Oakridge Junior Public School

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GRADE RANGE:	JK to 4

Interesting Feature

The Heart of the Community

Oakridge Junior Public School is part of the TDSB Model Schools for Inner Cities Initiative. Students, staff and parents are actively involved in a variety of opportunities which enrich their lives. Oakridge strives to achieve fairness and equity, to be the heart of the community, to provide an inclusive culture, and to set high expectations for our students. Our collective goal is to develop happy, supported students who will become great adults and citizens of the world.

THE OAKRIDGE WAY

Oakridge Junior Public School is a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 community school with an enrolment of 800 students. As part of the Model Schools for Inner City initiative, the staff, parents and community are committed to providing a wide range of educational opportunities and rich learning experiences for all students.

The Oakridge Way is the cornerstone of our school code of conduct and is in line with the Board's Character Development Program. At our monthly assemblies, we recognize excellence in academic achievement and social skills.

At Oakridge we value our partnership with our parents who are actively involved in the education of their children through Family Nights, School Council, Nutrition programs, and school functions.

School Focus

Through Oakridge's School Improvement Plan our priorities for this school year include increasing support for our at risk students. We continue to strive to improve the delivery of reading and writing instruction in all grades and to build instructional capacity amongst teachers to improve professional practice in all subjects. The teachers use a variety of texts, resources and manipulatives to support instruction in all strands of science and math. Oakridge adopts a school-wide safe schools approach and uses Character Development, Bullying Prevention and Intervention initiatives consistent with the Oakridge Way philosophy.

More Information about Oakridge Junior Public School

Eco Schools

In recent years Oakridge has reached Platinum Eco Status. The entire staff and student body work very hard to ensure that garbage is separated into food waste, recyclables and garbage. We are constantly being educated on the effects of waste on the environment. Environmental students help out in the lunch room, classrooms and in our beautiful "Star Garden" courtyard.

Supporting Physical, Emotional, and Social Needs

Oakridge works closely with parents and community partners to support the physical, emotional, and social needs of our students. Hearing and vision screening and a growing nutrition program are all part of what we do to help our children be successful. We support students in their regular classroom as well as provide small group learning opportunities, where appropriate.

Our Students

Total Number of Students: 791
Primary language other than English: 87%
Students living in Canada 5 years or less: 33%

Specialized Instruction

At Oakridge we are fortunate to have the Literacy Enrichment Academic Program (LEAP). It is an accelerated program for students aged 9 - 11 who have recently arrived in Canada with limited prior schooling. A variety of special education programs and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities.

Additional Features

- Roots of Empathy
- Parenting and Family Literacy Ctr.
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Scientists in the School
- Family Nights
- Ready-Set-Go / Welcome to Kinderg.
- Reading Recovery
- Intern'l Lang's and Summer School

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=4696&schoolId=1214

Student Life - Where You Belong

The Oakridge staff is dedicated toward providing Extra-Curricular programs to students affording them growth experiences as individuals and as team players. Oakridge offers a wide variety of programs which include Athletics, The Arts, Leadership Opportunities and Clubs. For Athletics, Oakridge offers House League, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Badminton, Bordenball, Soccer, Cricket and Track and Field. In The Arts we offer Art Club, Folk Dance, Bollywood Dance, Band and Choir. Leadership opportunities are provided to students in a variety of ways. They can be or get involved in Reading Rangers, Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Youth-Assisting-Youth, Future Possibilitarians, and/or Boys and Girls Club. Oakridge offers many different Clubs for our students including Board Games, Computer Club, Boys and Girls Club, Crafts, Cooking and Environmental Club, and Blessings in a Backpack.

What Sets Us Apart

Our Students: Oakridge Junior Public School has a long and rich history dating back to the last century. With almost 800 students and 29 different language groups, many are new to the community and bring a richness in diversity of culture, language and experience to our school.

Our Staff: The staff at Oakridge provide a wide range of experiences to support student learning. Our programs, instructional practices, professional knowledge and leadership enable students to gain the knowledge and skills required of them to become responsible, caring and contributing participants of a democratic society.

Parent and Community Engagement

Oakridge Jr. P.S. supports the many initiatives of the Oakridge Community Centre. We host students from UOIT, Ryerson, and The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE/UT). We also provide placement opportunities for ECE's in training. Our Settlement Worker provides assistance to help new families in our community. We are a "Priority School" which is a TDSB community use of schools initiative. Oakridge has a Learning Partnership with the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre. The School Advisory Council meets several times per year. Parents and other volunteers assist regularly in classrooms, in the Library and on field trips. Family Literacy evenings are provided to strengthen the Reading/Writing process. Parents support the Oakridge Code of Conduct, "The Oakridge Way". Parents are actively involved in Fundraising activities and after school athletics.

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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