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Upcoming Events

Feb. 16	Lower Elementary Science Fair
Feb. 18	Winter Wonderland Gala 5:45 PM Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
Feb. 20	Box Tops for Education Submission Deadline
Feb. 23	Coffee with the Head 8:45 Victorian Farmhouse
Feb. 23	Toddler Cook Day
Feb. 24	Infant and Toddler Classrooms Closed

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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Headlines from Oak Farm Montessori School

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FROM JUDITH CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF SCHOOL

This Will Be a True Winter Wonderland

Every year our Winter Wonderland grows. This year, thanks to the effort of Mandy Westropp, Jillian Chalk, Jenna Ott and their team of parent volunteers our parent participation is growing again. Our lively auctioneer, Jama Smith, will keep spirits high with jokes and stories and the End Times Spasm Band will keep our feet tapping on and off the dance floor.

One reason parents get so involved with the plans and why so many more attend is the sense of community they feel interacting with other parents and with their classroom teachers and the Oak Farm faculty. Knowing that they will be socializing with the faculty in an informal, social setting is another fun reason to attend. It is also a great opportunity for parents who have never really had a chance to meet to spend some time together.

Although Winter Wonderland is an important fundraiser for us, enabling us to purchase items such as Montessori and classroom supplies, books for the library, and professional development for the teachers, the most important focus of the event is to help build and strengthen our shared sense of community. The amount of talent, time, and treasure donated to create the event and the sense of community it engenders will be evident the moment you arrive at *Midnight in Paris* at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

I am looking forward to seeing you there and to share the celebration.

Judith

STUDENT ORGANIZED SKI CLUB SUCCESSFUL AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Andrea Deihl, PE Specialist



Alex, Nathan, and Ethan enjoy the day at Timber Ridge.

Late last fall, two students started asking questions about a ski club for the middle school. Megan and Ethan asked for guidance on how to get one organized. They first put out an interest sign-up form for the middle school students to see if anyone was interested in participating. They then took all the information from the ski resorts such as cost of rentals, lift tickets, travel time, and hours of operation, and created a sign-up sheet. Megan and Ethan also had the challenge of arranging transportation for the scheduled trips. Two of the four trips made it past the planning stage.

Peyton, Ethan, and Reid went on the first trip to Bittersweet Ski Resort and Ethan's' and Peyton's' parents provided transportation for the students. The second trip to Timber Ridge included Ethan, Alex, and Nathan. Each trip was filled with memories of snow-covered trails making for great skiing, and taking turns trying new routes of jumps and bumps down the hill.



Pictured left to right: Andrea Deihl, Ethan, James Cameron, Chloe, David Deihl, Reid, Brent Straley, and Peyton make the trip to Bittersweet Ski Resort (in the snow) to enjoy the new power snow.

COACHES FOR SPRING SPORTS NEEDED

By Andrea Deihl, Athletic Director/PE Specialist

Oak Farm is looking for Golf and Track and Field coaches. If you are interested please contact Andrea Deihl (260) 897-4270 or adeihl@oakfarmschool.com.

Golf Coach

The golf team is a co-ed team consisting of no more than 10 students from both Oak Farm and St. Mary's School (Avilla). Students in grades 4-8 may participate. Requirements: knowledge of the game and playing etiquette, patience and willingness to work with young students who may have never played before, able to model and hold student athletes accountable to the Oak Farm Code of Conduct, able to organize and manage practices (up to four nights a week for practices and matches mid-March through mid-May), recent background check.

Track & Field Coaches (2 needed)

The track team is a co-ed team consisting of no more than 25 students from both Oak Farm and St. Mary's School (Avilla). Students in grades 5-8 may participate. Requirements: knowledge of running, field events, sprinting, and hurdling; patience and willingness to work with young students who may have never played before; able to model and hold student athletes accountable to the Oak Farm Code of Conduct; organize and manage practices (up to four nights a week for practices and meets mid-March through mid-May); recent background check.