



# Oakdale Elementary

## NEWSLETTER

2025 -2026



### Growth Mindset Parent Presentation

Join us on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM for a parent presentation on Growth Mindset with Dr. Blake Brandes. With a Ph.D. in hip-hop and global youth cultures, Blake has spoken to over half a million students, parents, and educators around the world. During this Growth Mindset presentation Dr. Blake Brandes will share powerful strategies to help you support your child to thrive in school and life.

**Time: 5:30 -6:30 pm**

**Place: Oakdale School Cafeteria**

### Welcome back from Winter Break!

We hope your holiday was restful and joyful. As we return to school, we want to remind you how important regular, on-time attendance is for your child's success. Every day in class builds skills, supports classroom routines, and strengthens learning momentum.

With the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester approaching, our teachers are focused on ensuring students master the standards they'll need for State Testing in May. Your child's steady attendance helps teachers deliver instruction, monitor progress, and provide targeted support before testing season.

### Character Trait of the Month Empathy & Problem Solving

### Students Who Passed Benchmark 1

### Great News – We Won the Benchmark Belt!

We are proud to announce that Oakdale TK-8 earned the Benchmark Belt for highest percentage increase in Tri 1 Benchmarks in the TK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. Together we achieved an impressive overall increase of 14.09% in ELA and Math compared to last year.

This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our students and the strong support from families. Thank you for ensuring homework is completed, encouraging daily student habits, and partnering with teachers to keep students on track.

Please join us in celebrating this progress – we're excited to keep building momentum throughout the year!

### Oakdale School Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
8:00 – 2:42  
Wednesday – Early Release  
8:00 – 12:42

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/12 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip - MOSAC
- 1/13 Growth Mindset Parent Presentation 5:30
- 1/16 Tri 2 Progress Reports go home
- 1/19 MLK Holiday - No School
- 1/28 School Site Council Mtg. 4:00 pm
- 1/30 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip - MLK Jr. High

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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