Upcoming Events...

- Mon March 21 - Muffin Monday. Join us after morning drop off to catch up and chat!
- **Mon March 21** - Contracts are due for returning families
- Thurs March 24 - 9-12 Classroom Science Fair 3:00-4:00
- Fri March 25 - Parent / Teacher Conferences No School (please make sure you have signed up for a conference)
- Thurs April 14 - 9-12 classroom Literary Luncheon
- Apr 18-22 - Spring Vacation
- April 28 - 6-9 Classroom Mammal Night 6:00 pm
- Thurs May 5 - 9-12 classroom theater production 6:00 pm
- Fri May 6 - Grandparents / Special Persons Day 1:30-3:00
- Sun May 8 - Mother’s Day

A Huge Thank You

Saturday night was an example of how to do something right! For those of you who could not attend, I wish I had the words to describe the feeling and the energy that permeated the event from start to finish. I would like to thank Horizons and the incredible staff that welcomed us and allowed us to create a venue that was comfortable, warm, functional and welcoming (not to mention bedazzled!) Kudos to the auction committee. An amazing amount of work and effort that made for a memorable and exciting night. (Beth Gnazzo, Sherry D’Alessandro, Julie Giannelli, Alicia Dinda, Tia Whalen and Cindy Henry). I also want to extend my gratitude to the additional team that came together on Saturday night. They worked their tails off and helped make the night seamless: Greg Howard, Steve Zickmann, Mike Gnazzo, Laurie Boulay, Jen Nelson, Lynz Morhan, Kyle Dunnack, Dede Delaney, Laurene Palmer, Chris McNaboe, Scott Lambeck, Bill Piotroski and Joe Henry. We will not have our final numbers for a few days, but I am confident to report that it is looking like we will meet our financial goal.

And equally important to meeting our financial goal, I think that everyone who was there would agree, that we met our goal of bringing our community together, sharing a night of laughter and fun, getting to know each other better, and understanding how important this night was for our school. Thank you for coming, for bidding, for supporting and for understanding! My deepest gratitude for all the help and support!
Alumni News...

Cindy and Joe Henry hosted an Oak Grove reunion of sorts. This group (a couple others were unable to make it) try to get together once a year or so to reconnect and catch up. Oak Grove will always be their common thread bonding them, even though life has taken them in different directions. These six girls finished at Oak Grove between 2008 and 2011. From top left, Emma Drewry is a senior in high school. She attends Stanford Online High School based at Stanford University and also attends some classes at ECSU. She is waiting to hear from colleges now, but wants to enter a television/film production program in California. Nicole Lembo is a senior at Classical Magnet School in Hartford. She is waiting to hear from schools for next year. Nadia Henry is a junior at Classical Magnet School in Hartford. Bottom row: Maya Barton-Zuckerman and Hannah Angelides both are seniors at EO Smith High School. Maya is off to Brandeis University in the fall and Hannah is off to St. Lawrence University. Anna Turner is a junior boarding student at Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT. Cindy told me that listening to the chatter and the laughter, it was like they were all still here at Oak Grove playing on the playground! Thank you Cindy and Joe for helping to reconnect these old friends!!

A Day of Art with Diana Cote

The Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary Class and the Kindergarteners had the opportunity to work with artist Diana Cote last week. Diana is a contemporary artist who works in a variety of mediums. She is currently showing at the Kerri Art Gallery in Willimantic. She lives and works in her studio in East Hartford, CT. Not only has Diana shown her work all over New England and beyond, she is also a passionate ballroom dancer and dance instructor. It was such a treat to have her here at Oak Grove for the day! A few of us went to the Kerri Gallery for her opening the next evening, and her work was amazing!
After School Enrichment Programs

- March 28-31 is Kid’s Cafe (the yummy goods will be sold at school Fri April 1 at drop off!)
- April 4-7 is Gardening Club
- April 25-28 is Kid’s Cafe (selling on Fri April 29th at drop off!)

The kids have been having such a great time with these after school enrichment programs. There are still a few spots available. See Cindy to sign up your child!

Happenings Around the Grove...