

# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS

### Oakwood Celebrates 100 Years

On July 15, 1907 a group of 78 distinguished Daytonians living on unincorporated land in Van Buren Township decided by a 76-2 vote to establish a new village just south of downtown. Thus, the "Village was Oakwood" was created. Official incorporation documents were recorded by Montgomery County on January 9, 1908 and the first village council meeting was conducted in Oakwood on February 18, 1908.



The petition for incorporation read, in part:

"That the inhabitants of said territory desire that same shall be incorporated into a

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Understanding the Oakwood School District's Policy About Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation

#### Introduction: Ohio's response to a national problem

In 2007, the Ohio Legislature passed a law that required all Ohio public school districts to adopt policies prohibiting bullying, harassment and intimidation. Ohio lawmakers took this action because of research that cites 50% of students, nationally, are bullied at some time during their school years and 10% of students are repeatedly bullied on a regular basis. Additional research findings conclude children and teens who are bullied are more likely than other children to suffer from depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and physical ailments.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Focus on Early Literacy

Youth Services Specialist "Mrs. G" will present "Get Ready to Read @Your Library" 10:15-10:45 A.M. in the Library meeting room on Monday, February 18. She will engage preschoolers aged 3 to 5 in age-appropriate games that help develop early reading skills. The children will enjoy playing games chosen to prepare them to learn to read.

### Dunbar Author to Sign Books at Library

Dr. Rhonda Rhea Byrd will be at Wright Library on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 P.M. to read from and discuss her new book, *Invitation to Love: Celebrating the Love Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar*. Dr. Byrd and her reading partner will read excerpts and she will have copies of the book available for signing.

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village; that the number of inhabitants residing within said territory is about 300; and they respectfully petition your honorable body that said territory may be incorporated into a village in the manner provided by law, and that the name of said village may be the "Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio;" and hereby designate John H. Patterson and H. E. Talbott their agents to act for them in all matters relating to the hearing upon this petition, and in other matters relating to the incorporation of said territory into a village; and further petition your honorable body that an election may be ordered to obtain the sense of the electors of said territory upon the question of its incorporation into a village as prayed for in this petition".

(Note: By 1930, Oakwood's population exceeded 5,000 so on July 1, 1931 we changed from a "village" to a "city").

**This year, we are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Over the past two years, a large group of Oakwood citizens have been working together to plan a number of special centennial events. These citizens are led by Mayor Judy Cook and Centennial Co-Chairs Madeline Iseli and Dick Good.

**May 17, 2008**

The major events for our celebration will begin with a very special "That Day in May" to be conducted on May 17. As always, the Oakwood Rotary Club will take the lead on planning and executing the activities. Rotarians Perry Martin and Rob Stephens are sharing leadership responsibilities. The highlight will be a large parade running down Far Hills Avenue. Ted O'Connor is chairing the parade committee.

**June 8, 2008**

On June 8 we will celebrate Oakwood's Excellence in Learning through events led by School Superintendent Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo and Wright Library Director Ann Snively. As a showcase for Oakwood's outstanding schools and students, these events will feature a time capsule, essay contest, visual arts, performances and sporting events.

**June 22, 2008**

On June 22 we will celebrate Oakwood's Environment and Fitness with an event entitled "Haven on the Hill." Cindy Garner and KC Stack are leading a group of citizens in planning activities focused on appreciation of the natural beauty of Oakwood. Physical fitness and outdoor recreation will be emphasized in activities for the whole family. This will include the dedication of a pedestrian

bridge in Houk Stream. Construction of the pedestrian bridge is the first part of our plan to enhance Houk Stream by connecting the newly acquired city land into the existing natural area. "Centennial Park at Houk Stream" is a project headed by Irv Bieser and will be a legacy feature of our Centennial Celebration.

**July 12-13, 2008**

On July 12-13, we will celebrate a retrospective of our first 100 years featuring, among other things, the premiere of a historical documentary film and citizen tours of Hawthorn Hill. These events are being led by Harry Ebeling, Harrison Gowdy and Mark Risley.

**August 17, 2008**

On August 17, we will close the Centennial Celebration with our traditional, yet enhanced, community Ice Cream Social. The day will end with a spectacular outdoor concert at the Oakwood High School Stadium featuring the Air Force Band of Flight. Becky Butler and Sally McBride Solarek are leading planning efforts.

In the course of celebrating our great community, we will also take time to recognize our long-time residents and businesses through an exciting "Centennial Club." Membership in this "exclusive" club is for persons whose age plus the number of years of Oakwood residency (or years working at an Oakwood business) totals 100 or more. This is being led by Sally Riffle and Dick Cummings.

The final major component will be creation of a centennial publication. This will be a beautiful "keepsake" to be distributed, at no cost, to all Oakwood citizens. Creation of this hard-cover "coffee table" book is headed by Dick Good, Ann Rasmussen, Joanne McPortland and Nina Anglin.

Much of the cost for our celebration will be paid from financial contributions by major corporate sponsors and from Oakwood businesses and citizens. Laura Byington is coordinating all fundraising efforts.

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in everything. It will be a grand celebration. Ongoing information about the Centennial events will be included in the local newspapers, on the city's website ([www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood)), in the city newsletters, and other separate mailings. If you have any questions, please call Norbert Klopsch or e-mail (298-0600 or [klopsch@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:klopsch@oakwood.oh.us)).

## City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

- 7:30 P.M., Monday, February 11
- 7:30 P.M., Monday, March 3

Work Sessions:

- 5:00 P.M., Monday, February 25
- 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 17

All meetings will take place in the conference room/council chambers at 30 Park Avenue.

## Holiday Closing

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, February 18 for President's Day.

## Change of Tenant Inspection Required

Owners of rental property within the city of Oakwood are required to notify the city of tenant changes and to complete the forms necessary to schedule an inspection. The cost of the inspection is \$50 per unit and any violations identified during the inspection must be corrected before the unit can be reoccupied. If you have questions about rental inspections, contact the city inspector at 297-2920.

## 2008 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2008 curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Patterson Road to the north corporation limit. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have begun inspecting the area and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Bart Bornhorst, Engineering Technician, at 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be completed and inspected by June 13th.

## Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

Oakwood residents are reminded to report your place of residence as **Oakwood**, Montgomery County, Ohio, when filling out your motor vehicle license plate application. By listing Oakwood you make sure the city receives its rightful share of motor vehicle registration and gasoline taxes.

## Sugar Camp Development Update

Ground was broken in mid-October for improvements to the commercial portion of the Sugar Camp development. Phase I involves constructing a new access road opposite Kramer Road and building a new parking lot to the east of Building D, the building closest to W. Schantz Avenue. With that work nearly completed, the city has begun work on the installation of a traffic signal at the Kramer Road intersection. Work continues on Beth Abraham Synagogue with a March opening planned, and outdoor construction will resume in the spring on additional parking areas to the west of Building D.

During the winter months tree removal will begin on the residential portion of the development which encompasses more than 24 acres to the north and east of the commercial property. This spring, work will begin on constructing the residential streets within the development. The entrance to the residential portion of the development will be opposite Springhouse Road. This same entrance will also serve as the primary access to the city's Old River Athletic Fields.

## Community Center News

- Annual Junior High Ski Trip, Friday, February 22.
- Pre-School Basketball Clinic, Saturday mornings, March 1-22.
- Family 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament, Saturday, March 8.
- Egg Coloring & Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Saturday March 12, 6:30 -8:00 P.M.
- Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 18-19.

For more details and information, contact the Oakwood Community Center at 298-0775.

## Summer Employment Opportunities

Applications for summer employment with the city of Oakwood are now available at the OCC, the city building and on the city's website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood). Students 16 years of age and older are eligible for lifeguard and concession positions at Gardner Pool. Students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment to be eligible for maintenance and landscaping positions. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**2007 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 15, 2008**

The city of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not any tax is due. This includes college students who are away at school. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must notify the tax office in writing in order to be exempt from the filing requirement. If you have any questions regarding filing requirements, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531.

Tax return forms/postcards were mailed during January. If you did not receive your income tax forms, please contact the Income Tax Department or visit the City's web site at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood/](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood/). Tax forms and instructions are also available at the Wright Brothers Branch of the U.S. Post Office and Wright Memorial Public Library.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 31, 2008. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:

- Monday, April 14, 2008, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If you have any questions regarding the Oakwood income tax please contact the tax department at 298-0531.

**Special Pickups**

Special pickups can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups will be charged at \$50 each. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. For special pickups, all items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them (e.g., on driveways away from structures and fences). Special pickups are suspended from mid-October through the end of the year due to leaf collection activities.

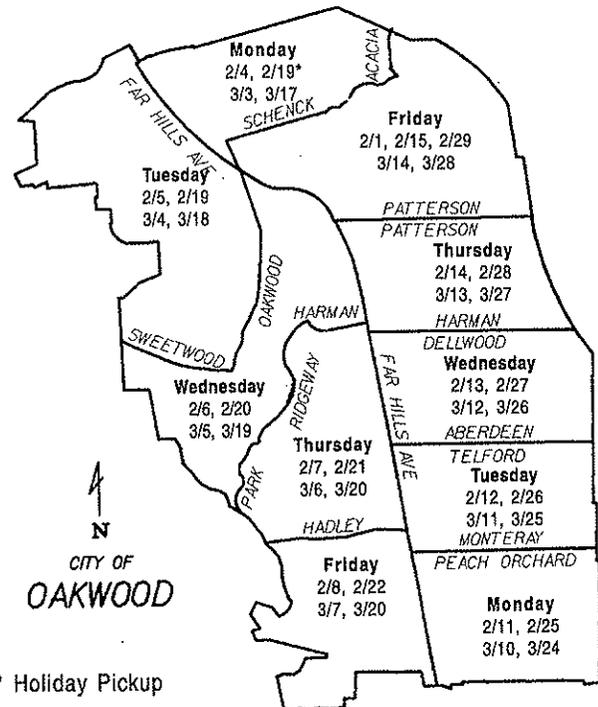
**Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup**

As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Remember that branches should be no longer than 6' and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Place small amounts of leaves, small twigs, flowers and other such smaller yard debris items in with your regular trash.
- If you have extra yard debris, place it in bags next to your cans. Please limit these extra bags to not more than two. If you have more than two, you will need to call for a special pickup.
- Do not stack loose debris around or on top of cans.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or with curbside yard debris.

Please refer to the map below for your scheduled pickup days.

**Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule**



\* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:  
 Far Hills Avenue: 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20  
 Shroyer Road: 2/14, 2/28, 3/13, 3/27

## President's Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> will be picked up one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

## Mulch Program

Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for \$65 and 6 cy for \$85. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We will be taking orders beginning in March on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on a total of six consecutive Saturdays beginning on April 12<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

On the same six Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., but must haul the material themselves. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch.

## Dumpsters

As an alternative to special pickups, residents can request dumpsters for disposing of resident generated debris (no contractor generated debris please). There is a \$50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. If you would like to use the dumpsters for disposing of brush and branch material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled bi-weekly pickup, please call to schedule a dumpster delivery. There is no charge when using dumpsters for brush and branch disposal. Call 298-0777 to schedule this service.

## Telephone Directory Recycling

Residents may recycle telephone directories during the month of March by delivering them to the city's drop off location at the Creager Field parking lot on Shafor Boulevard near Irving Avenue. You may also put the phone books with your regular recycling container but no more than two due to increased weight. Also, during the month of March, there will be a telephone directory recycling container in the Dorothy Lane Market parking lot.

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The program will be held in the meeting room. No advance registration is required.

## The "Big Read" 2008

Local libraries, the *Dayton Daily News*, Books and Company, and other sponsors are working together again this year to present a community-wide reading project, the "Big Read." This year's selection is *Funny in Farsi: a Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas. *Funny in Farsi* is a more personal than political remembrance of the author's family as they adjust to life in the United States in the 1970s.

Wright Library will offer several opportunities for participation in Big Read book discussions. The first will be at the Oakwood Starbucks at the regular meeting of the Library's book club on March 4 (see details below). A noon Big Read book discussion will be held at Starbucks on Tuesday, April 8. The final Wright Library discussion will be at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 27 in the meeting room. Plan to come to one, or all!

Firoozeh Dumas is coming to town May 2-3 to help Dayton celebrate the Big Read. Watch the *Dayton Daily News* for a schedule of her local appearances.

## Book Club at Starbucks

Wright Library's "On-the-Road" book club meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Starbucks (2418 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood). Reference Librarians Margaret and Laura lead the discussions and have chosen books to spark lively discussions. Advance registration is not necessary. Just come to Starbucks ready to enjoy the discussion.

The book for the March 4 meeting is *Funny in Farsi: a Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas, this year's selection for the "Big Read."

For the April 1 meeting, read Jasper Fforde's *The Eyre Affair: a Thursday Next Novel*, a humorous fantasy for bibliophiles. Engaging protagonist Thursday Next defends 1980s Great Britain from a criminal who is stealing famous literary characters and holding them for ransom.

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### Off to See the Wizard

Registration begins February 25 for children in grades 1 through 4 who want to attend the Library's *Wizard of Oz* Party on Saturday, March 8 from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. In conjunction with the production of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Victoria Theatre, Dorothy will visit the Library to read from the book. Activities and snacks will be provided. One lucky child will win four tickets to the March 15 or 16 *Oz* performance at the Victoria. Call the Library's Youth Services Department at 294-7171 to register.

### First Novels Offer a Chance to Try Something New

If you have been reading the same set of favorite authors for ages, you might like to try some of these debut novels recommended by *Booklist*.

- *Bitter Sweets* by Roopa Farooki
- *The Killing Jar* by Nicola Monaghan
- *The Ministry of Special Cases* by Nathan Englander
- *Petropolis* by Anya Ulinich
- *Strange as This Weather Has Been* by Ann Pancake

### Centennial Celebrations

Wright Library will have several special events in 2008 to help Oakwood celebrate her centennial. Watch the Library's web site at [www.WrightLibrary.org](http://www.WrightLibrary.org) and the *Oakwood Register* in March for details of an Oakwood-themed short story writing contest.

A "Memories of Oakwood" memoir-writing workshop led by Trudy Krisher will be held at the Library in May. On Sunday afternoon, June 8, noted history author Ann Hagedorn will speak at the Library. Monday evening, June 9, Tom Scheidt will give a performance combining music with some very humorous stories of growing up in Oakwood.

### Lange Preschool

In an effort to provide appropriate services to preschool aged children with disabilities, the Oakwood City Schools, in conjunction with Montgomery County MRDD, operates an integrated preschool program at the Lange School which operates four days per week with half-day sessions. Both preschool age children with disabilities, and typically developing children are enrolled in the program. The purpose of this program is to provide children with disabilities intervention services designed to meet their specific needs and the opportunity to interact with typically developing children in a positive learning environment.

Typically developing preschool students are selected for the program through a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students must be age 3 or 4 by September 30, 2008; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Cost of participation in the program is \$400 annually, payable quarterly. Lottery applications for placement in the program for the 2008-2009 school year will be accepted until April 15. The lottery should take place by late May, or as soon as the number of spots available is determined. For additional information and an application, contact Kathy Bartalo or Cathie Newburg, Office of Educational Services, Oakwood Board of Education, at 297-7802.

### Children With Disabilities

Ohio School Districts are required to provide free appropriate educational services to all children in their attendance area, ages 3 through 21, who are determined to have a disability. Disability, in this case, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, multiple disabilities, cognitive disabilities, physical impairments, other health impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury.

Schools are also required to provide evaluations to determine if a child has such a disability. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact your local school district for more information. In Oakwood, please contact Kathy Bartalo, Director of Educational Services, at the Oakwood Board of Education Office, 297-7802.

## **Oakwood Schools Education Foundation (OSEF) Awards Total \$54,000 for 2007**

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation (OSEF) is pleased to announce that grants in the amount of \$30,677 have been awarded for the Fall 2007 cycle. Projects funded include:

### **Learning Centers for Language and Literacy - Lange Pre-School and Kindergarten**

Funds were used to equip four classrooms with Audiocard Readers. The device is used to practice such reading and math skills as letter recognition, phonics, articulation skills, sight words, number recognition, and math facts. Students can work independently or in conjunction with a speech pathologist.

### **Teaching West African Culture through Hands-On Musical Experience**

A classroom set of indigenous West African musical instruments will be purchased to supplement Junior High School African cultural studies, and to help students make connections between ancient traditions and contemporary musical styles.

### **Video Imaging System**

A matching grant was provided to purchase and build a "green screen" video imaging system to supplement film club and Hypermedia class activities, as well as for use in other academic areas such as English, Social Studies and Foreign Languages where students produce films for classroom projects.

### **Digital Photographic Equipment for School Newspaper**

A matching grant was used to purchase a digital camera and professional grade lenses to allow "The Dome" students to take action, night and large group shots.

### **Learning Through Movement - Harman Elementary**

Supplies for the Integrative Movement Program will enhance skills such as visual tracking, balance, and gross and fine motor skills.

### **Lead Teacher and Technology Demonstration Package**

This project will outfit two classrooms with a full spectrum of the most effective instructional technology in conjunction with Lead Teachers who will model curriculum integration, collaboration, and do building and/or district-wide training.

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation (OSEF) appreciates the outstanding vision of Oakwood teachers and administrators who submit innovative project proposals, and recognizes that while property taxes provide the major source of funding for a quality education, state funding cutbacks mean that many high-quality initiatives would go unanswered without the Foundation's discretionary funding.

OSEF awards grants twice a year: Spring and Fall. In 2007, the Foundation funded 10 out of 12 grant requests with awards totaling \$53,978. OSEF seeks to fund innovative projects that: enhance excellence and enrich the academic opportunities of Oakwood students; extend above and beyond the district's normal operating budget; and demonstrate partnership and collaborative efforts. OSEF also manages and awards 9 scholarships annually.

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation as a component of The Dayton Foundation accepts and disburses private charitable gifts contributed for the benefit of the Oakwood school system. Current trustees are: Molly Cobb, Jill Farley Davis, Sam Davis, Todd Duwel, Harry Ebeling, Steve Hayes, Ellen Ireland, John Jervis, Janine McQuillan, Jacqueline Miller, Sandy Pierce, Linda Reed, Dottie Savage-Kemp, Mary Jo Scalzo, Chris Wallace, and Toni Winger.

If you are interested in more information, making a gift, or serving on one of OSEF's committees, please contact the Foundation office at 297-5332. We appreciate the community's interest and continued support of Oakwood students.

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**How are bullying, harassment and intimidation defined?**

Ohio law defines these terms as any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical act that a student or group of students exhibits toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: a) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; and b) is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.

The model policy from the Ohio Department of Education further defines *cyber* bullying as repetitive, hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies such as websites, instant messages, camera phones, etc.

**What are the highlights of Oakwood's policy?**

Oakwood had a Bullying Policy before the Ohio legislation of 2007. The updated district policy meets all of the new state law requirements for defining, documenting, investigating and reporting complaints about bullying. Interventions and disciplinary actions also are covered in the policy.

**What are parents or school staff members to do if they observe bullying, or are told about such incidents by others?**

In a timely manner, staff, student, and parents are to report and document prohibited incidents they either witness themselves (or receive reports about) to any school staff member or the appropriate administrator. To assist individuals in making reports, forms and a checklist of steps to be taken are available in every school office. These documents will also be made available in new editions of school handbooks. Reports can, of course, be made without using the documents provided by the district.

**What are the responsibilities of administrators when they receive reports of bullying?**

By law, building principals (or their designees) are to respond to and investigate any reported incidents,

document the incident in writing and also notify parents or guardians of any students involved in such occurrences. They are also to make use of intervention strategies for protecting targeted individuals from additional harassment or retaliation, and authorize interventions and/or disciplinary procedures for any guilty students.

When individuals making complaints request anonymity, administrators' capacity for investigating and taking disciplinary action is limited. Such investigation may be restricted to a simple review of the complaint (with or without discussion with the alleged offender), subject to receipt of further information or withdrawal of the request for anonymity.

**How are school districts to monitor instances of bullying in their schools?**

At least semi-annually, the Superintendent will provide a written summary of all reported incidents to the Board of Education President and post the summary on the district web site. The summary is limited to the number of verified acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying, whether in the classroom, on school property, to and from school, or at school-sponsored events.

Allegations of criminal misconduct and suspected child abuse are reported to the Oakwood Safety Department and/or to Child Protective Services in accordance with statute.

**Where can I find more information?**

Oakwood residents should not hesitate to contact any principal for additional information.

*Oakwood School District Policies can be found on our website. Print copies are available for review or distribution at the Board of Education Office and every school. (There is a nominal cost for making copies).*

### Oakwood City Schools Weather Closings and Delays

Oakwood is a "Walking Community." Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

In the event that winter weather conditions cause school to be delayed or closed, the school district will:

- **use** The OneCall Now system (*new this year*) to call parents for closings or delays. To ensure you are called in an emergency, please be sure that your child's school has your current contact numbers.
- announce on TV and radio by 6:30 A.M. the status of school that day. We will either delay the opening to 9:30 A.M. or cancel school for the day.
- publish the status of school that day on our district website at [www.oakwoodschoools.org](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org).

**If school is delayed:**

- classes at Smith, Harman, Oakwood Junior High, and Oakwood High School will begin at 9:30 A.M.
- morning sessions for kindergarten, preschool, and South Connection are cancelled.
- afternoon sessions for kindergarten, preschool, and South Connection will operate as usual.

**If school is closed:** All classes and programs are cancelled. This includes the preschool program and South Connection.

**For Lange School only:** When Kettering Schools are closed there will be no bus transportation for kindergarten. If Oakwood Schools are open, parents will need to transport their children to Lange.

### Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Nominations

The Oakwood City School District is accepting written nominations for the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. Nominations must be submitted to the Superintendent, Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH 45409, by April 18, 2008. Information is available on the district home page at [www.oakwoodschoools.org](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org), by calling Sandy Maresh at the Board of Education at 297-5332, or email at [maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us](mailto:maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us).



# March 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Turnabout Dance 8 p.m.
	Band Parent Mtg 7 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m. PSEO Info Night 7 p.m. Ath Booster Mtg 8 p.m.	Winter Sports Banquet 6:30 p.m. Library Book Club- Starbucks 7 p.m.	SH Cheer Tryout Mtg 12 p.m. Plan Comm 4:30 p.m. OMEA Preview Concert 7 p.m.	Superintendent Neighborhood Mtg 7 p.m.	<b>No School-</b> District PD Day	Ath Booster Spring Fundraiser 7-11 p.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	OGT Testing Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m.	OGT Testing Board of Education Work Session 5 p.m.	OGT Testing	OGT Testing Zoning App 4:30 p.m.	OGT Testing SH Spring Musical 7 p.m.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SH Spring Musical 3 p.m.	SH Cheer Tryout Clinic 6:30 p.m. City Council Work Session 5 p.m. Library Board Mtg 7 p.m.	SH Cheer Tryout Clinic 6:30 p.m.	SH Cheer Tryout Clinic 6:30 p.m.	SH Cheer Tryout Clinic 6:30 p.m.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Easter Library Closed	24 Superintendent Neighbor Mtg 1:30 p.m. FB Parent Mtg 7 p.m.	SH Cheer Parent Mtg. 7 p.m.			Early Release- 1:30 p.m. School District-wide	
30	31	25	26	27	28	29

### Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation Dates Set

Parent Orientation – Lange School  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

Screening Appointments – Lange School  
**April 14-17, 2008 – 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2008, may be registered for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, may be considered for early entrance. Parents interested in early entrance may contact Lange School to request an application and testing information. Children referred for early entrance should participate in Kindergarten Screening.

It is important to note that state law makes Kindergarten a mandatory prerequisite for first grade. **All first graders must have successfully completed Kindergarten.** Furthermore, state law requires that all entering Kindergarten students be screened for hearing, vision, speech and communication, health or medical problems and for developmental disorders.

**Parent Orientation (April 8, 2008, 7:00 P.M. at Lange):** The purpose of the orientation meeting is to explain the Kindergarten Screening procedures, enable parents to make a one-hour screening appointment, and provide an overview of Oakwood's Kindergarten program. This meeting is for parents ONLY. Parents do not need to bring any paperwork to the orientation meeting—just your calendar.

**Screening Appointments (April 14-17, 2008):** Kindergarten Screening will be done on an appointment basis only from April 14 through April 17, 2008. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 beginning Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

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