



# Oak Park Extended School Care Newsletter

## March 2024

### February Recap

In an effort to reduce screen time, we added Find a Friend Friday in the afternoon, which has worked out well.

The children have been working on 21st Century Learning Skills of communication, creativity, collaboration and flexibility. We used a lot of dramatic play skills with Barbies, the doll house, kitchen and playing school. We celebrated the Lunar New Year with many dragon crafts, and Valentine's Day with heart shaped animal crafts.

We wrapped up our science experiment of removing the shell from an egg. We also found out what happens to conversation hearts when placed in different types of liquids.

### Looking Ahead

In March, we will complete some Dr. Seuss inspired crafts as well as leprechaun, sheep, and bunny crafts. As the weather gets warmer and the daylight is longer we will be going outside more. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and shoes for outdoor play.

If the **green** sign is hanging by door number 1, check in/out will be conducted on the playground. If a **yellow** sign with the light house is hanging by the door it means that we are in the gym. Knock on the gym door (6) to sign your child in or out of the program.

### Important Parent Reminders

1. Credit Card payments must be made by the 1st of the month to be considered on time. Checks and money orders will still be accepted up to the 5th of the month.
2. Parents are required to sign their children in and out of the program. Please come to the cafeteria after ringing the bell to sign your child in or out of the program.
3. If we are outside or in the gym parents must escort their children to the playground or gym for drop off. If picking up you must sign your child out from the gym or outside.
4. Payments may be dropped in our payment box at the site or in the box at the District Office on the Church Rd. entrance of the building by door 3.
5. If your child is not attending the program, call the Extended School Care Office or the site phone. Please request that notes given to the teacher be shared with the Extended School Care staff.
6. Leave all toys, electronic devices, and cell phones at home. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken cell phones, Pokemon cards, toys, and electronic devices.
7. All changes to your child's schedule must be requested in writing by the 14th of the month. Approved changes will be instituted by the first of the next month of care.
8. Children and parents dropping off their children are not allowed to leave the childcare area to return to the classroom during the before and after school program hours.

9. Please make sure that your child's ChromeBook is charged before coming to school.

### **Important Dates**

**March 7, 2024** is an Early Dismissal Day. School dismisses at 12:35pm. We must know if your child is attending so that we have enough supplies and special snacks. We eat lunch together so your child can buy lunch before coming to Extended Care or bring lunch from home.

**March 25th, 26th, 27th, 2024** No School/Full Day Program for those who registered by 3/1/24.

**March 28th & Mar 29, 2024** No School/ No Program. Enjoy the Spring Break!

### **Extended School Care Staff**

Beth Hornberger- site director  
Archana Mittal-AM assistant  
Susan Blunt- PM assistant

**Oak Park's Phone Number** - 215-368-9785

**March's Theme-** In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

**District Webpage** - [www.npenn.org](http://www.npenn.org)

We are here to ensure the health and safety of your children. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak with Ms. Hornberger or email at [hornbeb@npenn.org](mailto:hornbeb@npenn.org).

### **Snow Policy**

When snow storms are predicted you can find out about delays, closings, or early dismissal by visiting the North Penn website at [www.npenn.org](http://www.npenn.org), NPSD Facebook or Twitter, or watch NPTV (Comcast channel 28 or Verizon FiOS channel 29). If NPSD is closed, the NPESC Program will not operate. If we have a delayed opening the program will operate as follows:

1 Hour Delay Before school opens at 8:00 am, 2 Hour Delay Before school opens at 9:00 am, 3 Hour Delay Before school opens at 10:00 am. If weather conditions worsen and school closes early, parents will receive a notification via the emergency notification system to notify you that the NPESC Program will close two hours after the early dismissal time. The school district has the authority to close the program in the event of severe weather conditions, dismissing your child at early dismissal time.

