies Fruit & Milk	<u>Lunch</u> Chicken Nuggets French Fries Salad Fruit & Milk

VAN STOPS



Updated Van Schedule as of 9/16/25

A.M Route (Oak Run)

Leave School 7:00 (1st Run)

First Stop - OR to Fern (Sesame) @ 7:02

Second Stop - OR to Fern @ 7:10

Third Stop - Phillips Cut Off @ 7:15

School 7:25 Leave School (2nd run) 7:27

First Stop - Phillips Rd @ 7:40

Second Stop - Phillips & Thomas @ 7:43

Third Stop - Phillips & Frontier @ 7:46

Fourth Stop - Oak Run Road @ 8:04

Arrives at school: Approx. 8:15

P.M. Route (Oak Run): Mon. - Thurs.

Leaves School: 3:05

First Stop - OR to Fern (Sesame) @ 3:07

Second Stop - OR to Fern @ 3:15

Third Stop - Phillips Cut Off @ 3:18

Fourth Stop - Phillips Rd @ 3:20

Fifth Stop - Phillips & Thomas @ 3:23

Sixth Stop - Phillips & Frontier @ 3:26

Seventh Stop - Oak Run Road @ 3:45

P.M. Route (Oak Run): Friday

Leave School: 1:35

First Stop - OR to Fern (Sesame) @ 1:37

Second Stop - OR to Fern @ 1:46

Third Stop - Phillips Cut Off @ 1:48

Fourth Stop - Phillips Rd @ 1:51

Fifth Stop - Phillips & Thomas @ 1:53

Sixth Stop - Phillips & Frontier @ 1:56

Seventh Stop - Oak Run Road @ 2:15

ELOP (After School Program)

Leave School: 4:35

First Stop - OR to Fern (Sesame) @ 4:38

Second Stop - Oak Run to Fern @ 4:45

Third Stop - Phillips Cut Off @ 4:48

Fourth Stop - Phillips Rd. @ 4:52

Fifth Stop - Phillips & Thomas @ 4:55

Sixth Stop - Phillips & Frontier @ 4:59

Seventh Stop - Oak Run Road @ 5:15

Please Note: that since Oak Run School is located in a rural area, bus times may vary by up to five minutes. Therefore, please **arrive at the bus stop five minutes earlier than the scheduled time.**

*****Bus will leave 1 minute after assigned times*****



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Community Room

Planning the annual Pi (3.14) Night is under way!



*This event is scheduled for Friday March 13, 2026 from 4-6:00 PM
We are asking for Pie donations from families, friends and community members to make this event a success! Please sign up with Ms. Kim kpatterson@oakrunschool.org.*

More details regarding this event will be made available soon!

Visit the community room, currently Rm. 5. Lots of winter jackets, jeans and sweatshirts are available if needed.

The cold weather is coming! Stay warm and cozy.

Ms. Kim

