



# Oakdale STEAM Elementary School

“Together, we will SOAR!”

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Dear Oakdale STEAM Family,

Student:

Grade:

Teacher:

Room:

We welcome our new, returning, and choice students to the 2021-22 Academic Year! I am thrilled to join the Oakdale STEAM Team as principal, and look forward to working with you and your child. Meet the Dragons, our annual meet and greet, will be held on **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. To maximize safety during the Covid-19 pandemic, we are limiting the number of people in the building at one time. Please make arrangements to attend at the following specified times:

- 8:00 – 10:00am – Kindergarten and First Grade Families
- 10:30am – 12:30pm – Second and Third Grade Families
- 1:00 – 3:00pm – Fourth and Fifth Grade Families

This drop-in will be an opportunity for you to meet your child’s classroom teacher, see the classroom, and explore our learning community. There will be stations set up for you sign up to join our PTO and/or SIC, buy a Dragon t-shirt, complete lunch applications online, and get your car rider tags (driver’s license or valid ID required). If you have not yet completed the **Returning Student Registration**, please provide a **gas bill, electric bill, or a rental/lease agreement** when you arrive. Per district policy, all visitors must wear a face covering or mask that covers both nose and mouth.

## **First Day Information – Monday, August 16, 2021**

- The first day of school for students in K-5th grade is **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**, and it is a full day.
- Our students in **4K** will begin using a staggered start meaning that part of the class will attend August 16 and the other part will attend August 17. Pay close attention to this information from Ms. Hough.
- If your child rides a bus, he/she should be at the bus stop ten minutes early on the first day of school. On the second day of school, your child should report to the bus stop five minutes early. For bus information, call 803-980-2022.
- Be sure to send a note to your child’s teacher stating how he/she will be leaving school each day. If transportation home will be different the first few days of school, please provide the teacher with this information on the first day.

## **Additional Important Information**

- School supply lists are available under the *Families* tab on the district website and on Oakdale’s website.
- For safety reasons, we discourage the use of book bags with wheels. Any student with a book bag with wheels will be required to carry it in the hallways to help prevent accidents.
- Breakfast will be served daily in the cafeteria starting at 7:00am. Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students this year thanks to federal funding during the pandemic.
- You may apply for free and reduced lunch online at [www.school lunchapp.com](http://www.school lunchapp.com). Free or reduced status will carry forward from last year for the first thirty days of the new school year, which allows time for

processing new applications. Online payment plans are available at [www2.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www2.mypaymentsplus.com). You may contact the school office for your child's student ID number if your child does not remember his/hers.

- We gladly accept checks for food service accounts, book fairs, etc. with the following information: driver's license number, full name, street address, and phone number. Be sure to include your child's full name on the memo line.

### **Daily Routine**

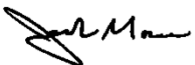
- The building opens at **7:00am each day**. Car riders may be dropped off at this time and enter using the main entrance.
- **The tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m.** If your child is tardy, an adult must come inside the school to sign in the student. Please make it a priority to have your child at school on time.
- **Students are dismissed at 2:25 p.m.**, and car riders should be **picked up by 2:40 p.m.** each day.
- Due to the busy nature of the office, **students will not be called out of class for early dismissal after 2:00 p.m. unless they have a scheduled appointment.** Be sure to provide an excuse upon your child's return to school the next day.
- Afternoon pick up for car riders will be at the marked porches of the building (K-1, 2-3, 4-5). Please do not pick up students from the main entrance or in the lobby. Each car coming through the pick-up line must display a **car rider tag in plain view** every day until the child is safely inside the vehicle.
- It is important that your child knows how he/she will be go home each day. If your child's transportation arrangements change during the school year, contact his/her teacher or the school office in writing. We do not accept phone calls to change transportation, except emergency situations. This procedure is to protect your child, as we cannot verify that we are speaking to an authorized parent/guardian over the telephone.
- **Parents of students who need to take prescription or over-the-counter medication during the school day must complete the Permission for School Administration of Medication form.** You may pick these forms up in the main office.
- **Challenger Afterschool Program information is available in the office and on our school website.**

All students will bring home important information on the first day of school. Please review this information carefully and complete and return all designated forms. All students will receive a copy of the Parent/Student Handbook that provides information about Oakdale's policies and procedures for your reference.

Finally, we encourage you to sign up online to volunteer, so you can be a part of Oakdale in every way possible. Go to the Oakdale website and click "Families" to find the link to the Volunteer Application. Our PTO and SIC are two parent organizations through which you can get involved, but there are many other opportunities, as well. Be sure to visit our school website to learn more about our wonderful staff, Oakdale's history, and our STEAM Choice Program. Follow us on Twitter at @STEAMatOakdale.

I look forward to meeting you on Thursday, August 12 during your specified grade level time! Per district policy, all visitors must wear a face covering or mask that covers both nose and mouth.

Sincerely,



Jacob Moree  
Principal