Oakdale Elementary School
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History:

Oakdale Elementary School was built in 1954 and has had several additions over the years. The original design was very similar to Glenn school. Oakdale classrooms were remodeled during the summer of 2008. The current student enrollment of approximately 460 students is served by three/four sections of kindergarten through fifth grade. The staff of 55 dedicated professionals and a very active parent/teacher organization supports an average class size of 23 students. The success of each student is forged from a strong home/school relationship.

Mission:

*Educate each student to achieve personal excellence.*

Vision:

*Personal Excellence is achieved when students:*

- Master and apply district curriculum standards/skills.
- Think creatively and critically, communicate clearly, collaborate, and problem solve.
- Assist students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.
• Are supported by high quality staff who advocate, guide, and facilitate student growth and achievement in curricular and co-curricular activities.

• Are flexible and adaptive, work independently, and are self-directed learners

• Develop a personal responsibility for learning and behavior.

• Use technology to meet individual learning goals.

• A part of a community that promotes a safe and respectful learning environment.

Parent Organization:
PTO Board Members
The 2012-2013 board members are as follows:

President                      Kim Yates    ytskim@yahoo.com  309-310-5818
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Secretary

Daily Schedule:

8:25 A.M. – Students may arrive to school

8:45 A.M. – School Begins/Tardy Bell

3:30 P.M. – Dismissal

Lunch/Recess Schedule

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Arrival/Dismissal procedures:

During the months of August, September, April, and May we will line-up outside as weather permits. Students will line-up inside from October 1st through March 31st and also on rainy mornings during the months of August, September, April, and May. Once again this year, we will be using inside morning time to read silently. Students should come prepared with a book in their backpack to read during the 8:25 - 8:40 A.M. morning duty time on all mornings. This is a great opportunity for students to increase their independent reading time by 15 minutes each day. Research shows that students who read are more successful in life. We want all of our students to be successful.

Recess- Inside/Outside:

It is always beneficial for students to have an opportunity to run and play during noon hour recess time and we try to have children outside for play as often as possible. At times, however, weather conditions don’t allow this. We use a temperature of 20 degrees and above as a guideline for deciding whether students should be inside or outside for playtime. We also take other factors into consideration (wind chill, precipitation, etc.) when making this decision.

During inclement weather, students will have noon recess activities in their classrooms or other assigned areas of the building, which will be monitored by noon hour supervisors. Rules will be reviewed with students. Students are not to leave their assigned areas without permission from a supervisor.

When the weather is fair and the temperature is above 20 degrees inclusive of the wind chill factor, the students will have recess outside. It is important that students dress appropriately for colder weather. During times outside, students are expected to follow playground safety rules. It is recommended that students play games and sports with other students of their same age or grade level. It is also recommended that students do not wear open toed shoes on our playground. Tennis shoes are better suited for the playing area.

Children who cannot go outside due to health reasons must bring a note from home to the office. These students will be assigned to areas inside the building for quiet study or reading. This type of note will suffice for a period not to exceed 3 days. For more than 3 days, a note signed by a doctor is needed.

Teachers who require students to stay inside during a recess time for some reason will stay in the classroom to supervise these students.

PBIS:

What is PBIS? PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support. For the 2012-2013 school year, we are in our eighth year of PBIS. This is a positive behavior program designed to better engage our learners and minimize distractions throughout the school day.

View our PBIS Brochure on the Oakdale Website!
One of the important aspects of this program is having consistent expectations throughout the building. There are four expectations Oakdale students are to follow:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Here, Be Ready
4. Be Safe

All Oakdale Students are familiar with these four expectations and have learned what they mean for each area of Oakdale School. When any staff member sees a student exhibiting one of the four expectations, that student has a chance to earn a Panther Paw! A Panther Paw is a slip of paper that students write their name on and turn in for a drawing at the end of the week. Each classroom draws a Panther Paw on Friday and that student receives a reward from Mr. Cooper at our Friday assembly. It is one more way to recognize good behavior and to tell Oakdale students how great they are!!

Oakdale has been recognized as an exemplary PBIS school. Other school districts throughout the state have been encouraged to visit Oakdale to see how we implement the program. Did you know that our school’s four expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Here and Be Ready, and Be Safe, are more than just a catchy slogan? The words are changing the face of education in the United States.

PBIS is a national movement. It is a proactive systems approach for creating and maintaining safe and effective learning environments in schools. In Illinois, PBIS focuses on data-based decision-making around discipline and academics at school, district, regional and state levels, integrating related school improvement initiatives and structures. Currently, more than 535 of the State’s 4,000 school buildings participate in PBIS.

PBIS is also a federally funded research project. The things we do that are a part of PBIS are monitored by the state of Illinois, and ultimately are sent to the University of Oregon, who is charged by the U.S. Department of Education to monitor the changes made in school climate. Data from our building, our district and our state is combined with the data from schools in 26 other states to influence Federal education policy. Because of this, we have access to some of the cutting edge research from leading authorities in the Nation. If you would like to see some of this research, log on to: www.pbis.org

Let us know if you have a question about PBIS at this school. We’d be happy to share with you how your child is learning more while shaping national policy.

**Clubs/Activities:**

- Safety Patrol
- Drama Club
- Jr. Great Books
- Student Council
- Garden Club
- Technology Club
- Young Authors