

# In the Middle

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Hello Oaklea Families!

The weather in late February made for a quick March to feel even more hectic. Spring break is just over a week away and we want to make sure that students and families have looked through our lost and found before we make arrangements for the remaining clothing.

As we wrap up the second trimester and we prepare for the third trimester we want to encourage all students to finish strong. Our awards assemblies for second trimester will take place after spring break. For our 8<sup>th</sup> graders we are needing a baby photo for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition video. Please be sure any pictures have the students full name written on the back.

We'd like to remind students and parents of a few policies we have at school. Cell phones must be kept put away all day at school, including lunch time. Cell phones should not be out, even to check time, for any reason throughout the day. Please discuss with your student that if their phone is confiscated for being out, a parent or guardian will need to come and get it back. Hats and hoods are not allowed on in the building during the school day. This is for safety reasons; we can easily see faces and identify people quickly without hats and hoods. Thank you for discussing with your students so we can help keep everyone safe. Coffee and sugary drinks are not allowed in the main part of the building. Students coming to school in the morning with these drinks are asked to finish them before going to class because we have had spills in halls, lockers and classrooms. The exception is water, which students are allowed to take to class. Thank you for helping our building stay clean.

I would really like to encourage all parents to be extra vigilant about vapes and e-cigarettes. This has become an enormous issue nationwide with teen usage up almost 300%. These devices can be very small and can look like small USB drives. Have conversations with your student regarding this health concern and encourage them to make great choices to stay away from any use. See the next page for more information regarding this from Nurse Carol. If you need more information regarding the health concerns and dangers please do not hesitate to contact us.

And finally, I'd like to thank all the parents and families for their continued support of our students and staff. It has been a fantastic year and this is in no small part because of the partnership between home and school. Encourage your student(s) to be at school every day, because attendance matters!

Sincerely,

Justin Corey (jcorey@junctioncity.k12.or.us)

Principal

## Calendar of Events

### March

**Thu 3/14 School day-End of 2nd Trimester**

**Fri 3/15 No School-Teacher workday**

**Sat 3/16 Regional OBOB at Oaklea, 9:00 a.m.**

**3/25-3/29 Spring Break**

### April

**Wed 4/3 8th grade Panoramic photo  
Spring photos**

**Fri 4/5 8:15 Parent Group Meeting**

**Wed 4/10 Early Release, 1:27**



**Introducing 5th grade teacher Liz Knutson!** I became a teacher because I love learning and working with kids! I especially like doing wacky science experiments in class and working on challenging math problems. My favorite things to do in my free time are camping, hiking, soccer and spending time with my family. My husband and I traveled to Italy and especially enjoyed the history, art, and architecture. To relax, I love to draw and paint with watercolor.

**Student's of the month for March**



The following students were nominated by their teacher for outstanding citizenship and dedication to school work. Congratulations!

**Noah P. is a 5th grader** who is very kind and helpful to others. He also had a great attitude in class!

**Lluvia G. is a 6th grader** who is a hard worker, dedicated and conscientious in her work. She is fun and kind to others.

**Nathan M. is a 7th grader** who is very respectful to everyone and incredibly kind to people. He works hard and always strives to do his best.

**Adleigh W. is an 8th grader** who shows grit and determination to understand and succeed—responses are always thoughtful and thorough. She is respectful to her classmates and teachers.

**“Pennies for Patients”** Oaklea participated in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s “Pennies for Patients” during this trimester. This was a service-learning program that gives students the unique experience of working together to help raise awareness and funds for adults and children fighting against blood cancers. During the campaign we raised \$1,628 and counted 88 lbs. of coins! A BIG “thank you” to all those who contributed! All types of change, bills, and personal checks are still accepted through March 22.

**Box Tops !** Remember we accept box tops all year long to raise money for various non-budgetary items throughout the school year!

**Oaklea's Fabulous 2018-19 Yearbook!**

**Your friends...Your Stories...Your School...Your Year!** The hardcover book is all in color and costs \$27. It can be ordered through the front office with cash or check made out to Oaklea Middle School. For online ordering using your credit or debit card, go to <https://YBPay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob> (job # 10189619) Online ordering deadline is April 22nd.

**Attention 8th graders!**

8th grade student’s baby pictures with name on the back are needed for the yearbook as well as for the slide show at 8th Grade Recognition. Bring in a hard copy to the Front Office for us to scan by April 1st or email them to: [JCclassof2022@gmail.com](mailto:JCclassof2022@gmail.com)

**Important Information from Nurse Puderbaugh**

Vape pen or JUUL (pronounced "jewel" and can be used as a noun or a verb "he was caught JUULing with his brand new JUUL") use has grown tremendously over the last couple of years, not only among adults but with college, high school and middle school students. The younger the person is when they start using them, the more concern for addiction to nicotine. Because the products are still relatively new, there are no long term studies about other possible health concerns. For your education; what they are, risks and more, we have information links posted on our district website (Departments > District Nurse) Please contact me with any questions or if you need more information.

**Tiger Stipe winners!:** James G, Adam F., Dane G., Mackenzie C., Eric J., Kaiden C., Rylan T., Justine B., Dustin M. Nathan F. Savanna M. for being Safe, Respectful and Responsible!