Happy last day of summer!

I won't take up much of your time this afternoon with this newsletter, so you can all get out and enjoy the beautiful day!

I am happy to report to you that we have three amazing women who have stepped up to chair the Parent Association- Sophia Shaikh, Julie Giannelli and Heather Kaufmann. Together they have six current students here (and one recent graduate). These three families have been a part of the core of our community here for many years. They bring experience, creativity and energy to everything they do. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with them. The Parent Association (PA) is a volunteer organization led by parents and is supported by the Oak Grove Montessori School. As a parent, you are automatically a member! The goal of the PA is to promote family involvement in the fabric of our school and enrich each child's education and each family's experience. As a group, the PA helps to maintain and create an environment that is welcoming and inclusive of the entire OGMS community. The mission is to support our school by providing opportunities for parent participation that directly benefit the children, the staff, as well as strengthen the Oak Grove community. We have a calendar full of fun events. Stay tuned, as you will hear more from these tri-chairs in the coming weeks. Again, a huge thank you goes out to Sophia, Julie and Heather!

I mentioned in my last newsletter that we are collaborating with Amazon.com. We are off and running! You will find a direct link at the bottom of our website homepage to Amazon. This will take you directly to the Amazon home page. Please notice that when it takes you to the Amazon home page, you will see our special Oak Grove coding that follows the amazon.com address. This is the code that gives us the 6% of all purchases. You can cut and paste that address and keep it on your desktop or in your favorites, so in the future you do not need to go through our website to get there. When you do this for the first time, it will open with all of your account information. Please let me know if you have any questions, and please pass on this web address to all of your friends and families members who order from Amazon! This has the potential to be a great financial opportunity for our school, but it will only work if we all remember to use it!!

A couple of events to mark on your calendar...
This Sunday - Come and march, or watch us march, in the *Celebrate Mansfield Parade*. We will be lining up at 11 and the parade starts at noon. Come and ask if you have any questions.

Wednesday October 9th at 6:30 - Fall Parent Social - Come and meet the entire Oak Grove Staff and the Board of Trustees and join us for some fall refreshments.

Sunday October 27th - The 19th Annual Hibernation Festival - Bring your friends and family members and join us for a fun family afternoon of craft making, foods, entertainment and lots more surprises.

Have a great weekend. I hope to see you all at the parade on Sunday.

In peace,
Sue