



## OPES UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 9 Early Release at 11:40 a.m.  
Parent Conferences in afternoon  
Marble Slab OPES Family Day Noon-9 pm  
Town Hall Meeting -- Bond Referendum Info  
Dutch Fork High 7-8:30 pm
- Oct. 10 **NO CLASSES** (Prof. Development Day for Faculty)  
Parent Conferences
- Oct. 14 **PICTURE DAY!**  
1st Grade Field Trip
- Oct. 15 5th Grade Field Trip
- Oct. 16 4th Grade and Special Ed. Field Trip
- Oct. 17 Kindergarten Field Trip
- Oct. 22 Town Hall Meeting - Bond Referendum Info  
Leaphart Elementary 7-8:30pm
- Oct. 23 School Board Candidate Forum  
Oak Pointe Elementary 7-8:00pm
- Oct. 21 Cici's Pizza OPES Family Nite 5-8 pm
- Oct. 24 OPES Fall Festival
- Oct. 29 Wendy's OPES Family Nite 5:30-8:30 pm  
(Irmo Drive location)
- Oct. 30 Flu Shots available from Lexington  
Medical Ctr. (\$30 each; children 10-17 are allowed to participate with parent or guardian consent)

## FLU VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT OPES 7:30-8:30 AM

Flu vaccination clinic from Lexington Medical Center will be at OPES on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 7:30-8:30 am in the Conference Room, Front Office. The cost is \$30 of which \$5 will be donated to OPES. Cash or check is accepted. If you have Medicare, they will file the claim for you. Children over 9 years old may receive the vaccine with parental consent. There is no registration; it is first come, first served.

### Town Hall Meetings Regarding Bond Referendum

Two Community Town Hall meetings regarding the upcoming bond referendum will be held for all parents, community members and interested parties in the Irmo and Dutch Fork Clusters. Superintendent Herbert Berg will make a brief presentation and a time for questions and answers will follow. All community members are invited to attend.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Dutch Fork High auditorium. The second meeting for the Dutch Fork/Irmo Clusters will be held on Wednesday, October 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Leaphart Elementary mini-theater.

### OPES STUDENTS SELECTED FOR DISTRICT HONORS CHOIR

Katie C., Caro C., Ashley D., Kathryn F., Russ K., Lydia K., Cameron N., Hannah R., Mani S., Caitlin S., Anslee T. and Allen W.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

### Publishing is up and running at Oak Pointe!

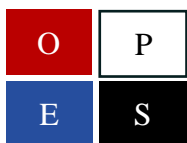
Please join the publishing committee for a fun and rewarding experience. We will meet each Wednesday (9 am -12 Noon) in the yellow workroom. Any amount of time you can contribute is greatly appreciated. There is no experience necessary - we will train you as needed. Please contact us with any questions you may have. Linda Wiggs (407-4244 or [lpwiggs@aol.com](mailto:lpwiggs@aol.com)) or Kerri Stansbury (407-6935 or [kerristansbury@hotmail.com](mailto:kerristansbury@hotmail.com))

### New Phone and Fax Numbers

Please note that our contact numbers have changed, and be sure to update in your records. Thank you!

### PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>

On October 14th, your child's fall pictures will be taken by Strawbridge Studios. You do not need to send any money at this time. Your student's picture will be taken and in a couple of weeks you will receive a proof. You will then choose which package you wish to purchase and send the money in an envelope provided. When these envelopes have been collected, the orders will be sent in to Strawbridge and your package will be returned to school. These completed picture packages will be sent home with your child when they are shipped to us. This is the picture that is used in the yearbook. You may contact Marilyn Smith at 476-4111, if you have any questions.



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# COUNSELORS CORNER

October's Character word is **Courage**: Meaning having the courage to stand up for what is right and always make the right choice.

**The Service Project this month will be our second annual MDA fight for Muscular Dystrophy!**

Your child will receive a plastic tube which they can use to collect coins in through the month of October. If they fill their tube up just return it to the school and we will send your child home with a new one.

Last year we raised over \$8,000 to send children with muscular dystrophy to summer camp and to help with treatments. We partner with ERA Wilder Realty Company to make this possible and they provide incredible prizes to our top fund raisers and our top classes.

**WE NEED YOU! WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO COULD GIVE 30 minutes of their time** to mentor our students here at Oak Pointe. If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering for 30 minutes a week to make a difference in the life of a child please contact Katie Walters 476-4105.

We are also looking for Test Volunteers for CoGAT the second week of November and for our 3rd annual CAREER FAIR on Friday Nov. 14th. Please contact Katie Walters by email (kwalters@lex5.k12.sc.us) or phone (476-4105) if you are interested.

## MAJOR CHANGES IN DISTRICT 5 MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

MEDICATIONS to be taken during school hours must be brought to school and delivered to the school nurse by the student's parent/guardian or designated adult. The medications need to be in the original containers.

The nurse will no longer supply any medications except for CALADRYL LOTION/CALADRYL CLEAR.

IF medication is PRESCRIBED by a Healthcare Provider, then the form entitled, "PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION," must be completed, signed & stamped by the PRESCRIBING Healthcare Provider, and signed by the parent. You may obtain the form from the health room or directly from the district website under School Health Services (then click on the school health forms). These forms can be faxed to the school (476-4120) by the healthcare provider.

IF medication is NON-PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER, then the form entitled, "PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION," must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian.

ONLY students who have met all of the requirements to self medicate will be allowed to self medicate in school. If this applies to your child, please visit or contact Nurse Linh Truong for details and paperwork.

### Field Trip Medication:

Only emergency medications that parents provide (i.e. inhalers, epinephrine injections -Epipens & Twinject) will be sent on the field trip. All other medications must be provided from the parent to the teacher in the original container and only the exact dosage needed for the trip. The nurse may not repackage a medication that she does not directly administer to the student.

If you have any questions, please call Nurse Linh Truong at 476-4109.

## Target Take Charge of Education

Here's how it works: When parents, teachers, and other supporters use a Target REDcard(VISA Credit Card), Target donates up to 1% of your purchases to our school. To participate, all you need is a REDcard. You may enroll at Target.com/tcoe or 1-800-316-6142. Thanks to everyone who already participates in this program!

## School Board Candidate Forums

On November 4, voters in Lexington-Richland Five will be asked to elect three new members of the School Board. School Improvement Councils (SICs) across the district have teamed up to sponsor three public forums to allow the community an opportunity to hear from the candidates who are running for election.

Twelve candidates are running for election -- a total of seven from Lexington County and five from Richland County. One individual will be elected from the Richland County portion of the district and two individuals will be elected to represent the Lexington County portion of the school district.

Candidates will not answer questions from the floor during the forums. However, the public is invited to submit questions for the candidates in advance by sending them to D5CandidatesForum2008@gmail.com. Questions can also be submitted in writing at the door, prior to each event.

### The candidate forums will be held on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, October 14 at Chapin High School, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, October 16 at Irmo Middle School, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, October 23 at Oak Pointe Elementary School, 7 p.m.

## WANTED: SPONSORS for Grade Level Classrooms and Related Arts Classrooms

The OPES PTO is seeking sponsorships for our grade level and related arts classrooms. Sponsorships are \$100 per classroom & can be sponsored by a business, parents, grandparents – join with your fellow parents & sponsor your student's classroom! Sponsorships are tax-deductible. A certificate will be posted outside the classroom door throughout the school year. If you would like to sponsor a classroom, please see your child's homeroom parent.

## MOCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

On Monday, November 3, the OPES Student Government will host a mock election for students to cast their ballots for President. Students will vote in the morning and the winner will be announced at the end of the day. We are in need of parents/volunteers to help with set up, working booths, break down, and counting ballots. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anna Gunn at agunn@lex5.k12.sc.us or 476-4100.



Be sure to collect your Box Tops for Education and turn them into your child's teacher!

**OPES is seeking Mentors! Once a week for 30 minutes is all it takes! Contact Katie Walters!**