



Oak Grove Elementary

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>School Choice forms accepted Jan 3 – Feb 29</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Winter Holiday</i> <i>No School</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>School resumes</p>	<p>4</p> <p>College Spirit Day</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00-7:45 Robotics Club</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Oak Grove Spirit Day</p> <p>Report Cards Sent Home</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>College Spirit Day</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00-7:45 Robotics Club</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Oak Grove Spirit Day</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Holiday</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>College Spirit Day</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00-7:45 Robotics Club</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Oak Grove Spirit Day</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>24</p> <p>KLRN Parent Workshops 9:00-10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>College Spirit Day</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00-7:45 Robotics Club</p> <p>Diabetes Informational Parent Meeting 1:30-2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Oak Grove Spirit Day</p> <p>Clubs Day</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2:40 5th Grade Strings</p>	<p>31</p>				



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School Choice forms will be accepted from 7:20 a.m. on January 3 through 4:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012. Forms are available in the office and completed forms must be turned in to the office during this time frame.

How to make an electromagnet at home.

<http://www.sciencebob.com/experiments/electromagnet.php>

Materials:

- A large iron nail (about 3 inches)
- About 3 feet of THIN COATED copper wire
- A fresh D size battery
- Some paper clips or other small magnetic objects



Steps: **An adult must supervise you.**

- Leave about 8 inches of wire loose at one end and wrap most of the rest of the wire around the nail. Try not to overlap the wires.
- Cut the wire (if needed) so that there is about another 8 inches loose at the other end too.
- Now remove about an inch of the plastic coating from both ends of the wire and attach one wire to one end of the battery and the other wire to the other end of the battery. See picture. (It is best to tape the wires to the battery - be careful though, **the wire could get very hot!**)
- You've made an ELECTROMAGNET! Put the point of the nail near a few paper clips and it should pick them up!
- **NOTE:** Making an electromagnet uses up the battery somewhat quickly which is why the battery may get warm, so disconnect the wires when you are done exploring.

Most magnets, like the ones on many refrigerators, cannot be turned off, they are called permanent magnets. Magnets like the one you made that can be turned on and off, are called **ELECTROMAGNETS**. They run on electricity and are only magnetic when the electricity is flowing. The electricity flowing through the wire arranges the molecules in the nail so that they are attracted to certain metals. **NEVER get the wires of the electromagnet near a household outlet!**

If you are withdrawing your child(ren) please be sure to notify the office at least 24 hours in advance.

Principal's Column

New Cafeteria Procedures

In early January, Oak Grove will be implementing several new cafeteria procedures. You will notice classroom charts on the cafeteria wall. Classes can earn special recognition for showing good cafeteria manners. There will also be incentives for classes after they have received a number of stickers on their classroom chart.

Another change that we will be making is that the parents' tables on the stage will be reserved for the parent and the student only. There are a number of reasons for this change; primarily because this is a special lunch for the parent and the child. Students other than the parent's child will no longer be able to join the family when eating lunch. Another reason for this change is there are unintended hurt feelings that can start before lunch and last well after lunch when a friend isn't the one selected to have lunch with the family on the stage. *Thank you for your support of Oak Grove as we make this adjustment to make our school day go as smoothly as possible!*



We hope you enjoy your holiday break with friends and family. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012!

Handwritten signature: J. Moss Johnson