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**M STEP Assembly:** Oakland International Middle School held an M STEP Assembly last Friday, September 28. Students grades 5 through 12 who performed advanced or proficient in M STEP, received a medal and a certificate. Seniors from the high school also received a medal for good SAT scores. Keep up the good work.



**Grade 5 A:** We are now working on Prime factorization using factor trees in Math. In Social Studies we are studying Native American Cultures. In ELA, we are working on our writing and on subjects and predicates. We are also reading the story “Stone Soup”. Our student of the month for September is Inhar Saleh!!

**Grade 7:** 7th graders have started off the year very successfully! In Reading, we are using our textbooks to learn new reading strategies. In Writing, we are working on the proper structure of a 5-paragraph essay. In Social Studies, we have begun to study prehistory and early civilizations. In Math, students are working on proportional relationships. In Science, we are learning about Scientific thinking and the characteristics of a scientists. The 7th grade class is looking forward to a wonderful year!

**Grade 8**: Welcome back to another exciting school year. The eighth graders have been hard at work this month getting acclimated to being the leaders in the building. In writing this year, the students began the year writing a personal narrative by following the writing process.

In writing, we have started reading the BFG by Roald Dahl. They will link their reading and writing courses by writing a compare and contrast essay after watching the movie.

This year, the students will be using brand new social studies textbooks to learn more about US history. We have started chapter 1 learning about the Native Americans and European explorers. I’m very excited to get to know the students more and grow with them as the school year continues.

**Reading support**: We, students in Reading Support, are busy learning about text structure, especially Main Ideas & Details. We are using summaries, topic outlines, bullet point lists, and graphic organizers to show our understanding of how text is organized around a claim or main idea. We are also learning vocabulary, phonics, and sentence diagramming. On Fridays we read and discuss a novel. Ms. Holliday says that we make very good predictions about what will happen next!

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## October Upcoming Events

**Oct.1- NWEA testing continues**

**Oct 1-Soccer Game Keyworth Stadium 4:30 pm**

**Oct. 3- Count day**

**Oct. 3- Soccer Game Jayne Park 5 pm.**

**Oct. 4– Progress report cards go home**

**Oct. 8 Soccer Game**

**Eaton 5 pm**

**Oct. 10 Soccer Game**

**Bridge 5:45 pm**

**Oct. 19- Half a day**

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## Students Safety

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**The Character Education Theme for the month of October is**: “**Cooperation”**

**To work and act together.**

According to learnersdictionary.com: **“Cooperationis** a situation in which people work together to do something.”

Cooperation is when two or more people work together so that they are all better off. For cooperation to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do. To have real cooperation at school everyone needs to work together to follow school rules. These rules have been put into place to keep everyone in the school community safe and cared for.

What some people say about cooperation

"A single arrow is easily broken but not ten in a bundle." old Japanese proverb.

"When spider webs unite they can tie up a lion." Ethiopian proverb

Life Skill Corner:

Student Safety is an important subject everyone needs to practice. Safety in classroom, on the bus, in the hall, anywhere you are.

***The community of OaklandInternationalAcademy stakeholders is committed to student achievement, at grade level and beyond, as measured by state and national standards. Our system of comprehensive support provides the foundation for academic success for students of diverse backgrounds.***

**إن القائمون على مدارسأوكلاند الدولية ملتزمون بتفوق الطلاب أكاديمياً وفقاًللمعايير والإختبارات المحلية و الوطنية. إن برنامجنا التربوي شامل وداعم يوفر الأساس للنجاح الأكاديمي لجميعالطلاب من أصول عرقية متنوعة.**

Get organized:

**Planners:“Learning to be organized is a process, a skill that needs to be taught, practiced, and honed.”(Goldberg & Zwiebel, 2005) (Goldberg & Zwiebel, 2005)**

Teachers at Oakland International Academy, incorporate student planners in the classroom to enhance student learning, organization, time management, and assignment tracking.

Students write down their homework, readings, quizzes and tests in their planners to help them keep track of their work. Planners are a good way of communication between us and make you informed about your kid’s school work.

*Sometimes it is really easy to get disorganized and start losing your place in life but hopefully this helps you organize the simple areas in life.*

