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**See Page 3 for information about  
the November 8 property tax renewal.**

## City News

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

City Council will meet on Monday, October 3 and Monday November 7 in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. You are invited to attend or view meetings live or rebroadcast on cable television (Time Warner Ch. 6 and AT&T Ch. 99). Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for rebroadcast times. Recorded monthly council meetings may also be viewed on the city website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood). All televised regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6 p.m. Council will also meet in work session on Monday, October 17 and Monday, November 21 at 5 p.m. in the conference room at 30 Park Avenue.

## School News

### Referrals for Gifted Identification Now Being Accepted

According to Ohio House Bill 282, all public school districts in Ohio are required to identify students for giftedness. This law, however, does not mandate any services for identified gifted and talented students. Areas of gifted identification include superior cognitive (ability and achievement), specific academic (math, reading/writing, science, social studies), creative thinking, and visual/performing arts (visual art, dance, drama, music). Assessment procedures vary for each area of identification. All teachers, counselors and administrators receive notification of students who have qualified as gifted in any of the domains. *Continued on page 8*

## Library News

### Tim Harrison to Present *Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh Why?*

Tim Harrison, retired Oakwood Public Safety Officer and exotic animal expert, will present "Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh Why?" on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Library meeting room. He will talk about his career rescuing exotic animals and the filming of "The Elephant in the Living Room", an award winning documentary which explores his work as an animal advocate and rescuer, the exotic pet owners he must confront, and the animals stuck in the middle. Harrison is a nationally known expert in handling exotic animals and is also the author of *Wild Times: Tales from the Suburban Safari* and *Wildlife Warrior: More Tales from Suburban Safaris*. He established Outreach for Animals, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the dangers of owning exotic animals. Following his presentation, Harrison will answer questions and be available to sign DVDs and books. Reservations are required and limited to 65 people. Contact Wright Library's Reference Desk at 294-7171. Registration begins Friday, October 21.

**P3** **PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL**  
On November 8, Oakwood voters will be asked to renew a 2.72 mill property tax issue. The effective millage is now 1.45.

**P7** **OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
10-11 REPORT CARD RELEASED**  
Excellent with Distinction

**P11** **UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**  
Author Janna Mathies will present  
"Writing for Children: My Journey to  
Publication."

## ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 10. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The city is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval consistent with the yard debris collection schedule below. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 16, but will be shortened or extended if conditions warrant. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule, but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions and other factors.

To help us provide the best possible service, please remember the following:

- During the 10-week collection season, all leaves should be raked directly into the street gutter or, if conditions demand, in the area just behind the curb. Please make an effort to do this just a day or two before the scheduled pickup and make sure to pile the leaves in a narrow row to least obstruct the traveled roadway.
- Under no circumstance should you place brush, branches or other yard debris, pumpkins, corn stalks or bales of straw in the street gutter with the leaves.
- Do not bag the leaves – leave them loose.
- Do not park vehicles in the street on the day your area is scheduled for leaf pickup.

The standard yard debris pickup and dumpster programs will continue through the leaf collection season. However, as in the past, we will suspend the special pickup program. The special pickup program will resume during the week of January 2, 2012. If you have any special needs during leaf season, please contact Theresa Caldwell or Kenneth Perkins at the Public Works Center (298-0777).



## CITY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Veteran's Day – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Friday, November 11. However, the refuse collection department will be open on November 11 and trash will be collected that week on the regular schedule.

Thanksgiving - City offices, including the public works department and OCC, will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday November 25.

Please note that trash pick up will be altered for the week of November 21.

### Week of 11/21

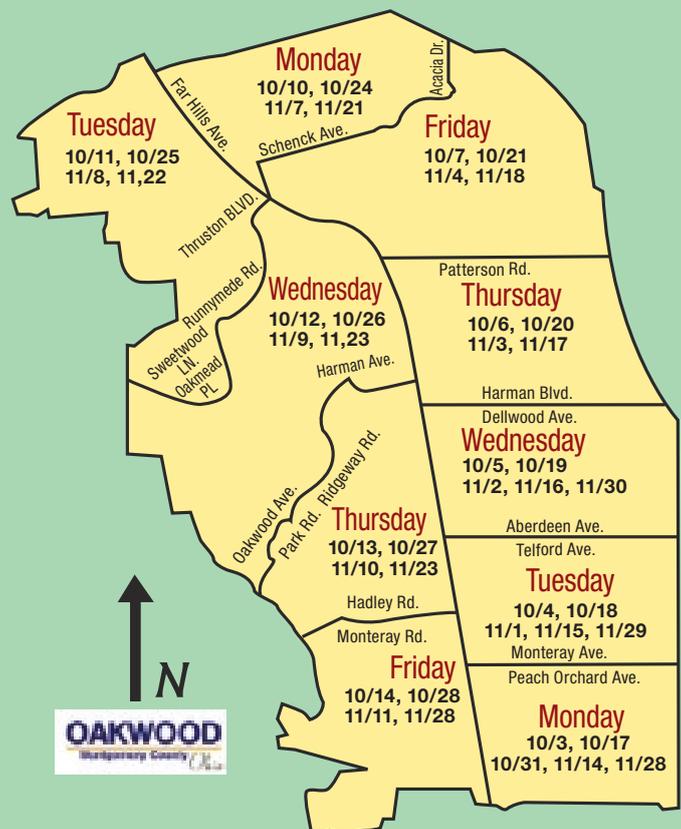
#### Regular Refuse Day

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**

#### Holiday Refuse Day

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Wednesday**

## Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/23
- Shroyer Rd. 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17

**School District:**  
68.8%

**Human Services & Disabilities:**  
15.8%

**City:**  
5.9%

**Sinclair Community College:**  
3.7%

**Metro Parks:**  
2.1%

**Montgomery County:**  
2.0%

**Wright Library:**  
1.7%



## PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL

On November 8, Oakwood voters will be asked to renew a 2.72 mill property tax issue. The effective millage is now 1.45. As a renewal, the issue will not raise taxes. It will simply continue to generate the same dollars that it generated when first approved in 1992. The issue costs \$44.38 per \$100,000 of appraised home value and the money is used to pay for public services including police, fire and EMS, roadway and infrastructure maintenance and parks and recreation. Above is the breakdown of the current distribution of Oakwood residential property taxes.



## SCARECROW BUILDING CONTEST

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the ninth "Annual Scarecrow Building Contest".

We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are now available at the OCC. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to commence at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at 298-0775.

## FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 9, 2-5 p.m., Shafor Park. Come to Shafor Park for the seventh annual Family Fall Festival and enjoy an afternoon of fun games, food, hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Kids can dress up and join the "Costume Parade" around the park. Don't forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the newspapers and on flyers distributed through the schools.



## BEGGAR'S NIGHT-OCTOBER 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Monday, October 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. If you plan to hand out Halloween treats, please turn on your porch or front door lights. If you're driving during those hours, please use extra caution.

## BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Congratulations to the owners of the following residential and business properties for being selected to receive July and August Beautification Awards:

### July

- 2210 Ridgeway Road, Mr. & Mrs. Leo E. Harty
- 2518 Roanoke Avenue, Ms. Debra A. Miller
- 219 Triangle Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Byron R. Stirsmann
- 100 Monterey Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Michalec
- 222 Aberdeen Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Sean E. Johnson
- 117 Forrer Boulevard, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence N. Smith
- 323 Greenmount Boulevard, Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Beecher
- 55 Beverly Place, Mrs. Lynne C. Irwin
- 7 Ivanhoe Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. John W. Powell
- 50 Rubicon Road, Ms. Georgie M. Woessner

### August

- 1216 Raleigh Road, Mr. & Mrs. William W. LeBoeuf
- 734 E. Schantz Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. David E. Ashcraft
- 326 Northview Road, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Maher
- 220 E. Dixon Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Scott A. Fischer
- 205 Greenmount Boulevard, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Dornbusch
- 230 Greenmount Boulevard, Mr. & Mrs. John C. MacIlwaine
- 441 Corona Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Snyder
- 344 E. Peach Orchard Avenue, Ms. Deena Hummel
- 405 Orchard Drive, Mr. & Mrs. Thaddeus E. Helminiak
- 400 Claranna Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. David L. Campbell

**If you know of someone whose property is deserving of recognition, we encourage you to take a minute and complete a nomination form (forms are available at the OCC and city building) or simply call the city offices at 298-0411.**

## NOTE TO DOG OWNERS

Oakwood ordinance 505.01 relating to Pets at Large states that "Pets shall be permitted to be upon property other than that of their owners or keepers (and other than sidewalk and street rights-of-way) only in those situations where the owner of such other property has consented to the pets being there". Please keep this in mind and also remember to clean up after your dog.

## TRIMMING OF OVERHANGING VEGETATION

It is important that all sidewalks are free and clear of obstructions. Property owners are reminded that in order to ensure safe pedestrian and vehicular passage, any bushes, tree limbs and other forms of vegetation overhanging sidewalks, alleys or the public street must be trimmed back to a height of no less than eight (8) feet above the public sidewalk and fourteen (14) feet above the public street or alley. Your cooperation in keeping these areas clear of overhanging vegetation is greatly appreciated.

## LEISURE SERVICES NEWS

American Red Cross Babysitting Course: The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

Mother/Son Dance: This dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. The dance is open to all Oakwood Moms and Grandmothers with sons and grandsons between the ages of 5 and 11 years. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the OCC.

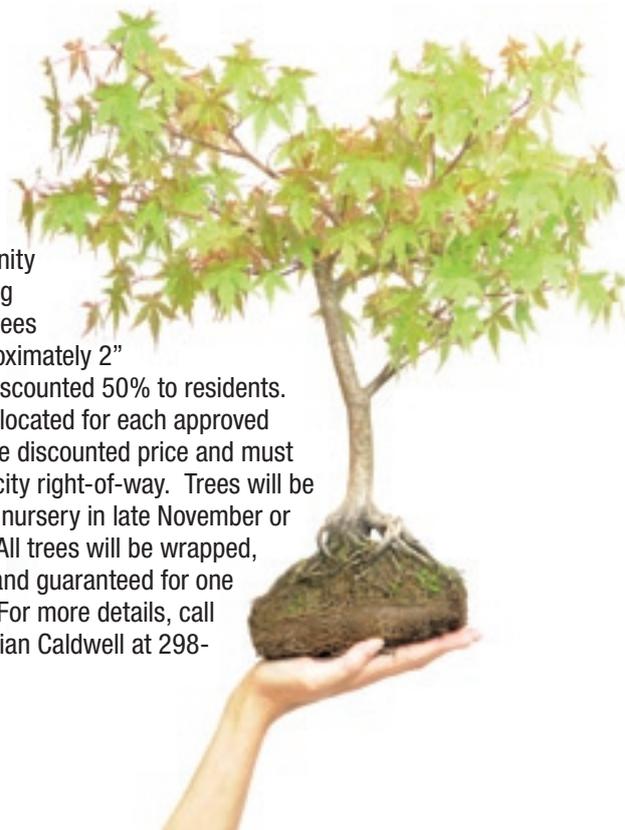
Breakfast with Santa: The event is from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 10. Tickets go on sale November 7 at the OCC. Space is limited to 50 children. Everyone attending must have a ticket.

## JOHNNY APPLESEED TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The City of Oakwood under leadership of the Oakwood Environmental Committee is again offering the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project.

Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species are available from the Oakwood Community Center or by calling 298-0775. The trees selected are approximately 2"

in diameter and discounted 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price and must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted by a local nursery in late November or early December. All trees will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call Carol Collins or Brian Caldwell at 298-0775.



## SAFETY DEPARTMENT NEWS

### TIPS TO HELP KIDS STAY SAFE WHEN HOME ALONE

The American Red Cross suggests steps parents and children can take to make after-school hours safer and less stressful. If your child is going to be home alone after school, it's a good idea to have them call to check in when they get home. Set ground rules about whether other kids can come over, whether cooking is allowed, and whether they can leave the home. Other steps that parents and guardians can include in their home safety plans:

- Post an emergency phone list where the children can see it. Include 9-1-1, the parents work and cell numbers, numbers for neighbors, and the numbers for anyone else who is close and trusted.
- Identify neighbors whose home your child can go to in case of an emergency that requires your child to leave your home.
- Practice an emergency plan with the child so they know what to do in case of fire, injury, or other emergencies. Write the plan down and make sure the child knows where it is.
- Make sure the first aid kit is stocked and stored where your children can find it; keep it out of reach of young children.
- Let children know where the flashlights are. Make sure that the batteries are fresh, and that the child knows how to use them.
- Remove or safely store in locked areas dangerous items like guns, ammunition, knives, hand tools, power tools, razor blades, scissors, and other objects that can cause injury.
- Make sure potential poisons like detergents, polishes, pesticides, household cleaning fluids, lighter fluid and lamp oils are stored in locked cabinets or out of the reach of children.
- Make sure medicine is kept in a locked storage place or out of the reach of children.
- Install safety covers on all unused electrical outlets.
- Limit any cooking a young child can do. Make sure at least one approved smoke alarm is installed and operating on each level of the home.
- Set rules on the time the child spends in front of the television or computer. Activate parental controls. Use programs that limit the sites children can visit, restrict chat sites and monitor online activity.

When talking to kids about being at home alone, parents should stress the following steps, and post them somewhere to remind the child about what they should or shouldn't do until mom, dad or caregiver get home:

- Lock the door and make sure all the windows are closed and locked. If the home has an electronic security system, children should learn how to turn it on and have it on when home alone.
- Never open the door to strangers. Always check before opening the door to anyone, looking out through a peephole or window first. Only open the door for people that parents and guardians have given you permission to let in the house. If unsure, contact your caregiver.
- Never open the door to delivery people or service representatives. Ask delivery people to leave the package at the door or tell them to come back at another time. Service representatives, such as a TV cable installer, should have an appointment when an adult is home.
- Never tell someone on the telephone that the parents are not at home. Say something like "He or she is busy right now. Can I take a message?"
- Do not talk about being home alone on public websites. Kids should be cautious about sharing information about their location when using chat rooms or posting on social networks.
- Never leave the house without permission. If it's okay to go outside, children should contact their parents and tell them where they are going, when they are leaving, and when they will return. If mom and dad are still at work, children should call them when they leave and when they return home.
- Do not go outside to check out an unusual noise. If the noise worries the child, they should call their parents, an adult, or the police.
- Don't talk to strangers.
- Do not have friends over to visit unless specifically allowed by parents. Do not let anyone inside who is using drugs or alcohol, even if you know them.
- If the child smells smoke or hears a fire or smoke alarm, they should get outside and ask a neighbor to call 9-1-1.



## 2011 CURB, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APRON PROGRAM

Construction on this annual program is complete. All affected property owners should inspect the work to verify that it meets their approval. If you have any questions or concerns about the quality of the work or the billing procedures, please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777.



## LIGHTING UP OAKWOOD & HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS

The City of Oakwood with assistance from the Oakwood Environmental Committee is "LIGHTING UP" Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 11 beginning at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their house and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 p.m. come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments as well as horse drawn carriage rides throughout the city to see the beautifully lit night and, as always, enjoy a visit from Santa. Luminarias for this event are sold at the OCC beginning Monday, November 14th. Cost is \$3.50 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour burning candles.

## DOG PARK

The city dog park opened a couple months ago. It is located at Creager Field, just north of the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at Shafor and Irving. The park is open daily from dawn to dusk.



## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The city is continuing to meet the goals of its storm water permit which include street sweeping, dry weather screening of storm water structures, public education and pollution prevention. Please keep in mind that storm sewers are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area. Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers. Do not dump items or material into a catch basin. Items that we see commonly when we clean the sewers are grass clippings, brush and trash. Please do not put any material in the street except for leaves between mid-October and the end of the year. Also, pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is very harmful to wildlife down stream. Finally, please try to limit the herbicides and pesticides used in lawn care as they have a direct impact on the down stream water quality.

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

The city staff works hard to operate an efficient and comprehensive back door refuse collection program. There are several key areas where we can use your help: please limit cans to 35 gallons and under 60 pounds; have cars out of the driveway and cans easily accessible on your collection day; and have your trash and recycling out by 7:30 on your collection day. These simple actions will allow us to be as efficient as possible and minimize the properties where we are unable to collect the refuse.

We have an extensive recycling program. You may co-mingle newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines paperboard, cardboard (small quantities - flattened), plastics (1-6 in the little triangle on the bottom), various metal cans, and glass. Larger amounts of cardboard may be taken to the containers at the Creager Field parking lot just north of 210 Shafor Boulevard. For a complete listing of recyclable materials, see Montgomery County Solid Waste District's daily drop-off recycling listing at [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org). The city of Oakwood's requirements are driven by our hauling and sorting contractor, Waste Management, Inc., which uses the Montgomery County standards listed above. Any questions, please contact refuse foreman Kenneth Perkins at 298-0777.

# Oakwood City School District

20 Rubicon Rd, Dayton, OH 45409-2239 – Montgomery County



## 2010-2011 School Year Report Card

Current Superintendent: Mary Jo Scalzo (937) 297-5332



The District Report Card for the 2010-2011 school year shows the progress districts have made based on four measures of performance.



The combination of the four measures is the basis for assigning state designations to districts, buildings and community schools.

- The six designations are
- Excellent with Distinction
  - Excellent
  - Effective
  - Continuous Improvement
  - Academic Watch
  - Academic Emergency



To meet a test indicator for grades 3-8 and 10, at least 75% of students tested must score proficient or higher on that test. Other indicator requirements are: 11th grade Ohio Graduation Tests, 85%; Attendance Rate, 93%; Graduation Rate, 90%.

### State Indicators

Percentage of Students at and above the Proficient Level

	Your District 2010-2011	Similar Districts* 2010-2011	State 2010-2011
<b>3rd Grade Achievement</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
1. Reading	98.8% ✓	94.7%	79.9%
2. Mathematics	97.0% ✓	93.7%	82.0%
<b>4th Grade Achievement</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
3. Reading	98.8% ✓	95.5%	83.8%
4. Mathematics	96.5% ✓	93.4%	78.1%
<b>5th Grade Achievement</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
5. Reading	94.1% ✓	90.3%	74.1%
6. Mathematics	90.8% ✓	85.9%	66.1%
7. Science	93.5% ✓	89.3%	71.1%
<b>6th Grade Achievement</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
8. Reading	96.8% ✓	96.5%	85.6%
9. Mathematics	96.9% ✓	92.5%	77.5%
<b>7th Grade Achievement</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
10. Reading	96.1% ✓	92.9%	77.3%
11. Mathematics	95.4% ✓	91.6%	74.8%
<b>8th Grade Achievement</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
12. Reading	95.0% ✓	96.1%	85.1%
13. Mathematics	95.6% ✓	92.4%	74.3%
14. Science	91.6% ✓	89.5%	67.4%
<b>Ohio Graduation Tests (10th Grade)</b>			
The state requirement is 75 percent			
15. Reading	99.4% ✓	97.8%	87.2%
16. Mathematics	99.4% ✓	96.5%	82.6%
17. Writing	100.0% ✓	98.2%	89.5%
18. Science	98.2% ✓	93.0%	74.7%
19. Social Studies	98.8% ✓	95.7%	80.1%
<b>Ohio Graduation Tests (11th Grade)**</b>			
The state requirement is 85 percent			
20. Reading	100.0% ✓	98.9%	92.4%
21. Mathematics	100.0% ✓	98.4%	89.1%
22. Writing	100.0% ✓	99.2%	93.4%
23. Science	100.0% ✓	97.5%	84.2%
24. Social Studies	100.0% ✓	98.3%	88.0%
<b>Attendance Rate</b>			
The state requirement is 93 percent			
25. All Grades	96.2% ✓	96.1%	94.5%
<b>2009-10 Graduation Rate</b>			
The state requirement is 90 percent			
26. District	99.3% ✓	98.3%	84.3%

Any result at or above the state standard is indicated by a ✓.  
 — = Not Calculated/Not Displayed when there are fewer than 10 in the group.  
 \* Similar Districts are based on comparing demographic, socioeconomic and geographic factors. \*\* Cumulative results for students who took the tests as 10th or 11th graders.

## Referrals for Gifted Identification Now Being Accepted *continued from page 1*

If you would like your child to be assessed for gifted identification, referral forms are available in the school offices and through the building Gifted Intervention Specialists (GIS).

The referral form can be completed by parents/guardians, teachers, or peers of children who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment (state definition). **IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED IN ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE DOMAINS, ADDITIONAL REFERRAL/ASSESSMENT FOR THAT DOMAIN IS NOT NECESSARY.** Once a student has been identified as gifted in a domain, the student maintains that gifted identification throughout her/his schooling. To maintain eligibility for services, scores attained within the previous 24 months are used. Matrices for gifted services are available online on the Gifted Intervention Specialists' websites or at your child's school.

Whole-grade gifted assessment is regularly completed throughout a child's school career. In grades 3, 5, and 7, students take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test. These tests can be used to help identify students as gifted in the domains of Superior Cognitive, Specific Academic, and Creative Thinking. The SAT and ACT can also be used to identify giftedness. Additionally, our Gifted Intervention Specialists (GIS) coordinate assessments based on parent/teacher referrals.

Nota Bene: In kindergarten, first and second grade, there are no gifted services that are provided based on standardized test scores. In first grade, students who are identified by their teachers as needing enrichment move in and out of the Focused Learning Experience (FLEX) groups instructed by the gifted teacher.

## Athletic Passes for Senior Citizens

Residents of Oakwood who are at least age 65 qualify for an athletic pass, good for free admission to all home athletic games, excluding tournaments. The pass will admit the holder and one guest. Please visit the Board Office at 20 Rubicon Road to obtain a pass.

## Check out our web site!

The Oakwood City Schools web site is a great source of information about events and activities of the district and schools. Read the district and school newsletters and much more. Check us out at [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us).



## Education Foundation Benefits from Student Volunteers

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation supports the 40 Developmental Assets program and is committed to working with our youth to help them grow up healthy, caring and responsible. The Foundation is grateful to have student volunteers serving on its Marketing & Communications Committee and a Senior Representative who shares information about Foundation activities and initiatives with students, teachers and alumni (Assets #3-Other Adult Relationships, #30 Responsibility, #39 Sense of Purpose).



### Chloe Croom ('12),

writer. Chloe loves the small, tight-knit feel of the Oakwood schools. She knows her classmates well and has formed lifelong friendships. She is grateful for the opportunities the Oakwood Schools have provided her, and serving as a writer for the Foundation is a way for her to give back. Chloe hopes to study Communications and PR in college, so this is a great place for her to start!



### Rebecca Deal ('13),

webmaster and web designer. Rebecca loves the District's great sense of community and all the various opportunities available to students. She is very excited to be re-creating the Foundation's website. It has been a dream of hers to create a website from start to finish for a well-established organization.



### Grace Hahn ('12),

writer. Grace feels confident and ready for the future because of her Oakwood education. Through her writing, she informs the community about the Foundation's initiatives and grants that make our schools excel. She hopes her experience prepares her for a future of writing and editing for cinema.



### Grant Pepper ('14),

writer. Grant attended the Oakwood Schools since kindergarten and has played a variety of sports. He likes the sense of community offered by a small school. Writing for the Foundation gives Grant an opportunity to put his skills to work for a professional organization. He hopes to study journalism in college.



### Sarah Zabarnick ('12),

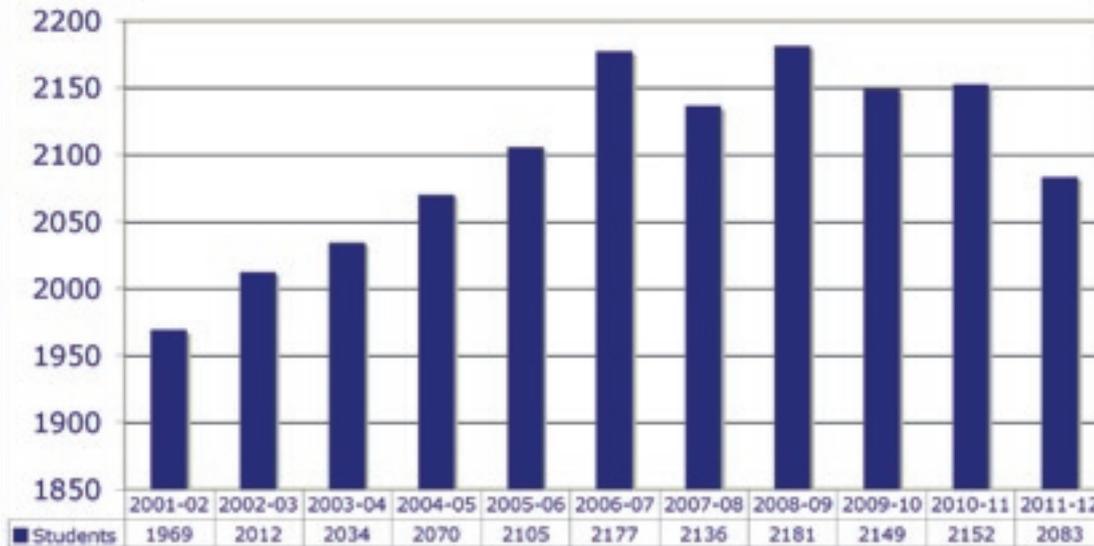
Senior Representative. Sarah feels her Oakwood education will enable her to walk into a college classroom ready for anything. She loves the time-honored traditions, like Homecoming, in which students and alumni participate. As Senior Rep, Sarah looks forward to interacting with teachers, administrators, and alumni who do so much for Oakwood's students.

## Oakwood Schools Enrollment

Enrollment figures for school years 2001-2011 are from the **official** October count week.

Enrollment figures for school year 2011-2012 are **unofficial** until October count week.

### Oakwood School Enrollment



Oakwood Schools District Staff	11-12
<b>Teachers</b>	146.5
<b>Counselors</b>	5.6
<b>Psychologist</b>	1.2
<b>Speech Pathologists</b>	2.5
<b>Nurses</b>	3
<b>Educational Aides</b>	19
<b>Library Aide/Liaisons</b>	2.3
<b>Building &amp; District Office Staff</b>	16
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Service Staff</b>	14
<b>Cafeteria Staff</b>	5
<b>Technology Support Staff</b>	3
<b>Van Drivers</b>	6
<b>Alumni Office Staff</b>	.5
<b>Administrators</b>	9.4

## OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011

### October 2011

- 10/1 9 a.m. – OSEF Grants Showcase at OHS
- 10/1 8 p.m. – OHS Homecoming Dance
- 10/3-7 Smith Grades 3&5 ITBS and CogAt Testing
- 10/3-14 Harman Grades 3&5 ITBS and CogAt Testing
- 10/4 9 a.m. – OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
- 10/5 OJHS/OHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/5 6:30 p.m. – Freshman/Sophomore Parent Meeting
- 10/6 Waiver Day – All Schools Dismiss at Lunchtime
- 10/7 NO SCHOOL/District Inservice Day
- 10/9 2 p.m. – OJHS Band at OCC Fall Festival
- 10/10 OJHS/OHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/10 7:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
- 10/10-14 OJHS Grade 7 - ITBS and CogAt Testing
- 10/11 Lange Picture Day
- 10/11 11:45 a.m. – OHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
- 10/12 3:45-5:45 p.m. - Smith Skateworld Party
- 10/14 7 p.m. – OJHS Student Council Dance
- 10/14-28 Smith Cookie Dough Sale
- 10/15 Smith PTO Fall Festival
- 10/18-20 Lange Book, Fair
- 10/23 Oakwood Giving Trick or Treat for Canned Goods
- 10/24 7 p.m. – OJHS Sports Recognition Night
- 10/25 7 p.m. – OHS Marching Band Concert in Stadium
- 10/26 7 p.m. – OHS Fall Choir Rally in Auditorium
- 10/27 Lange Halloween Parties
- 10/27 Harman Grade 3 Halloween Assembly
- 10/27 OJHS/OHS Picture Retake Day
- 10/28 Smith Grades 2&3 Muse Machine Performance
- 10/28 1 p.m. Smith Halloween Parade

### November 2011

- 11/1-3 Harman Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/2 7 p.m. – National Junior Honor Society Induction
- 11/2 Harman Book Fair Family Night
- 11/2-3 Smith Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/4 NO SCHOOL/District Parent/Teacher Conference Exchange Day
- 11/7 7:30 p.m. – OHS Financial Aid Night for Parents
- 11/8 Smith Picture Retake Day
- 11/8 11:45 a.m. – OHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
- 11/8 6:30 p.m. – OHS Fall Sports Banquet-Football/Cheer/Volleyball/CC/Golf
- 11/9 3:45-5:45 p.m. - Smith Skateworld Party
- 11/9 6:30 p.m. – OHS Fall Sports Banquet-Soccer/Field Hockey/Tennis
- 11/11 11 a.m. - Veterans Day Ceremony at Smith
- 11/12 Oakwood Giving Leaf Raking
- 11/14 7 p.m. – OHS Winter Parent/Athlete Meeting
- 11/17-19 OHS Fall Play
- 11/21 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting
- 11/22 Lange Picture Retake Day
- 11/23-25 NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Harman Everybody Counts Week Begins
- 11/28 Smith PTO Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- 11/30 7 p.m. – OHS Orchestra Holiday Concert

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood\\_Calendars.html](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html)

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## October 2011 - November 2011

### Calendar dates:

October 5—"Writing for Children," 7 p.m.

October 10—Library closed on Columbus Day

October 16—"Legend of Roswell," 2 p.m.

October 17—Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.

October 21—Mad Scientists' Lab, 4 p.m.

November 6—"Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh Why?" 2 p.m.

November 12—Mother/Daughter Tea Party, 2 p.m.

November 21—Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.

November 24—Library closed on Thanksgiving Day

### New for Students and Lovers of Literature

Wright Library now offers on-line access to high-quality literary criticism and biographical information previously available only from printed reference materials. Students can conveniently access these teacher-approved resources 24/7 from home or school. Book club members can find book reviews and author biographies with a simple click of the mouse. Library cardholders may access *Literary Criticism Online, Biography in Context and Novels & Short Stories for Students* by selecting the "Research & Homework" tab at [www.WrightLibrary.org](http://www.WrightLibrary.org). Next select "Research Databases A to Z," then choose the new resources by title. For additional information or help, call the Library's Reference Desk at 294-7171.

### Tired of Subscription Costs?

*The New York Times* daily edition is delivered every morning to Wright Library. *The Wall Street Journal, Investors Business Daily* and dozens of monthly and weekly popular magazines are also available.

### Baby Story Time

Did you know that children start developing pre-reading skills at a very early age? Reading to very young children helps them learn the names of things and to hear and play with sounds, which prepares them to build larger vocabularies and learn letter names and sounds before kindergarten.

The Library now offers Baby Story Time for ages 6 to 23 months from 10:30 to 11:00 on Monday mornings through November 14 (no program on Oct. 10). There will be rhymes, songs, and a short story, followed by playtime. A parent or caregiver must stay with the child during the program.

### Renovation in Progress

The Library has begun the process of replacing old carpet and having the walls freshened with a new coat of paint. The most exciting change is that Youth Services will be relocated to the lower level where they will have an improved, more colorful and child-friendly space. Audiovisual services will move to the upper level. When the project is complete, the building's back entrance will reopen for the convenience of patrons. The last time the Library was renovated was twenty years ago in 1991. Library officials plan to keep as many services as possible available during the renovation, but there will be times when certain parts of the building and collection will be temporarily inaccessible while the work is in progress. Please feel free to call ahead before you visit to check availability of items or services.

### Special Programs for Kids

**10th Annual Weird Science Halloween Party and Mad Scientists' Lab**  
Students from Oakwood High School will work with the Youth Services Librarians to demonstrate some wacky and interesting science experiments in the Library meeting room on Friday, October 21 at 4 p.m. Refreshments and a craft will round out this fun and educational party for grades K through 5. No advance registration is needed.

### Mother/Daughter Tea Party

Mothers and daughters are invited to attend the Mother/Daughter Tea Party on Saturday, November 12, 2 to 3 p.m. Young ladies ages 2 to 6 may dress in their best party dresses and bring their favorite dolls. Tea and cookies will be served. Registration begins Monday, October 31. Call 294-7171 to register.

**To see more of the Library's programs for children, please visit the Events Calendar at [www.WrightLibrary.org](http://www.WrightLibrary.org).**

### Upcoming Programs for Adults

#### Writing for Children: a Writer's Workshop with Janna Matthies

Author Janna Matthies will present "*Writing for Children: My Journey to Publication*" on Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. in the Library meeting room. She will discuss the ins and outs of writing for children and her own experience forging a career as a published children's picture book author. Learn how she develops story ideas, fits writing into her busy family schedule, nurtures creativity, and manages the business side of writing.

Matthies grew up in Middletown, Ohio and now lives with her family in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her most recent book, *The Goodbye Cancer Garden*, is about a young family coping when mom is diagnosed with cancer. *The Goodbye Cancer Garden* was highly recommended this year by *School Library Journal*. Matthies is currently at work on a novel and several picture books. Advance registration is not needed.

### The Legend of Roswell with Mark Risley

In 1947, something crashed in the desert near Roswell, New Mexico. Was it a top secret military reconnaissance balloon as the United States government claimed or something far more mysterious? On Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM, Wright Library, in association with the Oakwood Historical Society, will present "The Legend of Roswell". This program will explore the continuing fascination with this enduring UFO story and its alleged connection with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Oakwood Historical Society president Mark Risley will present this program in the Library meeting room. Reservations are required and limited to 65. Contact the Reference Desk at 294-7171 to register beginning Monday, October 3.





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### Asset Builder Profile



Diane Bengson is the Youth Services Teen Librarian at Wright Memorial Public Library, where she plans and presents programs for Oakwood teens (#3). She exemplifies the 40 Developmental Assets in action in the lives of teen library patrons by showing them the Oakwood community values youth (#4, #7).

Mrs. Bengson encourages young people to read for pleasure (#25). She created a Teen Advisory Board and works together with dedicated teen volunteers (#32). Our youth engage in creative activities while learning about

social responsibility, like the "Books for Botswana" project and the creation of the youth literary magazine, *Between the Lines* (#17).

Mrs. Bengson is an **Asset Builder!**

### The 40 Developmental Assets

*where the Oakwood Community is key!*

Our community endeavors to intentionally and strategically construct building blocks to help our young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

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