

*Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.*

[Harriet Tubman](#)



## **February Principal's Corner**

Dear Oakside families,

We have reached the midway point of the school year. Please continue to support your child at home to maximize their fullest potential. Support could come in many ways, such as attending a school event or simply just having conversations with your child about school.

This month we celebrate Black History Month. Student work will be displayed in our hallways giving you a sampling of the wonderful researchers and writers your children are becoming, as well as the amazing things they are learning. Come and visit and you'll learn about Famous African Americans such as Nelson Mandela, George Washington Carver, Bessie Coleman, Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King Jr, President Obama and more!

Oakside's S.W.A.T Team will be working on a campaign called "Pennies for Patients" to benefit leukemia and lymphoma. We will be putting up collection boxes around the school. The collection days will run from February 29<sup>th</sup> thru March 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are also very proud to announce that we have dates for our 2016 Oakside's Got Talent Auditions will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3PM to 5PM. The big night will be Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 or 7 depending on the number of participants. Please encourage your child to participate. It is such an amazing way to make students feel like they are part of the Oakside community. We see more and more students each year coming out of their shell and finding their hidden talents.

### **Important Dates to remember:**

**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** – End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – Report Cards go home

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** – SEPTO meeting at the PHS library

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12** - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will take a **practice** Math and English Language Arts exam

**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - Winter Recess**

Please check out our website for upcoming events and as always, feel free to contact me at any time.

Stay warm,

*Staci Woodley*

Principal