

# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS

### Oakwood 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

As the City of Oakwood celebrates our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a grand celebration, we hope you will consider participating in many of the unique events planned this summer. All of these events will serve to honor our city's past, while looking toward the future.

Our Centennial Committee of volunteers has spent more than two years planning our events and programs, including a hike through Houk Stream, tours of Hawthorn Hill, and a special performance by the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, just to name a few. These diverse activities are all exciting ways for you and your family to join in the fun of this commemorative celebration.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Oakwood Schools Education Foundation Creates "Weatherbugs"

Thanks to a generous grant from the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, Smith School is now one of 8,000 participants in the online educational program, *WeatherBug Achieve*. The program teaches students science and math through the hands-on study of local weather conditions.

Second grade teacher, Sandy Zipes, and other teachers teamed up last year to secure a \$12,000 grant from the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation to purchase the *WeatherBug Achieve* equipment, which includes an outdoor weather station, a

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Wright Library Celebrates Oakwood's Centennial

The Library has several special events planned in connection with Oakwood's Centennial celebration:

#### Ann Hagedorn Author Visit

Noted history author Ann Hagedorn will speak at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 8 in the Smith School Auditorium. Ann's most recent book is *Savage Peace: Hope and Fear in America, 1919*. She has fond memories of attending Oakwood schools as a child. Before her talk, students from the Oakwood Schools will present Wright Library with a time capsule at 2:15 P.M.

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## Oakwood Centennial Celebration

Our 2008 Centennial Celebration began on May 17 with a fabulous "That Day in May." The parade down Far Hills Avenue was certainly the highlight. Many thanks to the 132 member Oakwood Rotary Club for all the hard work in making the day spectacular. Special thanks go to co-chairs Rob Stephens and Perry Martin, and parade chair, Ted O'Connor for their leadership.

### Centennial Book

By now, every Oakwood property owner should have received the beautiful centennial book. Our thanks again to the volunteers who created the book, to the business community for providing the necessary financial support, and to Boy Scout Sam Ippisch for leading the effort to distribute the book to all Oakwood property owners. Special thanks to Dick Good for his vision and for leading the entire book project.

Please make sure your calendars are marked with the following additional event dates:

### Excellence in Learning (June 8)

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, as well as a special Oakwood author storytelling at Wright Library. Oakwood alumni are encouraged to participate.

### Hike to Houk (June 22)

The natural beauty of our city will be featured in events that will focus on the natural areas of the city. Physical fitness and outdoor recreation will be emphasized in activities for the whole family. The event begins at 1:00 P.M. on the field between Wright Library and Smith School. The new Houk Stream pedestrian bridge will be dedicated at 2:30 P.M. this day.

### Oakwood Retrospective...100 Years and Counting (July 11, 12 & 13)

our architectural heritage and beauty will be an emphasis of this celebration that will include several exciting events. A film depicting the history of Oakwood will premiere for all citizens to see.

### Closing Ceremonies (August 17)

a stirring concert will be the centerpiece of this event. We will also build on our traditional Ice Cream Social community celebration with a picnic supper, entertainment and games for the enjoyment of Oakwood citizens of all ages.

## Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

Please remember 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 fees and gasoline taxes.

## Beautification Awards

If you know of someone in your neighborhood who has enhanced the beauty of our community by planting shrubs, flowers, trees and other landscaping, or by making significant architectural modifications or improvements to existing structures, there is an opportunity to recognize their efforts through the Oakwood Beautification Award Program. To nominate a property, please obtain forms from the City Building, the Oakwood Community Center, on the city's website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood) or by simply calling the city offices at 298-0411.

Awards are given during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Monthly winners are selected by citizen members of the Property Maintenance Board and Environmental Committee, and will have a sign recognizing their beautification efforts posted in their yard.

## Mark Your Calendars

### June/July City Council Meetings:

- June 9, 7:30 P.M.—Regular Meeting
- June 23, 5:00 P.M.—Work Session
- July 21, 7:30 P.M.—Regular Meeting

All meetings are held at 30 Park Avenue and are open to the public. In lieu of attending, you can view the regular council meetings on Channel 6, one of your local cable channels (please see [www.mvcc.net/](http://www.mvcc.net/) for a broadcast schedule). The pre-council work session for each regular meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Holiday Closing: Friday July 4, 2008.** City offices, including the Public Works Center and the Community/Health/Teen Center will be closed.

## 2008 Water Report

Enclosed with this newsletter is the 2008 Consumer Confidence Report for the city's public water system. This report was prepared in accordance with federal regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. It includes detailed information about our city water system. As the report shows, the city provides high quality water for its residents and businesses and operates the public water system in compliance with all state and federal rules.

## Smith Gardens Blanket Concerts

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the city of Oakwood are pleased to announce the 2007 Blanket Concert Series. Concerts take place at Smith Gardens, located in the 800 block of Oakwood Avenue on the corner of Walnut Lane. Parking is available on side streets or the municipal lot off of Park Avenue. The concerts are free and open to the public.

**Sunday, June 29 – Stan the Magic Man.** This family friendly concert will amaze you! Stan “The Magic Man” will perform tricks and magic that will keep you on the edge of your blanket! Not only will he perform these outstanding tricks for you...he will also recruit some members of the audience to help. This is a can't miss show!

**Sunday, July 27 – Backporch Jam.** Back by popular demand! “Backporch Jam” is a band made up by University of Dayton faculty; Mark Brill, Dave Darrow, Maura Skill, Kurt Mosser, Bill Schuerman and Eric Suttman. These musicians will play an eclectic variety of folk, bluegrass, country, pop and rock.

**Sunday, August 24 – Jim McCutcheon.** The city of Oakwood welcomes back the “Guitar Man”. This family friendly concert will be an exciting way to end this year's concert series. Jim will perform a variety of guitar music for folks of all ages, including ragtime from 100 years ago. Do not miss this show!

All concerts begin at 7:00 P.M. Rain location is the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. Information concerning inclement weather will be announced on the Leisure Line, 297-2935 after 6:00 P.M. on show days.

### Story Hour At Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Library, is pleased to present another fun season of “Story Hour at Smith Gardens”. Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children's Librarian reads enchanting stories to your preschooler.

Friday dates: June 27, July 25 and August 29 at 10:00 A.M. In case of rain, meet in the Garden House.

## Oakwood Community Center

**Swim Lesson Registration for Group Lessons:** Registration will be held at the OCC on Wednesday, June 11 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**Safety Town Program:** For the 15<sup>th</sup> year, we will offer a Safety Town program for ages 5 and 6. The program will be held Monday-Friday, June 23-27 from 1:30-3:30 P.M. at Orchard Park Elementary School in Kettering. Register at the OCC. Class is limited to 30 students and the registration deadline is June 18 at 9:00 P.M.

**Oakwood Dolphins Swim Team:** Swim team begins on Monday, June 9. The season runs through Sunday, July 27. Any Gardner Pool member 18 and under may register to be on this team.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual city of Oakwood Tennis Tournament:** June 15-June 28.

Call the OCC at 298-0775 for more information on these and other events.

## Building and Zoning Permits

If you are considering a significant home improvement this spring, such as a room addition or a deck, please contact City Inspector Dave Bunting (297-2920) for zoning and permit information. Since many major improvements require public hearings through either the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Planning Commission, it is important to begin planning well in advance of when you hope to have the project completed. Other improvements such as fences, patios, driveways, play structures and air conditioning condenser units, just to name a few, also require permits. If you hire a private contractor for any home improvement, please make sure they secure the necessary zoning approval and permit before starting work.

## 2008 Curb, Walk and Apron Program

The 2008 concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will start in June and continue through the summer. Residents who received notices are reminded that June 15 is the deadline to complete the required sidewalk repairs (don't forget the permit and inspection). After that date, the city will include the work under a city contract and will assess costs as explained in the notice. Please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777 with questions.

**Public Works Needs Your Help**

The Public Works Department asks all citizens to remember the following rules regarding our yard debris pickup service:

Please try your best to coordinate bi-weekly collection schedule noted on the map below.

Please remember that all brush/branch items are to be trimmed to lengths that are no greater than 6 feet and placed off the roadway, just behind the curb. The material must never be placed in the street. The only exception to this is leaves during the fall leaf pickup program.

The refuse foreman is currently in the process of placing door hangers on properties with material in the street to aid in the education process. Please refer to Page 5 of the refuse regulations handbook for the steps the city is taking to keep material from cluttering our neighborhoods, creating roadway hazards, and clogging our storm sewers.

Small quantities of twigs or branches no longer than 3 feet should be bundled and placed with the regular household refuse, or clipped into small pieces and placed in garbage cans with the regular trash.

Remember that the city does not pick up grass clippings. Also, the city does not pick up brush and branch material generated by contractors.

**Recycling Services**

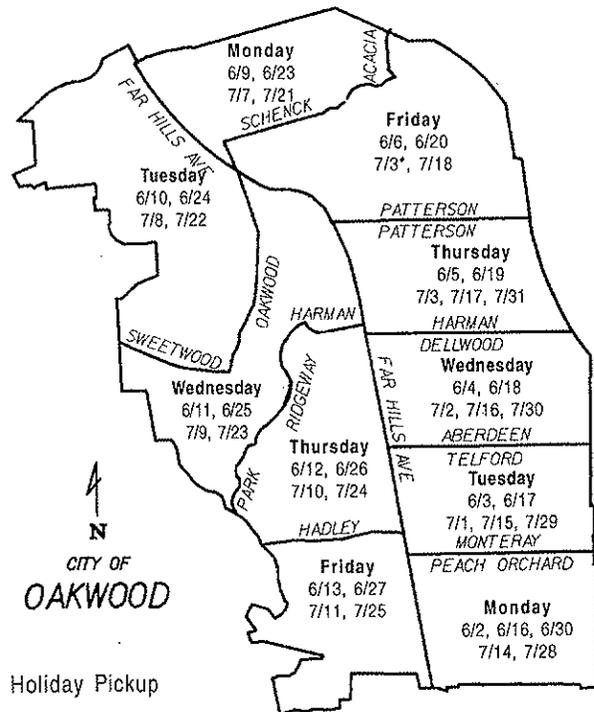
Under the City of Oakwood’s voluntary program, all recyclables may be commingled in a single can, or multiple cans if needed. These cans need to have recycling stickers on them which are available at 30 Park Avenue and 210 Shafor Blvd. and they need to follow the same guidelines as the refuse cans – 35 gallons or less and less than 60 pounds. In the recycling can, you may place glass; plastics with the 1 and 2 designations in the triangle on the bottom; aluminum, steel, and bi-metal cans; newspaper; cardboard; paperboard (like cereal boxes); junk mail; magazines; and phone books (small quantities only please due to weight – phone books may also be placed in the cardboard containers at the Creager Field parking lot). The web site link below provides the Montgomery County Solid Waste District’s guidance on what may and may not be recycled. The City of Oakwood uses refuse trucks which have separate compartments for the garbage and recyclables. These materials are dumped in separate areas at the Montgomery County Transfer Station. Waste Management then picks up our recyclables and transports them to their sorting facility where they are processed.

**Storm Water Program**

During 2008, the city of Oakwood will be undertaking numerous steps to comply with our EPA storm water permit. These activities include the following: Dry weather screening of manholes to locate illicit connections; mapping all outfalls of the storm sewer system; education of residents; adopting ordinances to require sediment and erosion controls on sites larger than 1 acre; street sweeping; and staff education on storm water impacts. The overall goal of this program is to improve the quality of the water in our rivers, lakes and streams by limiting pollutants that are released into these receiving waters. There are several ways that citizens can aid this effort: do not place any material in the street except leaves during the 10 week collection period in the fall; do not dump oil, lawn debris, or other materials into the storm sewer – this is a direct path to your streams and there is no treatment of this water; limit as much as possible the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides; and clean up after your pets in the yard as the bacteria in the waste is very harmful to the streams. The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) has many materials available if you would like additional information.

These can be found at: <http://www.miamiconservancy.org>

**Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule**



\* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:  
 Far Hills Avenue: 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24  
 Shroyer Road: 6/5, 6/19, 7/3, 7/17, 7/31

Dear Oakwood Resident,

Through the generous financial support of many corporate donors, you and your family will be able to enjoy the many celebratory activities this summer for free. However, in the spirit of generosity and involvement that our citizens exemplify, we invite you to consider personally supporting the Centennial through your own gift.

One opportunity for your donation is the Centennial Park Project at Houk Stream. This new park will be a lasting legacy commemorating this special year, and financial donations to the park will be used for initial planning efforts, as well as future park development.

You can also choose to give your support to the overall Centennial celebration program, supporting the events taking place all summer long in our community. The Closing Event will take place on August 17 at the Oakwood High School Football Stadium, and will feature the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight.

You can make your gift by completing the form below and mailing your check, or by dropping your donation in the City drop box near Ashley's Pastries. All gifts made to the Centennial will be recognized in print at the Closing Event.

I hope you will consider supporting this "once every 100 years" celebration in 2008.

Regards,  
Mayor Judy Cook

**Oakwood Centennial 2008 Celebration Gift**

Name(s) as you wish to appear in recognition: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please direct my gift towards:*

- Centennial Park Project at Houk Stream
- Centennial Celebration

*Gift Amount:*

- \$1000 and above
- \$500 – \$999
- \$250 – \$499
- \$125 – \$249
- \$50 – \$124

Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:** City of Oakwood—Centennial

**Mail check and gift form to:** City of Oakwood—Centennial Celebration, 30 Park Ave. Dayton, OH 45419

For more information call (937) 298-0600

*All donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.*

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weather-proof video camera and a software package. The weather station was installed in September on the roof of Smith School.



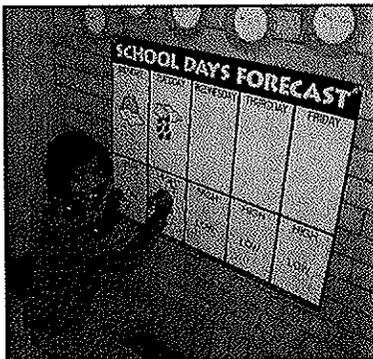
Zipes uses the technology in every class. "My students absolutely love it," Zipes said. "They're always intrigued by what is happening outside. We look at the temperature highs and lows every single morning to predict whether we'll have an outdoor or indoor recess. We constantly use the weather camera to review what has happened in the last thirty days! I have several students that access the *WeatherBug* site with their parents each evening before they go to bed to see what the weather will be like the next day."

Started in 1992, *WeatherBug* operates the largest private weather network in the world. The stations take a variety of measurements, from wind speeds to barometric pressure to precipitation levels, while the camera provides a live video feed of outside conditions. The minute-to-minute meteorological data collected by the stations is streamed live over the Internet. Through the *WeatherBug* web site, students and teachers can view data collected by other schools, and participate in video conferences with meteorologists and climatologists.



"It deals with real world situations involving math, science and geography, and teaches research and analytical as well as oral and presentation skills," Zipes said. *WeatherBug* also provides teachers with lesson plans and worksheets, and teachers are able to select activities according to subject and students' grade level, Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Oakwood residents can view data and the video feed from the Smith School station online by visiting [WeatherBug.com](http://WeatherBug.com) and plugging in the zip code.



The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, a component of The Dayton Foundation, enhances excellence through philanthropy by facilitating grants, scholarships and special projects to benefit students of the Oakwood Schools. Over the last 15 years, The Foundation has awarded more than \$366,500 in teacher and administrative grants. For more information, visit [www.oakwoodschoools.org](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org) and click on "Ed. Foundation."

## OJH/OHS: The 2007-08 Year in Review

### Practical Arts Department

Films and contests have been the name of the game in *Computer Science* this year. In Apple's Insomnia Contest, we had two teams that had twenty-four hours to write a script, film, edit, and upload their videos to Apple's Contest Website. Both teams did well, but special recognition should be given to Dan Edwards, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Andrew Chapman, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and Louis Connelly, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, for placing in the top 100 in the this national contest. The Breast Cancer Foundation of Dayton also hosted a Public Service Announcement contest this year for the first time and opened it to Miamisburg and Oakwood High Schools with a \$1500 cash prize going to each school. The videos were uploaded to YouTube and then viewed for a month. The winning team (Brian Beck, 12<sup>th</sup> grade and Max Olavarria, 12<sup>th</sup> grade) had 3880 views and was awarded \$1000 for their video entitled, "Be Aware." Second place, and \$500, went to Courtney Hutton, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, who had 3446 views for her video entitled, "The Life You Save." Oakwood JH/SH Tech Teams were the first of any district in southern Ohio to join the National Technology Student Association this year.

This year the *Introduction to Marketing* classes held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Marketing Showcase. Throughout the semester, students came up with a unique product and applied the topics being covered in class to the development of this project. The Showcase gave them the opportunity to highlight their ideas.

All physical education classes utilized the President's Physical Fitness standards. The Presidential Fitness Award standards represent the top 15% of students tested in the United States. Six students met all 5 benchmarks of the Presidential Fitness standards and 4 students met 4 out of 5. This year *Advanced Physical Education* implemented Tony Horton's new exercise plan, which put emphasis on high intensity endurance exercise. The focus of this was an increase of muscle endurance and muscle strength and lengthening muscle to increase flexibility. The class utilized the online course management tool "Moodle" to identify machines in the weight room and also the muscles they were using with each. Students also developed their own 5-day workout plan and worked on aerobic fitness by taking 2.5-mile runs on the streets of Oakwood. PTO grants provided money to purchase an elliptical trainer and a cardio weight system used in circuit and aerobic strength training.

This year's *Graphic Arts* and *Architectural Studies* classes had a very busy and productive year. *Graphic Arts* and *Advanced Graphic Arts* classes designed and printed all high school dance tickets, as well as photographed and videotaped a fashion show and fundraiser for We Care Arts, a non-profit organization. They also designed and printed t-shirts for a number of groups including after prom, the Professional Development Committee, the Blackbird Quartet and their own classes. They also printed business cards for three area businesses. *Architectural Studies* students competed in the American Institute of Architecture design competition. Mitch Thomas, Harry Labrie and Hunter Anstadt were awarded Certificates of Distinction. Marcel Georjin received the honorable mention award. Ashley Kincaid received a \$1000 scholarship from the American Institute of Architects. Ashley will be attending Miami University in the fall and majoring in architecture.

### Fine Arts Department

This year students in the arts excelled in the classroom, on the concert stage, and in competition.

This season's musical, *Guys and Dolls*, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, brought together the talents of vocal and instrumental music students for three sold-out performances. The Symphonic Chorale and the Women's Choir closed out the year with performances in the Spring Concert and in OMEA State Competition. Earlier, Oakwood was well represented at OMEA Solo and Ensemble Competition: twenty-five students received both superior and excellent ratings.

Highlighting the year for band was the evening benefit concert in March in which the Senior High Concert Band and the Ohio Valley British Brass Band played. This concert, together with generous gifts from several members of our community, made possible the purchase of four new timpani. With the addition of the timpani, two new tubas, and a sousaphone, the band continues its program of replacing older instruments. Early in marching season, the newly-formed Traveling Band played for enthusiastic listeners at tailgate parties and other community events. For their Spring concert in May, the combined bands have invited Mr. Francis Lawes, euphonium, to appear as guest soloist, first premiering a new work for the Junior High Band, and later in

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## CITY OF OAKWOOD 2007 Oakwood Water Quality Report



The purpose of this report is to educate the citizens and business owners in the city about their water system and to convey to the community a sense of confidence in the safe production, treatment and distribution of this invaluable natural resource.

The City of Oakwood owns and operates a public municipal water system which serves the residents and businesses throughout the community. The system is comprised of 8 production wells, 3 water treatment plants, 44 miles of underground water lines, 342 fire hydrants and a 1.5 million gallon water tower. The Director of Engineering and Public Works oversees the operation of the public water system. The Water Plant Superintendent is charged with the day-to-day operation of the system. The city's system produced 99.73% of the total city water demand in 2007. Any additional water needed would be supplied from the City of Dayton Water System.

**As the following information shows, the City of Oakwood's water system provides the residents and businesses with high quality water, which meets or exceeds all state and federal safe drinking water regulations.**

### Water Source

The City of Oakwood water system is supplied by groundwater pumped from its own eight production wells, which draw water from tributary aquifers flowing towards the Greater Miami Buried Valley Aquifer. From time to time, Oakwood buys water from the City of Dayton. The aquifer that supplies drinking water to the City of Oakwood has a moderate susceptibility to contamination, due to the sensitivity of the aquifer in which the drinking water well is located and the existence of several potential contaminant sources within the protection zone. This does not mean that this wellfield will become contaminated, only that conditions are such that the ground water could be impacted by potential contaminant sources. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. More detailed information is included in the City of Oakwood's wellhead/drinking water source protection plan and susceptibility analysis, which can be obtained by calling the Director of Engineering and Public Works at 937-298-0777. The City of Dayton water is pumped directly from the Greater Miami Buried Valley Aquifer. During 1992 - 95, a source-water assessment was completed for the City of Oakwood. For more information call the Director of Engineering and Public Works at 937-298-0777. For further information regarding the City of Dayton's water please call the Division of Environmental Management at (937) 333-3725 or see their Consumer Confidence Report on the web at: <http://water.cityofdayton.org/water>.

### Additional Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Concerning Lead in Our Water

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and/or habitually flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Again, additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

## CITY OF OAKWOOD Water Quality Table

Inorganic Contaminants	Date Tested	Units	MCLG	MCL	Detected Level	Range	Sources of Contaminants
Copper <sup>1</sup>	08/25/07 – 09/16/07	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	0.269	ND – 0.741	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride <sup>2</sup>	06/16/06	ppm	4	4	0.24	0.22 – 0.24	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead <sup>3</sup>	08/25/07 – 09/16/07	ppb	0	AL=15.0	5.61	ND – 16.2	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Compounds	Date Tested	Units	MCLG	MCL	Detected Level	Range	Sources of Contaminants
Bromoform	7/12/06	ppb	N/A	N/A	2.6	1.6 – 2.6	By-products of chlorination
Chloroform	7/12/06	ppb	N/A	N/A	0.7	0.6-0.7	By-products of chlorination
Bromodichloromethane	7/12/06	ppb	N/A	N/A	2.2	1.5-2.2	By-products of chlorination
Dibromo-chloromethane	7/12/06	ppb	N/A	N/A	4.2	2.7 – 4.2	By-products of chlorination

Regulated in the Distribution System	Date Tested	Units	MCLG	MCL	Detected Level	Range	Sources of Contaminants
Trihalomethanes	07/12/06	ppb	0	80	9.7	6.4 – 9.7	By-products of chlorination
Haloacetic Acids	07/12/06	ppb	N/A	60	2.7	1.6-2.7	By-products of chlorination
Total Chlorine <sup>4</sup>	Weekly	mg/L	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	0.76	0.72-0.81	Water Additive to Control Microbes

### Water Quality Table Footnotes

- None of the 20 samples tested for copper exceeded the current action level of 1.3 ppm.
- The City of Oakwood does not add fluoride to the water it produces.
- One of the 20 samples exceeded the action level of 15 ppm.
- Highest running annual average.

How to Read This Table	Definitions
<p>This report is based upon tests conducted in the years 2001 – 2007.</p> <p><b>Key To Table</b></p> <p>AL = Action Level  MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level  MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal  ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)  ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L)  pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)  N/A = not applicable  ND = Not Detected  mg/L – Milligrams/liter</p>	<p><b>Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:</b> The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.</p> <p><b>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:</b> The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.</p> <p><b>MRDL:</b> Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.</p> <p><b>MRDLG:</b> Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal. The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.</p> <p><b>Detected Level:</b> The highest level detected of a contaminant for comparison against the acceptance levels for each parameter. These levels could be the highest single measurement, or an average of values depending on the contaminant.</p> <p><b>Action Level (AL):</b> The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> The range of all values for samples tested for each contaminant.</p>

The data presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. Out of the 125 contaminants tested for, only the ones that were detected are listed in the chart above. Oakwood softens the water to an average of 12 grains per gallon. For more information, call the City of Oakwood at 937-298-0777 extension 5361. Find out more about the City of Oakwood on the internet at: [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood)

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### Professional Associations -- The City of Oakwood has employees who are members of:

- American Water Works Association (AWWA)
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the evening, as soloist with the Senior High Band. Also in May, the Senior High Concert Band will perform at the OMEA State Competition and in June will visit Outremont, Canada, to take part in the sister city celebration there.

The "performance of the year" for orchestra belongs to the Blackbird Quartet who were asked to "fill in" at the Schuster Center on a snowy evening in late winter. The quartet of two 8<sup>th</sup> grade and two 9<sup>th</sup> grade students joined guest violinist, Rachel Barton-Pine, to save a musical evening for some eight hundred hardy souls who had struggled through the snowy streets that cold Saturday night. What they heard did not disappoint them! Highlighting the year were concerts and a performance in State Orchestra Competition, where the Senior High School Orchestra received an Excellent rating and the Freshman Chamber Orchestra earned a Superior rating. Closing the annual Cherry Pie Concert on May 20<sup>th</sup> with the traditional playing of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," the combined orchestras of all four schools brought an end to another season of delightful music making.

In the visual arts, eight advanced art students placed in regional competition in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Competition, Jasmine Al-Masri received the distinction of having her work selected from among two thousand entries for the state exhibition in Columbus. Several Oakwood High School students received awards for the 2008 Congressional Art Competition. Ben Quinn, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and Lauren Shine, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, each received one of six Honorable Mentions and Georgia Stathopoulos, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, received 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **Math Department**

Oakwood students again scored well on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT), ACT, Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) and Advanced Placement (AP) tests. Our pre-calculus students also participated in the Calculus Readiness Test (CRT), which is designed to assist students in planning future math courses. Seniors and juniors participated in a pilot of the State of Ohio's Algebra II Exit Exam, which will be required in the future.

Together with the guidance department, we continue to investigate the connection from high school to college. This year we visited Ohio University. These visits allow us to talk directly with math faculty to learn what they expect of incoming students. We also

completed an audit of our courses with the Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR). CEPR determines the extent to which high school curricula are aligned to the College Standards for Success. We are currently in the process of conducting our math curriculum review for grades 7-12. Our Math Curriculum Review Team is a diverse and committed group of teachers, parents, administrators, community members and math education expert Dr. Janet Herrelko of the University of Dayton. Our team is reviewing the district's data, learning about research and best practices in math, and exploring the math programs of our similar districts. The outcomes of this process will be programmatic changes (e.g. course offerings), revised content standards and new instructional materials.

### **Science Department**

Mrs. Steinbrink (OHS) and Ms. Bennett (Smith) are among twenty K-12 teachers who were selected, from an original pool of 107 applicants, as members of the region's first cohort of STEM Fellows. As STEM Fellows, Mrs. Steinbrink and Ms. Bennett will work with the cohort to develop units of study in the areas of Power and Propulsion, Advanced Manufacturing and Materials, Sensors, and Medicine/Human Effectiveness. The teaching cohort will be assisted in the endeavor by Industry Partners, WPAFB, and Higher Education Fellows.

Through the generosity of the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, science students were able to work with new microscopes this school year. The addition of the new microscopes allowed for better, more detailed observations and lab experiences. Mrs. Wargacki also secured funding from the PTO for a new human skeleton to assist in teaching anatomical structures/orientation.

Geophysical Science students piloted the Be E<sup>3</sup> Smart Energy Curriculum this year. Sponsored by the Ohio Energy Project (OEP) with a grant from the Ohio EPA/Ohio Environmental Education Fund as well as the generous support of the Oakwood PTO, each Geophysical Science student received an Energy Efficiency kit to implement energy conservation measures at home. Oakwood has also started an Energy Team that has been busy planning and teaching energy lessons to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the district.

For the fourth year, Oakwood's *AP Biology* students hosted Dr. Sam Rhine, Director of the Indiana University Center for Genetic Education. Over 400 advanced science students from across the Miami

Valley came to Oakwood to hear Dr. Rhine speak about current issues in genetics. We also had the good fortune to host guest speaker Dr. Micheal Stitzel from the National Human Genome Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Stitzel spoke to our Forensics and Biology classes as part of our DNA Day celebration.

### Foreign Language Department

The Spanish department gathered students from K-12 as well as the community for a spectacularly successful Festival Hispaño. Hundreds joined in the fun, dancing la salsa, eating Torta de Tres Leches and making Ojos de Dios. Thirty-one Spanish III, IV and V students tested their language skills and bravery while on an adventure trip to Costa Rica during winter break. As a service project, over one hundred pairs of soccer cleats were collected here in Oakwood and then donated to Tico children in Costa Rica. Another Spanish club service project included the collection and donation of winter clothing for the Salud clinic here in Dayton, Ohio.

Seventh grade Latin students were introduced to the basics of the Latin language and culture through studying a fictional family living in the city of Pompeii. As a concluding event, students got to design and “erupt” their own volcanoes to recreate the cataclysmic events that destroyed the city of Pompeii. Eighth grade Latin students continued their introductory studies of Latin while learning about some of the Roman republic’s most well known personalities. Ninth grade students researched and learned about Roman monuments and emperors over the course of their studies. They also had their first exposure to authentic Latin, reading the works of Livy. Tenth grade students engaged in a rigorous curriculum featuring many Roman authors, including Martial, Ovid, Livy and Julius Caesar. They concluded the year by studying the Roman epic *Aeneid*. AP Latin students have successfully navigated the AP Vergil curriculum as they prepare for their AP exam.

French III, IV and V students attended a bilingual production of the play *Cyrano de Bergerac*. All French students have been enjoying fine French cuisine at l’Auberge as well as baguettes, La Glace/ice cream sundaes, Bûche de Noël cakes, quiches and Mardi Gras celebrations.

### Social Studies Department

The Social Studies department began the year involved in the curriculum review process and finished the

year with reviewing materials in order to purchase new textbooks. We were the first department to go through the new process which involved teams made up of teachers, administrators, parents, students and a content expert. We are grateful for the community support that we received in this endeavor!

The second annual American Dream Essay contest culminated in an evening event on April 30 that featured readings, scholarships and City Manager, Norb Klopsch, as keynote speaker. The theme was a perspective of the last 100 years in order to tie in with the city’s centennial. The OHS class of 1943 sponsors the \$3000, \$1500 and \$1000 scholarships for the first, second and third place winners.

The Junior High teachers again demonstrated their creativity. Students participated in an African festival, a Crusaders symposium, a Renaissance market, a virtual visit to a Roman town and many other opportunities designed to reach students no matter what their learning style.

Lumberjacks Without Borders continued in its second year. Students answered a plea from the World Food Programme to make an emergency donation in the face of severe food shortages. LJWB voted to send \$1,000 and still continues to raise funds for other projects.

This is the first year for Muse Machine at the junior high level to connect the arts to the content areas. In social studies, Jake Lockwood met with all of the social studies classes to reenact a Roman battle and to teach stage sword fighting techniques.

### English Department

*Inkblots*, the school’s literary magazine, added more student artists to the ranks of the published. More than 50 pieces of fiction, poetry, photography, and art appeared in May’s Issue 4. The Inkblots’ staff also awarded a place on the cover and a cash prize to Ben Quinn, winner of this year’s art contest. Copies are available for \$1 at the high school.

This was the first year for the Shakespearean Literature quarter course. One of the assignments involved differentiated assessments, giving the students an opportunity to fulfill the objectives through an artistic rendering. Two students’ artistic renderings were remarkable—Emily Callahan’s collection of drawings and Britni Bohache’s painting of Richard III as a boar.

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For Veterans Day, Mrs. Gilbert's 8th grade classes took part in "friendly letter" writing and sent letters and 50 pounds of candy to Lt. Col. Jeep Wedding and his soldiers. Mailboxes Etc. donated the postage! Several students received letters from soldiers who have been in Iraq for over a year.

Mrs. Whitehair, Ms. Doyal, and Mrs. Gilbert had 8<sup>th</sup> graders write and illustrate short stories to be sent to the children of northern Uganda. The short stories are used for the shelters that house many children orphaned by conflict in the nation.

Mrs. Fain, Mrs. Gilbert, and Mrs. Whitehair all had the opportunity and pleasure of having Jake Lockwood of Muse Machine in their speech/drama classes to lead the class in improvisation exercises. The students learned the importance of improv as well as participated in many fun exercises.

The Oakwood Academic Decathlon team, coached by Miss Kavanagh, placed third overall in the state with their highest score to date. They will be representing Ohio in the United States Academic Decathlon Online Medium School Nationals, as the team was the highest scoring medium sized school at state.

The Oakwood Writing Center continues to assist 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who need help developing their writing skills. Services include pre-writing, writing, and proofing guidance. Any student is welcome, whether it is for long-term skills work or a one-time visit.

### **The Special Education Department**

Collaboration and co-teaching have continued to be a goal for our department this year. We are now co-teaching in grades 7-11 in math, 7-10 in English and in the *Geophysical* and *Forensic Science* classes in the high school. We expect to co-teach the *Research Paper* class next school year.

Our TES teacher, Mrs. Ammer, ran Lego League, Science Fair competition, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade service-learning project and brought many differentiated instruction opportunities to the staff throughout the year. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the annual service-learning experience by visiting senior centers and interviewing residents. At the high school, a small group of students, including one group that advanced to the state competition, represented our district in National History Day competitions. Regular assessments were

also offered in all the gifted domains identified by the State of Ohio, and teacher consultation, collaboration, and professional development continued to be emphasized.

Project Support donated \$100 in health and beauty products to Oakwood Giving's backpacks for the homeless and assisted the Animal Outreach Program at Centerville High School, collecting money, pet food items, treats, pet toys, and much more. Project Support will also be assisting Centerville High School in a dog wash in June.

### **The Guidance Department**

In the never-ending quest to keep up with technology and to assure communication between parents, students and our office, we adopted the PrepHQ system this fall. PrepHQ is a system that allows each student to maintain a personal accounting of their high school activities, volunteering and other pieces of information useful in the college application process; receive information on colleges and opportunities related specifically to their interests; and keep up on scholarship and summer programs information as it comes through the Guidance Office. In addition, the system allows us to send emails to targeted student populations as opportunities arise. For example, we sent emails to our junior girls who indicated an interest in engineering when we received information on the University of Dayton's "Women in Engineering Conference." The Guidance Office now has the ability to keep track of student college applications (numbering near 600 per year), maintaining a record of acceptances/denials/withdrawals over the years. This information will allow us to counsel students for their future choices. Thus far we have received very positive feedback from our students and parents and look forward to developing the system to its full capacity through the years.

Mrs. Jacques and Mrs. Owens went on weeklong college visit programs in Virginia and South Carolina. These travels lead us to colleges where our students could find wonderful "matches." Our goal is to help our students select the best colleges based on the adage that college selection is, "a match to be made not a prize to be won."

Things have been busy in Junior High Guidance as well. Beginning with the Lumberjack Leaders welcoming the new 7<sup>th</sup> graders to school with orientation and activities throughout the year to help

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### Memoir-writing Workshop

Author Trudy Krisher will lead a memoir-writing workshop on Tuesday, June 17, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in the Library meeting room. Participants are encouraged to bring mementos (such as a photo, corsage, or old letter jacket) to spark their creativity. The following week, on June 24 from 6:00-8:00 P.M., writers will return to read their memoirs. Call the Library at 294-7171 to register for this program.

### Don't Bug Me—I'm Reading: Summer Reading Club Fun!

Wright Library's summer reading clubs all have a buggy theme this year. The children's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug," while teens will experience "Metamorphosis@Your Library." Registration for the children's and teens' Summer Reading Clubs starts Saturday, June 7.

The adult summer reading club also begins June 7. It has its own theme: "Spread Your Wings@Wright Library." Grown-ups can enter a prize drawing for each Wright Library book they read, or audio book they listen to. Eight weekly prizes will be awarded, as well as a "grand" prize that will be awarded at the end of the program. The first prize drawing will be Friday, June 13. The grand prize will be awarded on Sunday, August 3.

Classic films with a transformative theme will be shown as part of the adult summer reading club at 2:00 P.M. on these Sundays, in the meeting room.

- **June 29**—*Born Yesterday* (1950) Starring Judy Holliday
- **July 20**—*Now Voyager* (1942) Starring Bette Davis
- **Aug 3**—*Court Jester* (1955) Starring Danny Kaye

### Summer Family Blanket Concerts

Concerts begin at 6:30 P.M. on the north lawn of the Library. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating and a picnic supper if you wish.

- **July 14**—Joanie Calem presents "Sing Along and Dance Along." Combining music with movement helps build learning skills. The concert will include songs to involve the kids and folk music that the grown-ups will appreciate. Rain site is the Library meeting room.
- **August 11**—"T-Rex: Read Like a Rock Star!" Blending the energy of rock with the sensibility of folk, Thaddeus Rex's concerts are "part Monty Python, part Dr. Seuss"

(Washington Post) and all for kids. A PBS veteran and acoustic rock musician, Thaddeus passionately endorses the power of reading with original songs that have won multiple awards and been hailed "a sincere celebration of reading" (The Los Angeles Times) and "a detour off the beaten path" (Parenting Magazine). Rain site is the Library meeting room.

### On-the-Road at Starbucks Book Club

The Library's book club meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month at Starbucks in Oakwood. Drop in anytime. New participants are always welcome. Here's what's planned for the summer:

- **June 3**—*West with the Night* by Beryl Markham. Much more than pilot Beryl Markham's memoir, *West with the Night* is a wise, funny, and inspiring exploration of a life well lived.
- **July 1**—*Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty. Smithy Ide, unmoored by the loss of his entire family, rolls down the driveway on his old bicycle into a funny and touching journey that takes him across the country to retrieve his sister's body and his dignity.
- **August 5**—*The Queen's Man* by Sharon Kay Penman. King Richard has vanished on his way back to England after the Crusades, and Justin de Quincy is tapped by Eleanor of Aquitaine to search for her missing son. An exciting, Edgar-nominated medieval mystery.

### Savings Bond Program July 7

On July 7, Doug Deutsch will present programs on U. S. Savings Bonds in Wright Library's meeting room. The program will cover the different types of bonds, maturity dates and making decisions on the best time to cash them in. The same program will be presented at two different times, so you can choose the one that is more convenient for you: noon or 6:00 P.M. The program will last approximately one hour. No registration is necessary.

### Antiques Program—What's It Worth? July 16

Lois Thomas, a local antiques expert, will host a live demonstration of "Prices for Antiques," an antiques reference database available free to Library patrons, on Wednesday, July 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the Library meeting room. She will show how to get background information and pricing for some of the most popular antique and collectible categories such as Roseville pottery, bakelite jewelry, clocks, toys, comic books, and decoys. No registration is necessary.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Baccalaureate 7 p.m.	SH Commencement 8 p.m.	Band Parent Mtg 7 p.m.	SH Exams Plan Comm 4:30 p.m. Harman Gr. 6 Dance 7 p.m.	SH Exams Smith/Harman Gr. 6 Recognition 7 p.m.	SH Exams Gr. 6 Picnic-Shafor Park 10:45 a.m. Smith Gr. 6 Social-Gym 6:30 p.m.	SAT/ACT Summer Reading Club begins at Library
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Time Capsule Presentation- Wright Library 2:15 p.m. Author Ann Hagedorn-Smith Auditorium 3 p.m.	Ath Booster Mtg 7:30 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m.	Summer School Begins Pee Wee Cheer Camp 1-4 p.m.		Zoning App 4:30 p.m.		SAT/ACT
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Library Board Mtg 6 p.m. Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Work Session 5 p.m. Memoir Workshop- Library 6 p.m.				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	City Council Work Session 5 p.m.	Memoir Workshop- Library 6 p.m.			Superintendent Neighborhood Mtg 9:30 a.m.	
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Classic Movie-Library 2 p.m.						
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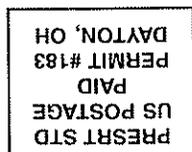
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					City Offices Closed Library Closed	
	Band Parent Mtg 7 p.m. Savings Bond Programs-Library Noon & 6 p.m.		Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	Zoning App 4:30 p.m.	Oakwood Relay for Life 6 p.m.	Oakwood Relay for Life
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	Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m. Blanket Concert-Library 6:30 p.m.		Antiques Program- Library 6:45 p.m.			
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Classic Movie-Library 2 p.m.	HS Marching Band Pre-Camp 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m. Library Board Mtg 6 p.m.	HS Marching Band Pre-Camp 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.	HS Marching Band Pre-Camp 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.	HS Marching Band Pre-Camp 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.	HS Marching Band Pre-Camp 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.	
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	HS Marching Band Camp 1-8 p.m.	HS Marching Band Camp 1-8 p.m.	HS Marching Band Camp 8 a.m.-4 p.m. FB Parent Mtg 7 p.m.	HS Marching Band Camp 1-8 p.m.		
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them feel more comfortable, the new students have assimilated into the junior high culture and have had a great year.

To further our effort to serve the "whole child" and to foster a positive school climate, Oakwood participated in the Project 40 conference with Dayton area schools and attended meetings to launch the "40 Developmental Assets" initiative.

Career exploration continued with presentations in 7<sup>th</sup> grade English and navigation through the Ohio Career Information System (OCIS) in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These activities allowed the students to research a career to find out just what steps they need to take next to become prepared. OCIS allows the students to match their interest survey results to career pathways.



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