

Staci Woodley, Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the 2015-2016 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 **Meet the Teacher** nights. These meetings will be for parents at <u>7:00PM</u> on the following days: **September 22nd** for Grade 2 and **September 24th** 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. Please return the book log and graphic organizers to Oakside no later than September 11th. 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. The Field Library still has a few great activities planned for the end of August.

I ask that you and your child read the letter you receive 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 first day of school is September 3rd! Our school day officially starts at 8:35AM. Our doors do open at 8:00AM for the students that will have breakfast and for parents that need the early drop off time.

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