

# HUSKY HEADLINES

## OAK PARK-CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Oak Park-Carpenter Motto

Oak Park-Carpenter students are on time, on task, and on a mission. Our mission is: LEARNING!



### Jennifer Gill, Principal

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**Friday, September 28, 2007**

## PRINCIPAL NOTES

### From the Principal

Now that the first day of fall has come and gone, we are looking ahead to our fall parties. We celebrate the arrival of fall with **classroom parties on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:15-2:45 p.m.** We have decided that students will be allowed to wear costumes to school and throughout the day. But first and foremost is learning. If a costume interferes with learning in the classroom, the student will be asked to change. Some children and/or their families are frightened by or sensitive to costumes that are violent, occult, macabre, or anti-religious. Since the school wants to teach children to cooperate, to resolve conflicts, and to be sensitive to all points of view, costumes are not to focus on violent or frightening themes that include weapons, blood, and gore. This will require more thought and planning, but it should result in more original, creative, and fun costumes!

#### Costume design and content:

- No face paint or masks may be worn.
- **Costumes with a scary, gory, or insulting theme are not allowed** to respect the varying ages and values of every child.
- Anything that can injure or intimidate others is never allowed at school. **No weapons of any kind are allowed on school property at any time.** Refer to your Shawnee Mission Weapons Policy if you have questions.

#### October 31<sup>st</sup> Fall Party Day:

- Costumes may be worn all day
- Costume parade will be in the back circle drive from 2:00-2:15 p.m.
- Party time is 2:15-2:45 p.m.
- Parents who come for the parade or party may take their child home when the party ends at 2:45 p.m.

**Construction notes:** Thank you for your patience with the continued construction on site. Progress continues and another round of seeding is scheduled this fall. Security cameras are being installed this week.

**Watch the weather** as it becomes more unpredictable over the fall and winter; please give yourself enough time when backups will

occur in the parking lot during arrival and dismissal. Stay the course, don't use the "bus only" lane, proceed cautiously, and look both ways. We have done a great job with safety in good weather, so I anticipate that will continue.

It's raining sunshine at Oak Park-Carpenter and then some...



## CONGRATULATIONS

To the  
**Newly Elected**  
**Student Council Officers for**  
**2007-2008**

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**Lily Johnson**  
President

**Lauren McCarthy**  
Vice-President

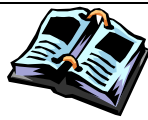
**Jordan Winter**  
Treasurer

**Colson Bayles**  
Secretary

**Mitchell Fowler**  
Sergeant at Arms



## Calendar



### Oct

- 1 **NO SCHOOL – GRADES K-6**  
School Improvement Day
- 2 PTA Meeting @ 7:00
- 2 Field Trip-4<sup>th</sup>-Hedlund/Lanesfield @ 8:45
- 3 Field Trip-4<sup>th</sup>-Frye/Lanesfield @ 8:45
- 3 Mathletics at Oak Park-Carpenter @ 4:00-5:00
- 4 Field Trip-4<sup>th</sup>-Baughman/Lanesfield @ 8:45
- 5 Field Trip-CBD/Oak Park Mall & Bump City @ 10:45
- 5 Skating Party @ 4:00-6:00
- 8 Field Trip-5<sup>th</sup>-Casey/Jo Co Library @ 9:30
- 9 Field Trip-5<sup>th</sup>-Bales/Jo Co Library @ 9:30
- 10 Field Trip-Kdg/KC Pumpkin Patch @ 9:00
- 10 Field Trip-5<sup>th</sup>-Weidling/Jo Co Library @ 9:30
- 11 **PICTURE DAY**  
Field Trip-1<sup>st</sup>/Weston Red Barn Farm @ 8:45
- 11 Field Trip-CBD/Midland Railway Depot @ 9:30
- 11 Student Council @ 3:15-4:00
- 12 **NO SCHOOL-End of 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr**  
**Oak Park Haunted House 5:30-8:00**
- 17 **Husky Headlines** Article Deadline @ Noon
- 18 Bus Safety
- 18-26 **Fall Clothing Drive**
- 19 Bus Safety
- 19 Field Trip-CBD/Aquatic Center @ 12:30
- 19 **Husky Headlines** Distributed
- 23 Pre-School Fun Time 6:30-7:30
- 24 Field Trip-Kdg/American Royal @ 8:45
- 25 **NO SCHOOL – GRADES K-6**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 26 **NO SCHOOL – GRADES K-6**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 31 Math Club @ 3:15-4:00
- 31 Fall Parties @ 2:15-2:45



## Newsletters-Husky Headlines



2007-2008 Husky Headlines distribution dates are Fridays unless otherwise noted:

October 19  
November 16  
December 14  
January 25

February 22  
March 13 (Thursday)  
April 25  
May 23

Articles must be submitted to the office or to [janedimmel@smsd.org](mailto:janedimmel@smsd.org) by noon the Wednesday prior to the above distribution dates.

## ~CAFETERIA NEWS~

### LUNCH LADY LAUGHTER

Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Orange  
Orange who?



Orange you glad you eat the school lunch!

**We are!**

*Thanks for eating with us everyday  
in the lunchroom!*

*Miss Martha, Miss Alexis & Miss Kathy*

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**I SCREAM  
YOU SCREAM  
WE ALL SCREAM FOR.....  
ICE –CREAM!!!!!!**



**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Remember your extra change!**

**It's time for ice-cream & novelties in the kitchen!  
Every Friday starting on Friday October 5, 2007**

## SIGN UP FOR GIRL SCOUTS



**Girl Scout Sign Ups**

**All Ages**

**Contact Laura Winters**

**492-1283**

**[Lwinters3@yahoo.com](mailto:Lwinters3@yahoo.com)**



## TARGET

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## TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

Oak Park-Carpenter received over \$230.00 in September from TARGET & the Take Charge of Education program. Twice a year, TARGET donates to our school up to 1% of purchases when patrons use their REDcard and designate Oak Park-Carpenter. **PLEASE** designate "Oak Park-Carpenter", when shopping at TARGET and using your REDcard. Last year, TARGET donated over \$700.00 to our school!

## Choir Practice

The Oak Park-Carpenter Choir practices twice a week from 3:05 pm- 3:35 pm every Tuesday and Thursday.



~PTA NEWS~



**PTA  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
OCTOBER PTA  
MEETING**

**DATE CHANGE &  
PROGRAM  
ADDITION!!!**

**PTA MEETING &  
PARENT PROGRAM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6PM**

**Parent Program**

**- Bullying Prevention -**

*Childcare will be provided.*

*Please email Shobha Gardi at  
[gabana01@att.net](mailto:gabana01@att.net) for  
reservations.*

**PTA EMAIL LIST**

**Are you receiving PTA  
e-mails?**

**If not, please email your  
name and email address to  
Melisa Vick at**

**[melisa@m Vick.org](mailto:melisa@m Vick.org) to be  
added to PTA Group Mail.**

~PTA NEWS~



***Oct. 12 Will Be a Night of  
Thrills and Chills  
at the  
OPC Haunted House***

Have you made your plans yet to take a trip down the *Haunted Highway* on **Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**? **Join us from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** during this night of fun and frolicking, with a Haunted House that depicts scenes along a rural highway. The Wildwood Forest will feature games for the little ones, and other games will be set up all over the gym. Make a stop at the Dead Man's Curve Café and fill up your tank with food. And take time out to bid on items at the Silent Auction. A great variety of auction items will be offered – with things ranging from sports items, entertainment tickets, restaurant gift cards and a number of special packages.

Order your tickets now for the Oak Park-Carpenter Haunted House. **The pre-sale ticket deadline is October 8<sup>th</sup>.** Buy tickets to go through the Haunted Highway Haunted House, game tickets and wristbands for an all-night pass on the inflatables. **Tickets are cheaper if you order them through the pre-sale order form.** Tickets also will be available the night of the event. If you have questions about tickets, contact Jenny Ling at: 438-8198 or [jennyling@everestkc.net](mailto:jennyling@everestkc.net)

This annual event is a fundraiser hosted by the 6th grade class and their parents. The money raised pays for all 6th graders to participate in a 3-day learning camp at Wildwood in LaCynge, Kansas during the spring semester.



## ~PTA NEWS~

### Donate to the Haunted House Silent Auction

It's not too late to donate to the Haunted House Silent Auction!! If you, your workplace, a family member, friend, or neighbor has an item or service to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact MaryBeth Harnisch at 381-8212 or by email at [mbrnog@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbrnog@sbcglobal.net). All donations benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Wildwood Fund. Donations are tax deductible and the donor's name and contact information will be prominently displayed the night of the Haunted House. **We will be taking donations up to October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

This is a great opportunity to help the kids and get some great advertising exposure!!



## 1...2...3...**SAY CHEESE!**



### PICTURE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!

Please make note of Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lifetouch will be at our school taking our children's photos.

- Watch for a reminder flyer and order envelope to come home in backpacks the week of Oct. 1-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Please fill out the envelope and quickly return it with your child to their teacher or to the office.
- Every child's photo will be taken even if a packet is not ordered. This will be the photo used in the yearbook.
- PTA will be on hand to help make sure that every child looks their best.
- Remember to dress your child appropriately and help them with their hair before leaving for school on Thursday. We want every child to be proud of their photo!

## ~PTA NEWS~

### School Directory



The Oak Park-Carpenter school directory is completed and will be sent home soon! If anyone would like a soft copy of the directory on CD, please email your request to me at [Holly.Hatfield@tmcmcd.org](mailto:Holly.Hatfield@tmcmcd.org) or Carin Robison at [Carin.Robison@BCBSKC.com](mailto:Carin.Robison@BCBSKC.com).

You will need to send \$2 in an envelope with the outside marked as follows:

**Attn: Directory CD (Put in PTA 1<sup>st</sup> VP box)**  
**Parent's name and student's name**

Also, the \$2 price is only for members of the OP-C PTA. The cost of a directory or CD for non-members is \$6.

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### **REMINDER**

## **FALL CLOTHING DRIVE** **October 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**



(See attached flyer!)

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### **Skating Parties**

**There will be a skating party Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00.**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2007-2008 skating parties! The parties begin at 4:00 PM and are lots of fun!

**Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**



## ~PTA NEWS~

### PRE-SCHOOL FUN TIME!



Tell your friends and neighbors, Pre-School Fun Time dates have been scheduled. Our plans are to have 1 hour of fun including: crafts, story time, snack, and get to know one another. We are looking forward to meeting our pre-schoolers in the area!

Following are the dates for 2007-2008:

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Whole family, pizza & Kindergarten Tour  
RSVP 993-4100**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm**

**Enjoy time for craft & activities**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9:15am-10:15**

**Enjoy story time & activities**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Oak Park-Carpenter OPEN HOUSE**

**May 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Whole family, light dinner, & Kindergarten  
Question & answer – RSVP 993-4100**

For more information, you may contact Theresa Lauver at [lauverfamily@netzero.net](mailto:lauverfamily@netzero.net).

### Yearbook Photography



Keep snapping those pictures... and as you download good ones, send them on over to me.

Include in your email the class that is involved. As you are at the school or on a field trip or other school activity, take photos and get as many other kids and activities as you can. It helps us tremendously in the final selection of photos to have plenty to choose from.

We will have a couple of "photo collection drives" later in the school year, but as you download and come across those great pictures now, feel free to go ahead and send them on to me in an email. I will be cataloging them as I go.

Laura Bauer - OP-C Yearbook Chair  
[jbauer3@kc.rr.com](mailto:jbauer3@kc.rr.com)



## ~PTA NEWS~

### Service Committee News

*Do you like helping others?  
Do you want to help your school?  
Do you like being with your friends?*

...then the Oak Park-Carpenter Service Group is for you! Throughout the year, various service projects are planned to help our school, neighborhood and community. We are still planning the projects for this year, so keep an eye out for a packet coming home soon with lots of fun service projects. Some of the projects in the past have been.... Rake Up the Fall, Meals for Ronald McDonald House, Harvesters, Pennies for Patients, Ronald McDonald House Needs Drive, Clean Up Oak Park, Craft projects for Meals on Wheels, Flower Sale for Spencer's Treasures and many more. At the end of the year, all students who have "served" will receive recognition.

Any adult who wishes to help with this wonderful group may call Jenny Ling at 438-8198 or Barb Hardwick at 599-1570.



### RAKE UP THE FALL Saturday, November 17th



The Oak Park-Carpenter Service Committee is planning **Rake Up the Fall for Saturday November 17th**. We will meet in front of the school at 9:30 am and descend on the neighborhood to help our neighbors in need rake and bag their leaves. If it rains that day, we will do it on Saturday, December 8th.

If you would like to help out and rack up some Service hours, call Laura Bauer at 599-0586 or email her at [jbauer3@kc.rr.com](mailto:jbauer3@kc.rr.com). We request one adult from the family help if children are 3rd grade and younger. This is a great family activity and the recipients of our service are so grateful.

*If you have a neighbor who could use the help with leaves, pass their name and phone number on to Laura Bauer as well.*



## ~PTA NEWS~

### Spirit Wear Update -

All of the items are currently being produced. We hope to have them distributed no later than Oct. 12. There will be plenty of extra Window Decals and Sports Bottles if you forgot to order yours. We will probably take orders again during 2nd quarter for more shirts and hoodies.

Please contact Rachel Elvin with any questions at [relvin@everestkc.net](mailto:relvin@everestkc.net) or 913-652-0189.



### **PTA Meet and Greet Potluck Dinners were a Success!**

A huge thank you goes to the OPC families and teachers that attended these dinners and for supporting this new PTA event this year. The turnout was fantastic! Our desire for the nights were that everyone meet someone new, have fun, and enjoy a great meal with their families. We hope these dinners accomplished just that!

#### ***There are many people to thank:***

\*A round of applause goes to our chairpersons, who did a great job of organizing each dinner,

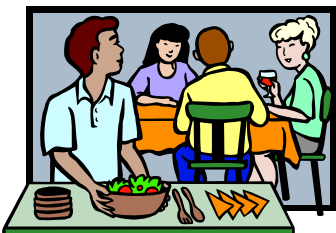
- Kindergarten – Terra Hasker & Melisa Vick
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Terra Hasker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Chrissy Wiley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Lisa Larson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sherri Hines
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Susan Adcox
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sherri Hines

**and** to their many volunteers who helped make each dinner a success!

\*Thank you to our custodians who set-up and cleaned-up for each of the dinners and to Ms. Gill for attending **every** dinner. Thanks Ms. Gill for your support!

\*A special thanks to the following Sonics for their generous donations of hot dogs, hot dog buns, hot dog boats, and condiments: 8905 Santa Fe Dr. & Oak Park Mall. In addition, the Sonic on 107<sup>th</sup> & Roe gave us a great deal on the hamburgers. We truly appreciate our local businesses for their support of our school.

Should we have these dinners again next year? Give us your comments. ☺



## ~PTA NEWS~



### Coupon Clips

Clippers please keep filling up the label/box top container located just off the lobby area down the hall towards the gym.

Please turn in all BoxTops and labels as soon as you can. **The next deadline is Friday 10/19.**

Thank You,  
Jennifer Reynolds



## ~DISTRICT NEWS~

### **SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOLS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

## **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FALL/WINTER 2007**

The Shawnee Mission School district's adult education program allows area patrons to learn new skills or upgrade current career and technical skills for personal and professional gain by enrolling in classes. Please see the brochure sent home via backpack mail for enrollment information and class offerings for the 2007 fall/winter session or call 913-993-8730.

