

Staci Woodley, Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the 2016-2017 school year, I extend a warm welcome to our new school families and a "welcome back" to our returning families! I hope that the summer break has been an exciting and educational one for you all. We have a great year planned with many opportunities for you to come to Oakside and participate in your child's education. Please read all flyers, the school homepage, and listen for our Connect-Ed phone calls to keep up to date on events and school news.

I look forward to seeing you at our **Back to School** nights. These meetings will be for parents at <u>7:00PM</u> on the following days: **September 19**th for Grade 2 and **September 22**nd for Grade 3. Please save the date! There will be many opportunities for parent involvement throughout the school year. I can be contacted by calling the school office at 914-737-1591 or by email, <u>swoodley@peekskillcsd.org</u> if you have any questions.

Please remember to have your child complete the summer reading log and the graphic organizers. The graphic organizers can be found on our school's homepage and are included in this packet. Please return the book log and graphic organizers to Oakside no later than September 16th. The single most important thing we can do for our children is to read to and with them daily. The Field Library is a great resource for books and activities.

I hope that you and your child had an opportunity to read the letter from your new teacher together. Please know that the class placement decisions are made carefully and deliberately with help from teachers and support staff. Class placements will not be changed. New York State links student rosters to teacher names and it is critical that we work together to make these class partnerships work. I anticipate your full support with the professional decisions that have been made in the best interest of your child.

Our school day officially starts at 8:35AM. Remember: Our doors open at 8:00AM for the students. Students will have breakfast will be in the classrooms this year.

We are looking forward to an educationally fulfilling year and thank you in advance for your support in this effort.

Sincerely,

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An investment in knowledge pays the best interest – Benjamin Franklin