

Oak Grove School

"Where Students Come First!"
DISTRICT


September 21, 2009

Dear Oak Grove Parents:

As you may know, President Obama recently prepared a speech to encourage children to do their best in school. Without being able to preview the speech, opinions varied as to its purpose. We received calls from parents who said they would take their children out of school if we were to show the speech as well as those who felt strongly that it should be shown live. The varied sentiments of our families seemed to be echoed throughout the country. As these discussions grew, we decided not to show the speech live because we did not want to place our children in the middle of an adult debate. We sent a link in the [Oak Grove News](#) so it could be viewed at home with parents.

Now some time has passed and parents and teachers have been able to review the speech.. Some teachers may wish to show the President's speech over the next few weeks. If your teacher plans to show it, you will be notified in advance and may contact the teacher to request an alternative activity for your child, if you so desire.

An optional viewing of the speech will be at 7:50 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. on **Friday, September 25 in the Elementary Library**. Parents may bring their children to the library or send their children with a short note indicating they will be attending the President's speech. You may also e-mail my secretary pickard@ogschool.org with your child's name so they can be added to the list of children who will be admitted to the building at 7:45 a.m. to view it with me. If you would like to preview the speech, Click [HERE](#) for a Link – Length 16 minutes

Thank you again for your interest in this issue and in your children's education. Your Board of Education and the Oak Grove Staff encourage continuing communication so that our District's educational goals are consistent with the expectations and needs of the community.

Sincerely,
Janice Matthews
Superintendent