

BASA: North

Oak Park Elementary

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Dear Parents,

The children have settled into our Afterschool program nicely. There are so many activities coming up that the children will have to participate in. Starting in September, we will begin our 4H gardens soon where the children will get to participate in the planting and nurturing of vegetables. We will also have Culinary coming soon to begin a 7-week course on healthy eating and cooking. Boy scouts and Girl scouts will be starting soon.

Attendance in BASA North; Oak Park Elementary

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program, which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program.

If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.



Upcoming Events

September 3rd Closed for Labor Day

Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Garden

Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - Culinary

Sept. 10th and Sept. 24th Girl scouts

Boy scout's - Sept. 12th, 26th.

Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:

1. **Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child's verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.
2. **Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.
3. **Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.

Michael Hall: Strong Fathers-Strong Families: <http://strongfathers.com/>