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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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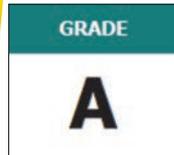
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## City News

### “No Solicitation” Designation

The city of Oakwood provides residential property owners with a means to prohibit certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing. This is addressed in Chapter 733 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances and can be accomplished by residents requesting that their property be included on the city’s “Do Not Solicit” list. *(Continued on page 4)*

## School News



### Oakwood Schools Receive “A” on Ohio’s New Report Card

Oakwood Schools received all A’s in the five largest categories – State Indicators, Performance Index Score, Graduation Rate, Overall Value-Added, and Gap Closure - on the newly released 2012-2013 Ohio Report Card. Oakwood Schools had the top Performance Index Score in the area and sixth highest in the State. *View the complete Ohio school and district results for 2012-2013 online at <http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov>.*

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## Library News

### Discover Digital Services for Your Favorite Devices

Do you want to learn what content (audiobooks, ebooks, music, and videos) you can download for FREE from Wright Library? You’re in luck! Our Digital Librarian, Brian Potts, will be presenting a series of demonstration programs on the second Wednesday of September, October and November. The programs will start at 7 p.m. and will be held in Wright Library’s Meeting Room.

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**P3 MOTHER/SON DANCE:** This dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

**P8 OAKWOOD SCHOOLS’ 5.75 MILL OPERATING LEVY**  
To continue current instructional and extracurricular programs that make Oakwood Schools excellent and to avoid an operating deficit.

**P11 TWEEN ATTACK**  
Students in Grades 4-8 are invited to stop by the library after-school Mondays at 3:30 p.m. and ATTACK their favorite activity.

## Leisure Services News

### American Red Cross Babysitting Course:

The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

### Mother/Son Dance:

This dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 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 must be purchased in advance at the OCC.

### Breakfast with Santa:

The event is from 9 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 14. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 4 at the OCC. Space is limited to 50 children. Everyone attending must have a ticket.

### Beggar's Night: October 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Thursday, 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.

### Family Fall Festival

Sunday, October 13, 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.

### Scarecrow Building Contest

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the eleventh "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 13 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.

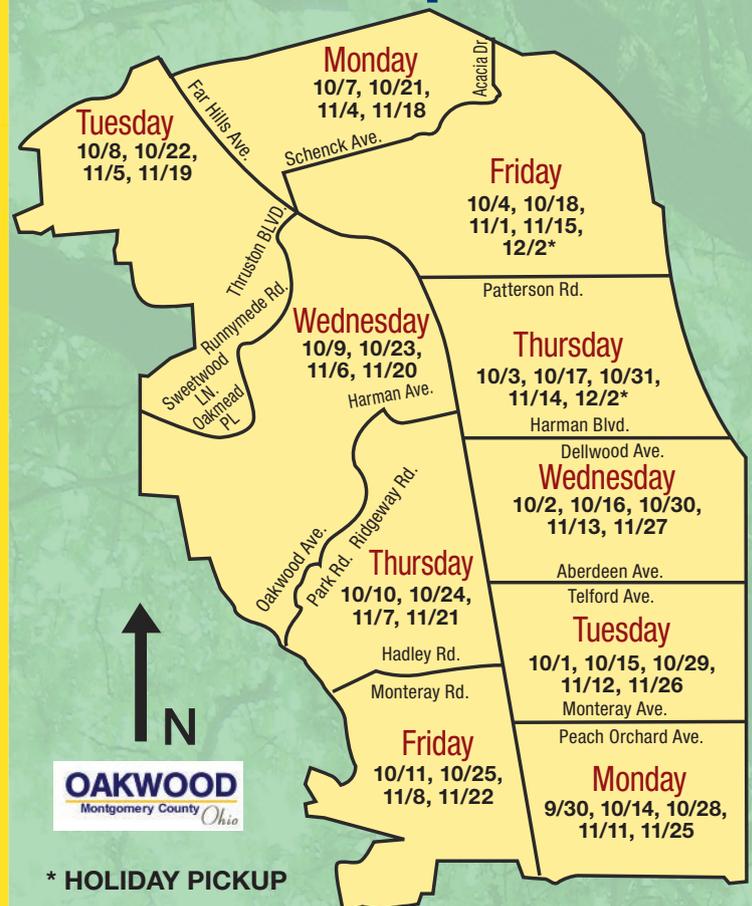
## COMMUNITY SHRED SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

As a free service to our citizens, the city of Oakwood has contracted with Shred-it, the world's leading mobile document destruction company, to be on site at the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to provide document destruction services. This is the fifth year we have been able to offer this free service to our citizens.

Besides paper products, Shred-it has the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, CD Rom diskettes and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All material will be destroyed beyond recognition on site and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be manufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location.

If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed by professionals in the document destruction industry, we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. There will be individuals on hand to assist you with unloading your documents.

## Yard Debris Pickup & Leaf Pickup Schedule



\* HOLIDAY PICKUP

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21
- Shroyer Rd. 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/4, 12/2



## Johnny Appleseed - Tree Planting Project



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

## ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 14th. 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 as shown on the enclosed map. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 20, 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 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. If you anticipate the need for a special pickup over the next few months, please schedule it to be completed prior to the week of October 7. Special pickups will resume the week of January 6 and may be scheduled after January 2nd. If you have any special needs during leaf season, please contact Theresa Caldwell or Kenneth Perkins at the Public Works Center (298-0777).

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

**Veteran's Day** – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, 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 28 and Friday November 29.

Please note that trash pick up will be altered for the week of November 25.

<u>Regular Day</u>	<u>Refuse Day</u> <u>Week of 11/25</u>
Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Wednesday

## 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. As part of this process, we issue a few reminders about your storm sewers. Please keep in mind that these are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area. Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers. One thing that the public can do to help is to never place any material into a catch basin. Items that we see commonly when we clean the sewers are grass clippings, brush and trash. Also, please do not put any material in the street other than leaves between mid-October and the end of the year. This will help keep material from inadvertently washing into the sewers. Please pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is extremely 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 water quality down stream. Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

The city staff works hard to maintain an efficient and comprehensive back door refuse collection program. There are several key areas with which we can use your help: please limit trash cans to three or fewer 35 gallon or smaller cans or the single 96 gallon roll container if you live on an alley. Please also keep 35-gallon cans under 60 pounds. You may have as many recycling cans as are required for your residential materials. Please have cars out of the driveway and cans easily accessible 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.

There is an updated refuse handbook available on [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov) which may be located by searching for "refuse manual". For Any questions, please contact refuse foreman Kenneth Perkins 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 8 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 11. Cost is \$3.50 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour burning candle.

## 1st Annual Turkey Shoot Out – NEW

Mark Saturday, November 16 on your calendar. This event will be Oakwood’s 1st Annual Turkey Shoot Out. Oakwood families register for this fast paced basketball competition. Please call the OCC at 298-0775 for further details. This event promises to be lots of fun for everyone! Don’t miss out.

## “No Solicitation” Designation *(Continued from cover)*

If you are interested in being added to the “do-not-solicit” list, you can complete one of the following:

- 1) Submit the “No Solicitation Form” from the city’s website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov)
- 2) Detach the form below and mail it to: City of Oakwood, Attn: Do Not Solicit, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, OH 45419.

As the owner or tenant of property with the street address of \_\_\_\_\_,  
I hereby request that this property be registered on the City of Oakwood’s “Do Not Solicit” list.

I understand and intend the following:

1. By registering my address on the “Do Not Solicit” list, all persons will be prohibited by law from contact canvassing, peddling, vending, soliciting, or requesting contributions at my property.
2. This prohibition does not apply to the delivery of advertisements, literature, or other information that may be left at my property, and does not apply to certain youth fundraising activity.
3. Registration of a property on the “Do Not Solicit” list expires after 5 years or upon the transfer of a property to a new owner or tenant, whichever comes first. Registrations can be renewed upon request by the owner or tenant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013

### October 2013

- 10/2 **6 p.m. Homecoming Parade and Bonfire**
- 10/3 5-8:30 p.m. OJHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/3 **6 p.m. Distinguished Alumni Dinner**
- 10/5 8 p.m. Homecoming Dance
- 10/8-18 OAA Testing
- 10/9 Smith School Walk to School Day
- 10/9 5-8:30 p.m. OJHS/OHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/11 Lange Picture Day
- 10/11 7 p.m. OJHS Student Council Dance
- 10/12 **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Smith PTO Fall Festival**
- 10/14 No School/District PD Day
- 10/14 7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
- 10/15 No School/District Waiver Day
- 10/15-18 **Lange Book Fair**
- 10/16-17 **Harman Book Fair**
- 10/18-22 Harman Everybody Counts
- 10/19 **6-9 p.m. Oakwood Arts Bridge Presents *Ghostwood* at OHS**
- 10/22 **7 p.m. Marching Band Concert**
- 10/23 7 p.m. National Junior Honor Society Induction
- 10/23 7 p.m. Harman/Smith Joint PTO Meeting at Harman
- 10/24 7 p.m. OHS National Honor Society Induction
- 10/27 **Oakwood Giving Trick or Treating for Canned Goods**
- 10/28 7 p.m. OJHS Fall Sports Recognition Night
- 10/30 2:15 p.m. Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program
- 10/30 **7 p.m. OHS Fall Rally for Music**
- 10/31 10:45 a.m. Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program
- 10/31 1 p.m. Smith Halloween Parade

### November 2013

- 11/1 No School-Parent/Teacher Conference Exchange Day
- 11/4 7 p.m. OHS Financial Aid Night for Parents
- 11/5 Smith Picture Retake Day
- 11/5 3:30-7 p.m. Smith Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/7 11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 11/7 **7 p.m. OHS Fall Play**  
***The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie**
- 11/8 **7 p.m. OHS Fall Play**  
***The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie**
- 11/9 **2 p.m. & 7 p.m. OHS Fall Play**  
***The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie**
- 11/11 11 a.m. Smith Veteran's Day Program
- 11/12 6 p.m. OHS Fall Sports Banquet
- 11/13 6 p.m. OHS Fall Sports Banquet
- 11/16 **7 p.m. OHS Jazz Festival Concert**
- 11/16 6:30 p.m. Harman Trivia Night
- 11/18 6 p.m. Business Advisory Council Meeting
- 11/18 7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
- 11/20-22 Smith 5th Grade to Glen Helen
- 11/20-22 Smith 6th Grade to Camp Campbell Gard
- 11/21 Harman 1st Grade Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/27-29 No School/Thanksgiving Break

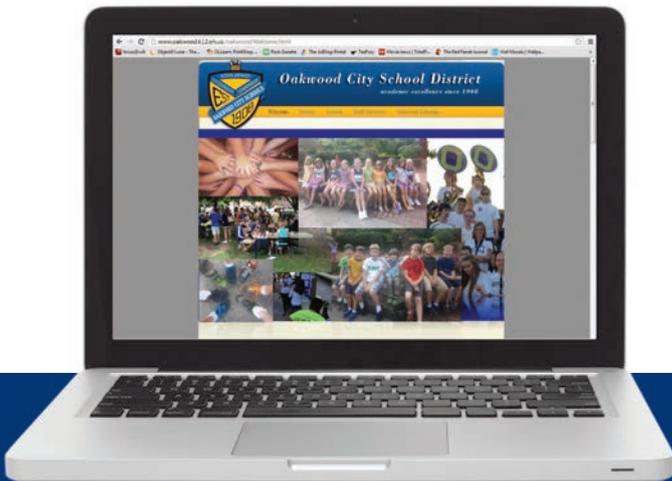
The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at:  
[www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood\\_Calendars.html](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html)

## Join us for these upcoming events:

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- 10/22 7 p.m. OHS Marching Band Concert
- 10/30 7 p.m. OHS Fall Rally for Music
- 11/7-9 OHS Fall Play - *The Mousetrap*
- 11/16 7 p.m. OHS Jazz Festival
- 11/16 6:30 p.m. Harman Trivia Night

## 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).

## Foundation's Deep Ties, Strong Commitment Add Up To Big Impact For Our School District

In 1981, a group of area residents came together in search of ways to provide educational opportunities for the students of Oakwood, beyond the reach of the district's normal operating budget. In the 30+ years since, the size and scope of that effort has grown, and yet the mission of The Oakwood Schools Foundation has remained the same: to enhance excellence in education by funding teacher grants, scholarships and special programs for the benefit of our students and our schools.

Since 1991, The Foundation has awarded more than \$625,000 in grants that have impacted every academic discipline and grade level. In addition to providing books, microscopes, iPads, laptops, a language lab, a mobile science lab and so much more in classrooms at every school in the district, Foundation grants have also supported extracurricular activities, artists in residence, career education programs and professional development.

Major gifts to The Oakwood Schools Foundation helped establish Lange School, offering all-day Kindergarten to Oakwood children; and helped fund the award-winning engineering lab and curriculum at Oakwood High School, which supports an ever-growing range of academic and extracurricular activities for aspiring engineers.

Thanks to generous donors, The Foundation also awards more than \$17,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors; conducts the annual Oakwood High School Entrepreneurship Competition; presents the annual Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award; and more.

As in its earliest days, The Oakwood Schools Foundation continues to be led by volunteers, each of whom has deep ties to Oakwood and is committed to our schools and our students. Here's a look at The Foundation's 13-member Advisory Council, by the numbers:

- 5 council members are alumni of Oakwood High School
- 19 children or grandchildren of Council Members currently attend Oakwood Schools
- 14 children of Council Members have graduated from Oakwood Schools
- 43 cumulative years of service on The Foundation's Advisory Council
- 310 cumulative years that Council Members have lived in Oakwood

"Because of our many dedicated volunteers and thanks to the continued generosity of alumni, parents, students, teachers, area companies and community residents, we are able to make such a difference for Oakwood's students and schools," says Pattie Bieser Edmonson (OHS '58), Current Chair of The Oakwood Schools Foundation's Advisory Council. "The support we receive – in every form and in any amount – enables us to continue to enhance excellence in education for the students of Oakwood."

*For more information about The Oakwood Schools Foundation, visit [www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org](http://www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org). The Foundation is always looking for volunteers—to find out how you can get involved, call Julie Halpern at 297-5332.*



Members of The Oakwood Schools Foundation's Advisory Council gathered at last spring's Young@ART fundraiser. Shown here, left to right, are Julie Halpern, Director; Doug Almoney OHS '61; Irv Bieser OHS '59; Mike Miller, School Board Liaison; Sandy Pierce; Phil Schnell; Julie Cannon OHS '84; Joann Ringer; Council Chair Pattie Bieser Edmonson OHS '58; Bev Johnsen; Molly Cobb OHS '78; Darcy Plunkett; and Markus Kemper. Not pictured: Patrick Armstrong, Joel Frydman.

## Gifted Identification Referrals Now Being Accepted

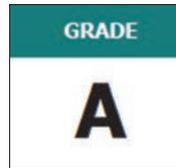
According to Ohio House Bill 282, all public school districts in Ohio are required to identify students for giftedness. This law, however, does not mandate any services for identified gifted and talented students. Areas of gifted identification include: superior cognitive ability and achievement, specific academic (math, reading, science, and social studies), creative thinking, and visual/performing arts (visual art, dance, drama, music).

Assessment procedures vary for each area of identification. Visual/performing arts assessments are offered throughout the school year on an annual basis. All teachers, counselors, and administrators receive notification of students who have been identified as gifted in any of the domains.

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 Specialist (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 the gifted identification throughout his/her schooling in Ohio. To maintain the 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, 2, 4, 6, (and 3 for the 2013-14 school year only), 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 ability and specific academic ability. The SAT and ACT can also be used to identify giftedness. Additionally, our Gifted Intervention Specialists coordinate assessments based on parent/teacher referrals.



## Oakwood Schools receive "A" on Ohio's new report card

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"The combination of great students, supportive parents who value education, highly trained teachers and administrators, and a nurturing, supportive community make for a very rare combination that produces results. Oakwood students have and will continue to receive the outstanding education and support that is our trademark. We will provide a top-quality education while doing what is best for each student."

~Dr. Kyle Ramey, Oakwood Schools' Superintendent

## Congratulations

### 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

**Edgar R. Herrman\***, Class of 1939

**Ruth A. Herman**, Class of 1947

**Father Joseph Goetz**, Class of 1951

**Floyd Lanier Graham**, Class of 1958

**Bradley L. Williams**, Class of 1968

### 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Award Recipients

**Chris Stefan\***, Class of 1941

**Betty Epstein**, Class of 1953

**Mark Wells**, Class of 1972

**Mark Nagel**, Class of 1980

**Charlie McElligott**, Class of 1996

**1971 Boys Basketball Team**

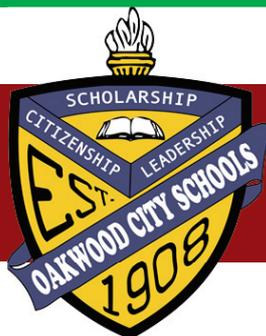
### 2013 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Inductees

**Janet L. Achbach**

**Joseph R. Boyle, Jr.**

**Joseph R. Suter**

\*Deceased



## **Information About the Oakwood Schools' 5.75 Mill Operating Levy Request November 5, 2013 Election**

***"In a world of constant change some things never do, like the VALUE of an Oakwood education."***

### **Why?**

School funding does not automatically increase, State funding has been decreased, and operating expenses increase with inflation.

### **Why now?**

To continue current instructional and extracurricular programs that make Oakwood Schools excellent and to avoid an operating deficit.

### **Does the quality of schools really affect real estate values and the quality of the community?**

Yes, maintaining high standards for comprehensive curricular programs and extracurricular activities has a positive effect on our entire community. Homebuyers have cited the quality of the Oakwood Schools as their first priority.

**Value = Top quality education at a reasonable cost**

**Student achievement and growth across all grade levels is the primary focus of the Oakwood Schools.**

- Individualized Instruction at elementary
- All-Day Kindergarten
- Gifted services
- Special Education services
- Elementary foreign language
- 17 Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Sixteen (16) Dual-Enrollment College courses
- Small class sizes

- Highest Performance Index Score in the area, top 1% in the entire State of Ohio
- Top ACT Mean Score in the State of Ohio
- OHS earned Gold Medal status and rated #9 in Ohio in "2013 Best High School Rankings" by *US News & World Report*
- *Newsweek* included OHS in the "Top 25 High Schools" in the Midwest
- 2013 State of Ohio Report Card—only district in area to receive all A's in 5 major categories
- Oakwood elementary students excel on every Ohio proficiency benchmark, making us part of an elite group of Ohio school districts
- Students shine in academic competitions: Destination Imagination, Power of the Pen, Ohio Model United Nations, Ohio Mathematics League, Lego League, Speech and Debate, Academic Decathlon
- Academic Decathlon National Champions for two straight years (2012 and 2013)
- Nationally ranked Speech and Debate Team has competed at Nationals 54 straight years
- Options for all students from Tech Prep to Advanced Placement to 173 clubs and 19 varsity sports
- Athletics – Reigning State Champions in Boys Golf and Boys Swimming, State Runner-Up in Girls Swimming, 2012-13 SWBL Champions in Boys and Girls Cross Country, Golf, Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving



# Oakwood Schools' Financial Facts

- The 5.75 mill levy will raise approximately \$1.73 million per year for Oakwood Schools
- In 2013, State funding accounted for approximately 32.8% in 2013; local sources 67.2%
- 97.5% of property tax collections come from homeowners
- In 2011, State funding decreased by 12.5% and remained near that amount for FY12. During the past two years, the Oakwood Schools received \$1,322,467 less in State funding
- Oakwood Schools received two national awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 15 consecutive years. The district undergoes a financial audit by the State of Ohio each year to qualify for these awards
- The Oakwood Schools have also worked to reduce operating costs
  - ▶ Two years of 0% increases on the base salaries for all employees
  - ▶ increases in insurance premiums paid by employees

*The property tax levy passed in May 2013 was for the City of Oakwood operations, **not for schools.** City taxes **do not** support school funding.*

*The City and the schools are two separate entities.*

## Total Expenditures Per Student Fiscal Year 2012 – Montgomery County

Rank	School	Total
1	Jefferson	\$14,569
2	Dayton	\$14,375
3	Vandalia	\$12,126
4	Kettering	\$12,005
<b>County Average</b>		<b>\$11,744</b>
5	<b>Oakwood</b>	<b>\$11,589</b>
6	Centerville	\$11,528
7	Northridge	\$11,443
8	Trotwood	\$11,156
9	Mad River	\$11,074
10	Huber Heights	\$10,936
11	Valley View	\$10,774
12	West Carrollton	\$10,630
<b>State Average</b>		<b>\$10,625</b>
13	Miamisburg	\$10,179
14	New Lebanon	\$10,068
15	Northmont	\$9,847
16	Brookville	\$9,384

Source: Ohio Department of Education

## November 2013 Operating Levy Cost to Homeowners

County Appraised Value	35% Taxable Value	Daily Cost	Monthly Cost	Semi-Annual Cost	Annual Cost
\$100,000	\$35,000	\$0.55	\$17	\$101	\$201
\$150,000	\$52,500	\$0.83	\$25	\$151	\$302
\$200,000	\$70,000	\$1.10	\$34	\$202	\$403
\$250,000	\$87,500	\$1.38	\$42	\$252	\$503

**Oakwood Schools:**  
A great value, no matter how you look at it.

If you have questions about school district finances and operations, or to host a Neighborhood Meeting to discuss the levy, please contact Treasurer Kevin Philo or Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey at the Board Office at 297-5332.



## WRIGHT LIBRARY

Visit us at 1776 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday-Friday  
10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday  
1-5 p.m. Sunday

Online at [www.WrightLibrary.org](http://www.WrightLibrary.org) or on Facebook  
at <https://www.facebook.com/wrightlibrary>.

Phone us at 937-294-7171.

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### October

1 – Wright Library On-the-Road, Oakwood Starbucks,  
7-8 p.m.  
9 – Discover Digital Services, 7 p.m.  
10 – Device Users' Group, 1:30 p.m.  
14 – Library Closed, Columbus Day  
15 – Wright Library Poets, 7 p.m.  
21 – Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  
24 - Device Users' Group, 1:30 p.m.

### November

5 - Wright Library On-the-Road, Oakwood Starbucks,  
7-8 p.m.  
13 - Discover Digital Services, 7 p.m.  
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19 – Wright Library Poets, 7 p.m.  
28 – Library Closed, Thanksgiving Day

## MORE TIME TO ENJOY WRIGHT LIBRARY

Wright Library has new expanded hours:  
Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## Wright Library On-the-Road Book Club@Starbucks

If you're looking for a good book discussion, plan to join the Wright Library On-the-Road Book Club. **The Club meets the first Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Starbucks in Oakwood.** They discuss one fiction or nonfiction title each month. Reservations are not required. Just drop in and enjoy!

For more information contact Margaret Peters at 294-7171 or [Peters@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:Peters@wrightlibrary.org).

These are the next few books they will be discussing:  
October 1 - *The Brief Wonderful Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz  
November 5 - *The Liars' Club: a memoir* by Mary Karr  
December 3 - *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder

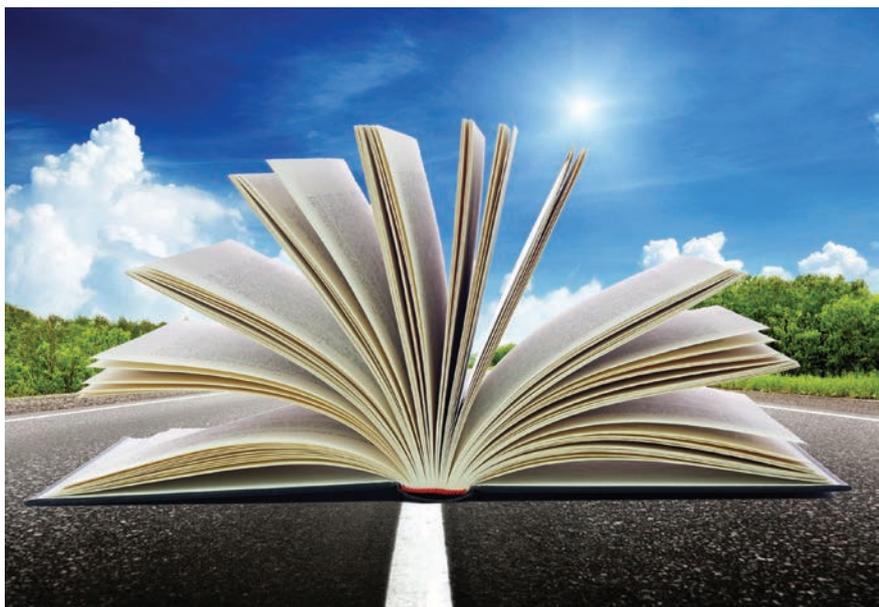
## Wright Library Poets



The Wright Library Poets are an encouraging writing group open to local poets who want to share their work and hone their craft. **The group meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Starbucks in Oakwood.** Bring an original poem with extra copies to share, or feel free to sit in before

participating. Join them monthly to improve your writing, meet new friends, and enjoy poetry. The group is also a great place to find out about publishing, open mic, contest and workshop opportunities. Beginners welcome.

For more information contact Elizabeth Schmidt at 294-7171 or [Schmidt@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:Schmidt@wrightlibrary.org).





## Discover Digital Services for Your Favorite Devices *(Continued from cover)*

Each program will be tailored for a specific type of device. On September 11th the Kindle, including the Kindle Fire, will be featured. October 9th will cover iOS devices (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch) and on November 13th the demonstration will focus on Android devices (Google Nexus, Samsung Galaxy Tab, etc.)

No reservations are required, so take this opportunity to find out how to access the Wright Library Digital Collection which includes The Ohio eBook Project, Freegal, Freading, and Zinio. Bring your device or just drop-in if you're considering a purchase.



## Programs for Young Children

### Terrific Tales on Tuesdays

Join Mrs. Mills in the Library Meeting Room for Terrific Tales on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales includes stories, songs, and crafts. This storytime is suitable for children ages 6 and under (ages 3 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult). No registration necessary.

### Books & Blocks

"Drop in" for books, blocks, puppets, puzzles, coloring and play stations with Mrs. G. from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Books & Blocks includes a story followed by circle time dances. Social skills and early literacy skills are enhanced in this interactive program which fosters the love of books and the library for the young child.

Mrs. G. will be there to host our Friday morning program which runs the school year, September through May. This program is suitable for children ages 5 and under (ages 3 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult).

## Programs for Tweens & Teens

### Tween ATTACK

**Students in Grades 4-8 are invited to stop by the library after-school Mondays at 3:30 p.m. and ATTACK their favorite activity.**

- August 26 Personalize a Back-to-School Notebook
- September 9 World Records Fun and a Cool Cone Snack
- September 23 Make your own Gymnast or Ninja
- September 30 Stained Glass, Sort of: Art with foil and markers
- October 7 Trees: A fall art project.
- October 21 Straws! See all the things you can do with straws.
- October 28 Halloween Party: Come in costume if you'd like!

### Tween Writing Club

**Writing fun using games, prompts, and sharing in a supportive environment with other writers. Students are invited to bring a notebook to write in. Snacks will be provided.**

- September 12
- October 17
- November 21
- December 19

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., Library Meeting Room  
Grades 4-8

### Teen Writing Club

**Does your teen like to write and talk about writing? Encourage them to join other teens to talk about writing, do writing exercises, and offer kind and thoughtful writing critiques with the Wright Library Teen Writing Club.**

- September 9
- September 23
- October 7
- October 21
- November 4
- November 18
- December 2
- December 16

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. @Oakwood Starbucks  
Grades 7-12



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### Asset Builder Profile

Gail Schmidt has been an officer with the Oakwood Public Safety Department since 1990. As part of her duties, Gail works with the youth of our community teaching bike safety classes at the Oakwood Community Center and the annual bike safety program at Smith School. Assigned as the DARE and School Resource Office in 2006, Gail teaches the fifth grade DARE program, where students learn important decision-making skills to apply to real life situations about the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

“Incorporating the 40 Developmental Assets into these activities, especially Assets 26-31 and 37-40 dealing with Positive Values and Positive Identity, provides a few of the building blocks to help our young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible, as stated in our community-wide 40 Asset mission statement. My work with the youth of our community stresses the importance of those Assets, which include caring, honesty, responsibility, personal power, self-esteem, and a sense of purpose,” states Gail.

#### Gail Schmidt **is** an **Asset Builder!**

*3 Other Adult Relationships, 7 Community Values Youth, 10 Safety, 14 Adult Role Models, 26 Caring, 27 Equality and Social Justice, 28 Integrity, 29 Honesty, 30 Responsibility, 31 Restraint, 37 Personal Power, 38 Self-Esteem, 39 Sense of Purpose, 40 Positive View of Personal Future*

**40**  
**assets**  
building blocks for healthy  
development of young people

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

Visit the Oakwood community's 40 Asset website at <http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets> for information, news, events and more.