

Oakdale Breakfast Program

Community Involvement Opportunity

Starting in September, the Oakdale School initiated a breakfast program for students. As you may have heard, breakfast is the most important meal of the day! Due to parent work schedules, bussing times, and other constraints, for some of the kids in our district, this may be the only opportunity to start the day fueled-up and ready to learn. We all know it's hard to concentrate when our stomach is competing for our attention.

So far, the program has been very well received. **The school is currently serving at least 40 and sometimes over 60 students every morning between 8:00 – 8:30.** While the cost of the program is funded by breakfast fees and public funds, there is still a need and an opportunity for the community to partner with Oakdale to give our kids a great start every day.

What is needed? The school needs one or two (bring a friend) adults per day to help greet the kids, open milk or juice cartons, set out trays – and most importantly, give each child a warm smile and an encouraging word each day! What a great opportunity to both encourage our students and start our own day off on the right foot.

Who is helping organize this? The three local churches (Oakdale Baptist, Oakdale Church of Christ, and The Summit) are all together in their commitment to help provide the bulk of the volunteers for this program. We also invite the community at large to join us in this unique opportunity to spend a few minutes of our morning blessing the kids in our community.

How do I sign up? The school's new website does a great job of managing volunteer sign-ups. Simply go to the school web site, <http://www.oakdale.org>, and click on "Sign Up For Breakfast Duty". It couldn't be easier!

As this is a new volunteer effort, please look for updates as we tweak the program to make it as good for the students and community as possible.

Thanks for all you do!