



NEWSLETTER #6

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OAK BRIDGE ACADEMY



Attention All Prospective Parents

Please join us to find out whether Oak Bridge Academy is right for your child. You will be able to hear about our school's philosophy, review our admission criteria, and tour the impressive facilities which host our school.

Monday, March 4th, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm (rescheduled)
Now Accepting Applications for 2019/2020 - Deadline March 12th*

Dr.Karen's Take

To all the parents of Oak Bridge Academy students - please breathe.

If you are like most parents who have a child who struggles to fit-the-mold, it is probable you have learned to hold your breath and wait for the thunderstorm after the calm.

You may have noticed, your child has not been sent home - not even once - from Oak Bridge Academy. You're puzzled and confused.... He only tolerated half days last year.... You wait for that dreaded

weekly phone call.... You grow restless inside.... It's been 5 months....

An extended calm - such a novel experience! You're still scared the bottom will fall out.... It's just a matter of time.

Not anymore! Not from school anyway, which is a huge chunk of your child's daily life.

Give yourself permission to believe your child is successful at school! How freeing is that?!



Dr. Karen Backway
Board Member

You can stop holding your breath now. Seriously. Breathe...

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about opportunities to DONATE or VOLUNTEER, please contact us.
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Fundraising Update

We're Getting Closer and Closer to our \$200,000 Lift-off Campaign Goal!

Oak Bridge Academy is so grateful to its many generous supporters, including the following organizations and families:

- Aeon Industrial - A big thanks for donating the proceeds from their charitable golf tournament - \$9,252.67!
- Good Life Kids Foundation - funding for Gymnastics and Karate
- Giving Tuesday Campaign and Holiday fundraising campaign raised \$31,860.00 - Heartfelt thanks to our generous donors!



School News

- The Green and White - a student initiated, student driven and student published newsletter goes out every Friday to parents and staff.
- Swimming - brrrh! Despite the nippy cold, it's awesome!
- Young Engineers - adventures in coding continue....
- This just in... funding from the Good Life Kids Foundation - Gymnastics (in partnership with KW gymnastics), King Fu (in partnership with Kitchener Kicks)
- OBA starred in the local CTV news special 'In Your Back Yard'. Check out our website to see the awesome clips!



A FUN Night out at the Break Room Bar and Billiards

Thursday May 9th
7:00 - 10:00pm

Come on out and support Oak Bridge Academy.
Tickets are \$25.00 each
Includes Food, Activities & Good Times!



2nd Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner!

Tuesday, June 11th

Please consider joining us for our Academy's BIGGEST fundraiser of the year - It's a great time for a great cause!

\$3000 per Foursome
(Includes hole sponsorship, lunch, dinner, beverage cart)
See our Website for Registration Details



Kathie's Corner

I am never quite sure where to begin! There is just so much excitement - the corridors are practically electrified.

Thanks to our most generous donors and some fantastic grants our students continue to learn all about coding from Young Engineers as an adjunct to our science, technology and math curriculum. Swimming lessons have started - despite the nippy cold weather - and the kids just LOVE it. And most recently, Oak Bridge Academy received funding for both gymnastics (in partnership with KW gymnastics) and Kung Fu (in partnership

with Kitchener Kicks) programming to be included as part of the physical education curriculum.

Rest assured we also teach reading and writing and all the other Ontario school curriculum, though I am not sure the kids notice!

The plans are in the works to provide ACT training for parents who might be puzzled when their child comes home talking about self as context. Say whaaat? Stay tuned for dates.

As we head into the homestretch before spring break, don't forget to tell all your friends about our upcoming fundraising

events. They were fun last year - but now that we have a network of families - its bound blast beyond fun, into the spectacular range!

Gosh - the excitement just keeps building!



Kathie Shaw MSW, RSW, BCBA (Principal)