

Oak Chan Elementary



Principal's Weekly Message
December 3, 2020

Good Day OC Families!

Highlights from this Past Week:

I hope everyone had an opportunity to reflect on being grateful, relax and enjoy last week's break. As we continue with our Hybrid and Virtual Academy learning models, we ask that you continue to support our District's Health and Safety protocols.

When approaching our campus (sidewalks/parking lots) and while near entrance gates:

1. Wear a face mask;
2. Practice Social Distancing;
3. Remember, only Service Animals are allowed on campus. We love family pets; however, they are not allowed on campus (this includes our parking lots/sidewalks).

Your consideration of others and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Distance Learning Updates Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the most recent update from the district

Weekly SKORR Challenge: This upcoming week's challenge is to practice **Looking Beyond our Differences and Help Each Other** by completing daily December activities. Click [here](#) for the activity menu.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Parent Tip of the Week

APA suggests these tips to help parents effectively manage holiday stress

- Strengthen social connections—We know that strong, supportive relationships help us manage all kinds of challenges. So, we can view the holidays as a time to reconnect with the positive people in our lives. Accepting help and support from those who care about us can help alleviate stress. Also, volunteering at a local charity on our own or with family can be another way to make connections; helping others often makes us feel better, too.
- Initiate conversations about the season—It can be helpful to have conversations with our kids about the variety of different holiday traditions our families, friends and others may celebrate. Parents can use this time as an opportunity to discuss how some families may not participate in the same holiday traditions as others. Not everyone needs to be the same. It is important to teach open-mindedness about others and their celebrations.

Food for Thought:

We all have been going through unprecedented times and handling it in our own way. The sea upon which **we all** have been traveling has been rough; however, everyone is traveling in a different vessel. Some may be sailing in a yacht while others may be clinging to a life raft. Be willing to toss away any 'blindness' you may be wearing. Empathy and understanding are greatly needed. Working together, we can help each other stay afloat.



On the Horizon:

Cruzin' through Candyland, tomorrow, Saturday 12/5 2pm – 5pm.

Visit our PTO's web page for more details

Keep tracking your child's Reading and Math Fact practice minutes. The Principal's PRC and PMC are underway! [Challenges](#)

Stay Connected! Bookmark our [website](#) - which we update often, and follow us on our **Oak Chan PTO Facebook** page. Visit [MrsBahrysOffice](#) Take your 'mouse' and wherever the 'hand' lands on a picture, such as the Squirrel, click and you will find something fun.

And stay strong by focusing on *Relationships, Routines, and Resilience.*

"We rise by lifting others." ~R. Ingersoll

As always, please call or email us if there's anything you need.

Sincerely,
Principal Bahry