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- Apr. 6 **School Closed - Good Friday**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	27	28	29	1	2	3
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Headlines from Oak Farm Montessori School

Our mission is to provide a Montessori environment that inspires children to reach their potential through meaningful work.

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FROM JUDITH CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF SCHOOL

We Are Growing!

The Red Barn has been called an icon for Oak Farm because it is among the original buildings and the one that housed the classroom of our founder, Lorene Dekko Salsberry. While we have grown, we want to maintain the sense of history and beauty of our beginnings. The Red Barn will remain and be expanded this summer to accommodate the growth in the elementary enrollment. We will be adding 3000 square feet and renovating 2500 square feet.



While construction will start as soon as possible, the focus is to build the space not being used by the students. That means that the basement and framing of the new addition to the west will be the first phase which will be completed before the end of the school year. The entire project is expected to be completed by July 31, 2012.

You may have noticed that the old animal barn is being removed. It will temporarily hold parking for the construction workers. Access to the site for the workers and heavy equipment will be from that same area south of the Red Barn.

One of the exciting components of the new design is a courtyard in the center of the new addition allowing for natural light into the classrooms and creating an area that teachers and students can use for many classroom experiments and activities.

During May, we will begin packing up the seasonal contents of storage closets and cupboards in the Red Barn and storing those items in on-site portable storage containers. If you have boxes to donate, please contact Kelly who has begun accumulating a supply.

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FROM JUDITH CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF SCHOOL

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Every year is an exciting one for Oak Farm. Thanks to your support and your sharing the growth your children are experiencing, more and more of your friends and neighbors are joining our community.

What Happened After Montessori?

Come find out the answer to that question on Tuesday, March 13 at 6 PM in the Middle School as Oak Farm graduates tell us how they transitioned into high school and how their Montessori Education prepared them.

Childcare will be provided for any Primary through Upper-Elementary-age student beginning at 5:45 PM in the Victorian Farmhouse. The cost is \$5 per child; please RSVP to Lisa for the presentation and for childcare before 3 PM on Tuesday, March 13.

CROSSING THE BRIDGE . . . VISITING THE JAY COUNTY FIBER FESTIVAL AND TESTING OUT EGG SALES

This past week a number of students at the middle school participated in our first egg sale, and also took some time to visit the Jay County Fiber Festival in Portland, Indiana, south of Fort Wayne.



Desi, Simran, Jordan, and Megan sell farm fresh eggs to a new customer.

By Megan, 8th-Year Student

Last Monday we sold nine dozen eggs to the parents in the car line of the middle school. Students were stationed outside the main entrance at a picnic table during car line. Six students participated by either holding a sign, transporting eggs from the refrigerator to the table, giving the eggs to the customer, or working with the money. This was a pre-sale to determine the interest of possible clients and to begin to work out a system of delivering the eggs to the customer. Once our chicken stock is back up to full production, we hope to move into more regular egg sales. Thank you to all our customers and we hope to see you again soon.



Jordan, Reid, and Elijah watch an experienced craftsman demonstrate his work.

By Rachel Davison, Middle School Teacher

Last week Elijah, Isaac, Jordan, and Reid volunteered to become leaders in the Middle School's developing fiber program. They attended the Jay County Fiber Festival on Friday to gather knowledge and skills that could be brought back and incorporated into the program. Jordan took a spinning class from a master spinner while the boys were very interested in learning more about herd management. They learned about natural dyeing and woodcarving, and were inspired by the many crafts and products at the fair. This quarter the students hope to use some of that knowledge as they take the lead in the spring shearing and making products with our own fiber.

Get Your Oak Farm

Athletic Gear

The athletic department is offering three items for purchase. If you would like to purchase any of the following items please fill out the form below and turn in to Andrea Diehl's mailbox in the Victorian Farmhouse by **April 4th**.

These are not pre-made; they are made after the whole order is turned into the company for printing. You will not receive your order right away. Allow 3 weeks to receive your order.

Oak Farm

Make Checks
Payable to: Oak
Farm Athletics

Form Due by
April 4th



Falcons



Only Adult Sizes Available
Color: Oxford & Forest Green
Personalization Available \$3 each
Cost: \$35.00



Only Adult Sizes Available
Color: Forest & White
Personalization Available \$3 each
Cost: \$24.00



Only Adult Sizes Available
Color: Graphite
Personalization Not Available
Cost: \$ 27.00

Item	Personalize + \$3 each	Size	Cost
EX: Sweatshirt	Athletic Director	Adult XL	38.00

Total Cost: _____