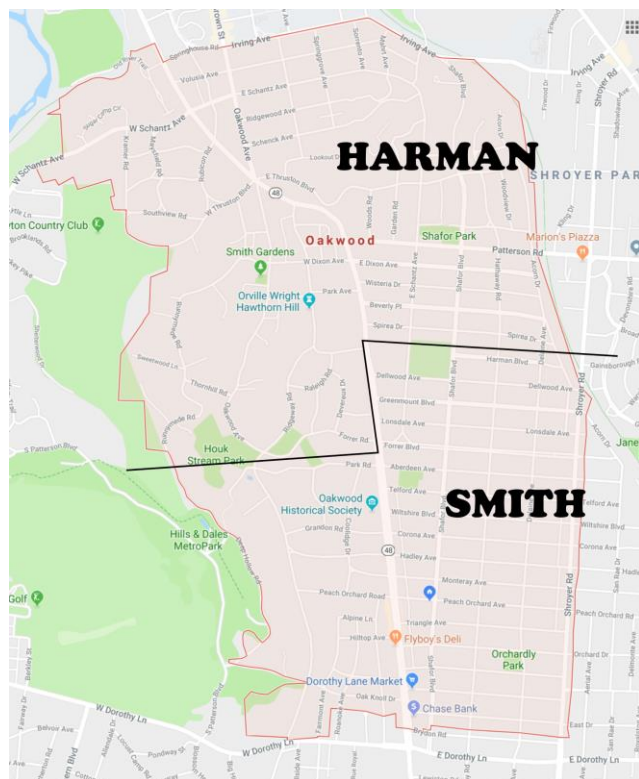


Welcome to Smith School!

The logo is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top is a torch with a blue flame. Below the torch is a yellow banner with the word 'SCHOLARSHIP' in blue. In the center is an open book. Below the book is another yellow banner with the words 'CITIZENSHIP' and 'LEADERSHIP' in blue. A large blue banner across the bottom of the shield reads 'OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS' in white. To the left of this banner is a yellow shield with 'EST.' in blue, and to the right is a yellow shield with '1908' in blue.

This New Families Binder is still a work in progress; particularly in this year 2020-21, due to the world-wide pandemic. We hope that in the future we will be able to reinstate these events and activities. If you see anything you think should be added or have any questions, please let us know.

Welcoming Committee
Smith School PTO 2020-2021



The E. D. Smith PTO is not a school-sponsored organization, but its funds support activities of the Oakwood City School District. Permission to distribute or display material does not imply agreement of its contents by either the administration of the school, the Superintendent, or the Board.

Oakwood Organizations

1) Edwin D. Smith School

About Smith School

The Shafor Boulevard Elementary School was founded in the Fall of 1926 with an enrollment of 110 children. In 1940 the Shafor Blvd School became the Edwin D. Smith School, changes in honor of Edwin D Smith on his retirement, after 18 years of service, from the board of education. In 2019 Smith School had an enrollment of approximately 425 students.

Smith School is located on 1701 Shafor Blvd, Dayton, OH 45419, right behind Wright Library. It houses 1st grade through 6th grade for all kids who live in the southern part of Oakwood. It also houses the public preschool (beginning at age 3) for all of Oakwood. Kindergarteners are at Lange school, but they can take a bus from Smith school in the morning and afternoon so that parents who have older and younger siblings only pick up/drop off at one location.

Getting to and from Smith School

Most kids walk to school in the morning. Younger children are encouraged to walk with parents. It's usually an enjoyable time as parents are also able to see a lot of friends at school drop off and pick up. 3rd grader and older students are allowed to bike by themselves and most parents let kids walk by themselves at 3rd grade. Many people walk their dogs to and from school drop off & pick up. Since people are not allowed to bring dogs onto campus, parents wait with their dogs across the street.

3 R's

While you are at Smith school, you will hear a lot about the 3R's. This means Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Build Relationship. Oakwood has many events that stress the importance of being an upstanding citizen. Students are all assigned a TIMBER group from the character education team and will have Buddies in other grades.

Communication from Smith School

Most information is emailed from ED Smith school's Administrative Assistant (Haggerty.Danielle@oakwoodschoools.org). If you'd like more information please 'like' the Smith School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithOakwoodSchools>, oakwood_schools on Instagram or visit the school webpage at: <https://smith.oakwoodschoools.org/>

Helpful information

Edwin D. Smith Elementary School (937-297-5335)
Edwin D. Smith Fax (937-297-1841)

It is important that when your child needs to stay home sick or has an appointment that you call the Absence line to report their location by 10a. If they have not been reported absent to this phone line the office staff spends valuable time tracking them down via teachers, parents, and other students. If the Administrative Assistant cannot locate them by 10a Oakwood PD will be called and sent out to find them.

Edwin D. Smith Absence Reporting System (937-297-5346)

Daily Schedule

For the 2020-21 school year the daily schedule will be:

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Morning Session

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch/Recess

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Session

Please refer to your child's schedule as shared from the school administration.

School Bus

There is no bussing for the school; however, kindergarteners attending Lange School use the bus in front of the school for transportation to/from Lange School and South Connection.

Lunch

Lunch is from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Traditionally all Oakwood Schools have **OPEN LUNCH**. If your child wants to come home for lunch, you do not have to sign them out. The students will walk out onto the lawn at 11:30 a.m. When they return, they will wait at the front doors until the teachers open it for them at 12:30. Even though their friends may be at recess, they are not allowed to join their class for recess if they choose to go home for lunch.

Smith School uses EZPay to manage payment for school lunches. Each student uses a PIN which will remain the same throughout his or her school years. The students will put in their PIN at the lunch line, and the amount of the sale will automatically be deducted from their account. If you refill their balance in their account online, the system charges you a 4% 'convenience fee.' If you do not wish to pay a fee, you can make a check out to "Smith School" and send it in to school. Students will receive their PIN by the 1st day of school.

Cafeteria Website: <https://smith.oakwoodschoools.org/smith-elementary/smith-cafeteria>

EZPay: <https://smith.oakwoodschoools.org/smith-elementary/ezpay>

Half Days

Most years about once every other month, kids are released from school at 11:43am. Tip: Know when those dates are and plan ahead for child care. The Oakwood School District Calendar will provide any half days, holidays and breaks. The Smith School Calendar will provide class events.

School Calendar:

Oakwood District calendar: <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/district/district-calendar>

Smith School calendar: <https://smith.oakwoodschoools.org/smith-elementary/smith-calendar>

Smith School PTO

About Smith School PTO

E.D. Smith PTO is an organization that recognizes that parents are partners in the education of their children. They organize many fun activities and clubs throughout the year such as: Movie Nights, Ghostwood Fall Festival, the Book Fair, Jr Great Books, Military Kids Club, Dragons

Night, Skating Parties, Cardio Club, Walk/Bike to School Day and Teacher Appreciation. There is no requirement to join PTO in order to volunteer in the school classrooms or on any of the committees, and there is no requirement to volunteer in the classroom or anywhere at all to be a member of the PTO.

How to get involved with the PTO

We will be using Membership Toolkit for our Directory and Online Sales for the 2020-2021 school year. Here's what you need to do:

Go to <https://smithptooakwood.membershiptoolkit.com>

- Click on the Register/Login button.
 - Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information. If you already have another MTK Account, you can use the same login information for all accounts.
 - Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
 - Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process.
1. Confirm/Update the Family and Student Information.
 2. Complete the Directory Publish Preferences, you choose what is published in the online and printed directory.
 3. Complete the Volunteer Opportunities Form. Tell us what you might be interested in volunteering for this year and we will contact you.
 4. Purchase a 2020-2021 PTO Membership. Only members will be granted access to the online directory. Becoming a member does not obligate you to volunteer, it is just a great way to support Smith Elementary PTO.

****Please note:** Smith, Harman, and OJHS/OHS are separate PTO's, purchasing membership to one does *NOT* grant access to all.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at edsmithdirectory@gmail.com for directory questions, or president@smithschoolpto.com for any other questions.

**For inclusion in the printed directory,
please confirm your family's information by August 28th.**

PTO Meetings

Meetings are typically held in the Smith library on the second Tuesday of every month at 7p- the Smith School Calendar will include PTO events. Everyone is welcome. Parents are welcome to attend our exec board meetings, at any time. This Fall our meetings will be held via ZOOM so you will need to register by emailing President@SmithSchoolPTO.com. When we're able to meet face to face again we will have 2 or more 6th grade helpers available to entertain our younger children during the PTO meetings in the hopes that more parents will be able attend.

To stay in touch, 'like' the PTO Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EDSMITHPTO> and check out the webpage at:
<https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/oakwood-pto/smith-pto>.

2020-21 Committee Descriptions and Leaders

Title	Description	2020-21
President	Directs the activities of the Smith PTO, presides over the exec Board mtgs, represents the pto at any functions or events and shall see that there is a smooth transition between the incoming and outgoing officers and committee leaders.	Elizabeth Oakley
1st Vice President / President Elect	Shall act as President in the event the President is unable to do so. Will take the office of President the following school year.	Lauren Kawai
2 nd Vice President	Shall be an ex-officio office to be held by the principal of Smith school, shall serve as president of the organization in the event either the President, Vice President or President Emeritus is unable to do so.	Chrissy Elliott
President Emeritus	Assists the President to ensure smooth transitions take place between incoming and outgoing officers and committee members, shall act as president in the event the President, and 1 st Vice President as unable to do so.	Heather Jackson
Recording Secretary	Will record the minutes of the meetings, distribute the minutes to the members of the board and make the minutes available to the general membership.	Jill McQuade
Corresponding Secretary	Will handle all written correspondence to include but not limited to Thank you, Get Well and Sympathy Cards. The Corresponding Secretary will also make all arrangements and deliver gifts when necessary. Will update the PTO Bulletin Board as needed	LaRee Baumann
Treasurer	Will be in charge of the financial assets of the organization, shall disburse funds as voted by the Executive Board and shall give a financial report at each meeting and shall prepare a financial report for our school year, as well as proposed budget for the upcoming school year to be presented at the Spring meeting. The term of this position will be 2 years.	Amanda Robb
Vice Treasurer	Shall act as treasurer of the organization and present at board meetings when the Treasurer is unable to do so. They will assist the Treasurer in fulfilling their duties during the year. The term of this position will be 2 years, followed by a 2 year term as treasurer.	Becky Dye

Fundraising Coordinator	Will coordinate and assist in directing fundraising committees.	Amy Honaker
Ghostwood Fall Fest	Will arrange volunteers to organize and work with this PTO-sponsored family fundraiser which includes food, games and other fun filled theme rooms.	
Book Fair & Used Book Sale	Coordinates the dates, times and volunteers for the Book Fair; coordinates with the Book Fair company to ensure a positive and smooth experience for Smith staff and students.	Elyse Godemann Heather Jackson
Skate World Coordinator	Coordinates skating parties with Skate World	Justin Lyles
Restaurant Nights	Coordinates with local restaurants to host fundraisers for Smith PTO	Amy Martin
Dragons Night Coordinator	Coordinates a Smith School Night with the Dayton Dragons	Justin Lyles
Box Tops	Works with Publicity and Newsletter to remind families to clip or scan box tops, coordinates Box Tops pick up from classrooms, mounts and submits box tops.	LaRee Baumann Heather Jackson
Spirit Wear	Design (according to Oakwood Branding Guidelines), procure and sell Smith Spirit Wear Clothing. Coordinate with the treasurer.	Julie McCoy Tiffany Spencer Sarah Teske
Publicity	Will share all information on events and activities to the PTO FB page & Newsletter.	Heather Jackson
Newsletter	will communicate closely with the PTO President and committee chairs to coordinate the writing, editing, publishing and distribution of the bi-monthly newsletter which keeps parents and staff informed of current PTO events.	Karen Eizenga Beth Weaver
Facebook Administrator	Maintains the Smith PTO Facebook page – ensuring the posts remain positive and that members are current Smith Families.	Sienna Weber
Directory	Shall compile our membership directory including membership toolkit and a paper booklet. Shall distribute the online and printed booklet	Ashley Orr

Membership	Will implement an early fall promotional campaign to attract parents and teachers to become members of the organization and will collect dues and deliver to the Treasurer.	Ashley Orr
Room Parent Coordinator	Will obtain parents to serve as room parents for the year, will advise room parents of their responsibilities and will serve as a liaison between room parents and the board.	Heather Jackson Maria Beecher
Library Volunteer Coordinator	Will work with the librarian in securing volunteers for service in order to promote the best interests of the school library.	Amanda Robb Megan Forney
Volunteer Coordinator	Will work in conjunction with the President, executive board and school administration to secure volunteers as needed for Smith School.	
Yearbook/Picture Day Coordinator	Will secure a photography company and oversee the picture taking and will create, advertise the sale of and coordinate the distribution of yearbooks.	Heather Jackson Sarah Teske
Teacher Appreciation	Will coordinate a reception/lunch at the beginning of the school year to introduce the incoming board and the staff of the school year. Will facilitate functions throughout the school year to support and encourage the staff of the appreciation of Smith families.	Laura Rapoch Annie Dickerson Kline
Movie Night	Chooses an appropriate cartoon movie, schedules, publicizes, and coordinates with Smith staff to have the equipment and spaces available for movie nights.	Wenbi Hirakawa
Cardio Club	Facilitates a quick 15 min cardio activity run by PTO on Wednesday mornings in the Fall and Spring at 8am. It is drop in and free. Coordinator cuts out “shoes” and disseminates charms for each meeting - coordinates with school staff to play music in gymnasium or outside on the blacktop.	Becky Dye Holly McDowell
Chess Club	Meets once a week from 3-4pm. 1st and 2nd graders need a parent/guardian with them. It is run by a parent volunteer. Coordinator maintains chess games ,coordinates with smith staff and publicity newsletter for meeting times & locations, and advertisement.	

Military Kids Club	Provides a fun and safe place for our military kids to be encouraged, strengthened and connected to the E.D. Smith Community. The club meets about once a month during the lunch period to do fun activities and community service projects.	Erika Kelly Ashley O'Hara
Jr Great Books	Will arrange volunteers to discuss and interpret literature chosen by the Jr Great Books program with students who have committed to participate in the 10 week program. Will collect money, order books and arrange volunteer training required of this program.	Jama Hardern
Everybody Counts	Shall arrange volunteers to work with individual classrooms and provide information to these volunteers to introduce students to people with disabilities.	Jes Barnett
Welcome Committee	Will obtain a list of families new to Oakwood and Smith School (not 1 st grade unless the family is new to Oakwood) and arrange a reception to encourage questions and relationships and facilitate transition to a new school environment.	Heather Jackson Jessica Mains Kelly Fuqua
Walk to School Day	Coordinates the Smith Walk to School day event with Smith Staff, volunteers and the National Walk/Bike to School organization.	Sarah Pritchard Lisa Rector
School Supply Kits	Coordinates the supply lists from Smith teachers to the supply kit organization, coordinates with Smith staff, Newsletter and Publicity to advertise the availability to purchase.	Jama Hardern
Spanish Support	Will assist the Spanish teacher with tasks as needed	Jessica Carter
Celebration of the Arts	Will assist the Music, PE and Art teachers as needed in ensuring a successful event.	
6th Grade Promotion Committee	(selected by Principal with recommendations from PTO Exec Committee) coordinates the evening promotion ceremony, including pictures, DVDs, T-shirts, programs and certificates as well as graduation events such as the picnic/pool party, dance...	
5th Grade Reception	Coordinates the 6th grade graduation reception - typically this committee leads the following year's graduation committee.	

Moms of Oakwood

About the Moms of Oakwood

The MOMS of Oakwood group is the glue behind the close knit community of Oakwood. If you are new to the area and want to meet people, there are many MOMs events including playgroups, book clubs, cooking clubs, personal development and parenting programs, MOMs nights out, community service projects, field trips, courtesy meals, and more. There is also a Facebook community for MOMS members where we talk about what is going on in school, get recommendations, or buy/sell items.

In order to join the group, please go to their website at:

<https://www.momsofoakwood.org/membership>

For more information, see their website <https://www.momsofoakwood.org/> or email: oakwoodmomsresident@gmail.com.

South Connection

South Connection is an Oakwood run program that provides before school and after school care for K-6 students from 7am-6pm throughout the school year and during the summer. They bus children from South Connection to Smith and Harman school and vice versa. Kids have a wonderful time playing outside, reading, or doing homework. Usually only the younger elementary kids are there because the 5th and 6th graders often think they are 'too old' for it.

South Connection fills up quickly. So, make sure that you turn in the appropriate forms and fees as soon as you can. Information and sign up forms can be found at:

<https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/south-connection>.

IN-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Smith School and Smith PTO host several in-school activities such as:

Orchestra	School Store	Chorus	Tech Team	Kids Kitchen Council
EdTV	Student Council	Band	Student Volunteers	
Newspaper	Coding Club			

Destination Imagination is an Oakwood school supported activity. Kids are placed in groups of 4-6. Each group is given a challenge to create a presentation that blends STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education with the arts and social entrepreneurship. Look for The Scoop@Smith newsletter for more information. They are always looking for parental volunteers to be team managers. The Oakwood contact is Elizabeth Uptegrove (uptegrove.elizabeth@oakwoodschoools.org). For more information, please see the national website: <https://www.destinationimagination.org/> or the Ohio website: <https://www.ohdi.org/>

EdTV is a group of kids that makes video and audio announcements in school. Please contact Mr. Rowley for more information.

Orchestra begins in 6th grade. Please contact Mr. Millard at millard.jordan@oakwoodschoools.org for more information.

Band & Chorus begin in 5th and 6th grades. Students have opportunities to try out different instruments and begin learning to work in a vocal or instrumental ensemble. Mr. Thompson runs both these programs as well as preparing the 5th & 6th graders for The Celebration of the Arts

which takes place in March, and is a collaborative demonstration between music and physical education.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Oakwood Community Center

105 Patterson Rd. Oakwood, Ohio 45419 (937) 298-0775

Oakwood's Community Center sits adjacent to Shafor Park and is the hub of community programs and activities. It hosts many fun activities and classes for kids, adults, and seniors. Sports and classes for kids include ballet, wrestling, fencing, Korean karate, acting, photography, pillow hockey, art, babysitting, basketball, summer camps, and more. Most classes begin at age 3 and continue through all ages. Other fun activities include hosting our Homecoming hot dog supper, pumpkin carving, gingerbread house making, breakfast with Santa, and an End of Summer Dog Splash at Gardner Pool. You can also rent shelters and a picnic kit at Shafor and Orchardly Park. You do not have to be a member to join activities, but members get a discount.

You can download their brochure at: <http://www.oakwoodohio.gov/>. Click on Online Resources > Leisure Services > Community Center Events

The screenshot shows the Oakwood Ohio website. On the left is a 'MENU' with links: Home, Council & Staff, City Government, About Oakwood, Download Forms, Online Resources (circled in red), Departments, Municipal Court, Council Mtg. Highlights, and Council Meeting Videos. The main content area lists various documents, with 'LEISURE SERVICES' circled in red. An inset shows the 'Leisure Services' page with a list of documents. The document 'Community Center Events Fall/Winter 2018' is circled in red, along with its 'Download', 'View', and 'Details' buttons. Below it is 'Fall/Winter 2018 Community Center Membership Form'.

Categories	Files
Documents	Date added
Order by: Name Date Hits Ascendant	
Community Center Events Fall/Winter 2018 new!	Hits: 73 08/01/2018
Download View Details	
Fall/Winter 2018 Community Center Membership Form new!	Hits: 27 08/01/2018
Download View Details	

Girl Scouts

TriOak Girl Scouts is a very active ServiceUnit. They go outside, do overnights, go Christmas caroling, sell cookies & fall products, camp, hike, etc. TriOak serves ALL girls K-12 in Oakwood including Oakwood Schools, Holy Angels School, and home school. For more information, please contact Wendy Martin, Service Unit Manager at gswotroop32325@gmail.com.

Boy Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 151 consists of grades K-5 (boys and girls). Activities include campouts, rocket launches, scouting-for-food, lego race, pinewood derby racing, etc... They meet on Tuesdays at

Oakwood United Methodist Church. Pack 151 mainly has kids from Smith and Pack 101 has kids from Harman, but you can attend either one. For more information, please contact Becky Yerman at byerman4252@gmail.com.

Adventure Guides

The Oakwood Adventure Guides, often referred to as the Oakwood Nation or OAG, is a father-child program chartered through the Dayton South Branch (Kettering) YMCA. Membership is open to Oakwood fathers and children from Kindergarten through 6th grade. Mothers and siblings are welcome at most events. Membership in the YMCA is not required. The Adventure Guides program focuses on fathers doing fun activities with their sons and daughters. They have monthly events throughout the school year with limited activities over the summer. Events planned for 2018-2019 include a Spring and Fall campout, pinewood derby, Big Night Out at the Y, bowling, laser tag, swimming, decorations for Oakwood's Scarecrow Row, participating in the That Day in May Parade, and two canoe trips. Other activities may be added as schedules permit. For more information, please see their website at <https://www.oakwoodnation.org/> or contact them at oakwoodnation@gmail.com.

Patterson Park Baseball league for ages 9-HS and spring baseball programs for ages 5-High school including tball and coach pitch. Spring registration begins in January and fall registration begins in June. For more information, their website is www.pattersonparkbaseball.com and their FB page is "Patterson Park Youth Baseball"

Patterson Park Girls Softball

Plans for girls softball at Patterson Park is still being finalized. It will be for girls ages 9-12 with a season approximately beginning mid-March through mid-June. For more information, their website is www.pattersonparkbaseball.com

Running

Oakwood Striders is a group of 3rd-6th graders who are looking to train and gain basic running experience. Their Season is August 13– Oct. 11 and is open to all Oakwood residents and nonresidents. The fee is \$30 (members), \$45 (nonmembers) and \$60 (nonresidents). Please register at the Oakwood Community Center starting on August 1st.

Location: Practices will be held at Old River Park and Shafor Park. We will have some Saturday meets and races TBD throughout the fall. Practice times: Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00. Runners can attend both or just one practice a week if they are involved in other sports.

Please contact Becky Yerman at byerman4252@gmail.com if you have questions.

Girls on the Run is a 12-week running program where 3rd-5th girls learn lessons on self-confidence/awareness, positive relationships, and connecting to/shaping the world, while working up to the season's goal of running a 5K. They do not have to be good runners! We focus on every girl doing their individual best, setting goals for themselves and supporting their teammates in accomplishing their goals. For more information and a direct link to registration., visit their national website at <http://www.girlsontherun.org/> or the Dayton website <http://gotrdayton.org/>. Anna Clarke is the Oakwood Site Coordinator at anna.clarke@girlsontherun.org.

Swim team (Dolphins)

The Oakwood Dolphins are a youth summer swim team designed to provide a fun, positive swim team experience for swimmers of all skill levels. Swimmers aged 5 -18 practice every morning with optional swim meets every Tuesday and Thursday June - late July. Watch for the Spring/Summer OCC book for details!

Other popular swimming classes take place at YMCA, Goldfish Swim, Auqua Tots, or The University of Dayton.

Oakwood United is the local soccer team that trains 5 year olds to 6th graders. They have a fall session and a spring session. For more information, please email info@oakwoodunited.org or visit their website at <http://www.oakwoodunited.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/oakwoodunited/>

Oakwood Pee Wee Cheer is a cheer program that provides girls with the opportunity to perform at basketball games, learn what it takes to be an cheerleader, strengthen their cheer and dance skills, and provides a positive experience for these girls in our community. Registration is open for girls in grades 2nd-6th. To learn more or to register, please check out their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Oakwoodpeeweecheer/> or text Charrisa at 937-287-9623.

Dance

Oakwood Ballet is a ballet school run by Ms. Camille Morris (as a professional ballerina with the American Ballet Theater she was Camille Izzard) through the Oakwood Community Center. Her classes range from age 3 to 6th grade. Ms Camille teaches from the world renowned syllabus developed by the American Ballet Theater Company For more information, visit the webpage at www.oakwoodballet.com or Ms. Camille at camille@oakwoodballet.com.

Alternatives to Oakwood Ballet include Dayton Ballet School, Pontecorvo Ballet, Funk Lab Dance Center, South Dayton School of Dance and many more!

Wright Library is located right behind Smith School. They have multiple programs for adults and kids of all ages. It is common to see lots of kids hanging out there after school. More information can be found on their website at <https://www.wrightlibrary.org/>.

Other Helpful Information

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Shafor Park, with 1.7 acres of playground, a small ball field, a half basketball court, a play fountain, a picnic shelter, greenspace and tennis courts.

105 Patterson Rd. Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Orchardly Park, with a state-of-the-art accessible playground designed by children for children, a splash pad, a full basketball court, two tennis courts, a picnic shelter and greenspace, all tucked into 1.9 acres. 343 Wonderly Ave, Dayton, OH 45419

Houk Stream Park, includes a beautiful stream, nature trails, benches for viewing, and more. Park Rd, Dayton, OH 45419

Smith Gardens, a gem of public landscaping, is open daily and includes various plants and flowers that attract birds, small creatures, and butterflies as well as a pond and a garden house. Corner of Oakwood Avenue and Walnut Lane Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Fairridge Park, located at the city's water tower, with play apparatus, swings, a large sand box, benches, picnic tables and a large area of passive greenspace, also on 1.9 acres.

CREAGER FIELD DOG PARK
210 Shafor Blvd, Dayton, OH 45419

GARDNER MEMORIAL POOL

The city's membership-only swimming facility is located at the OCC site. The pool is open during the summer and has several options for memberships. More information can be found at: <http://www.ci.oakwood.oh.us>.

METROPARKS

Dayton's Metroparks system is filled with excellent hiking and outdoor recreation programming. For more information: <https://www.metroparks.org/>

Tips Around Town

- 1) Join the Dorothy Lane Market Kids Club; at the bakery counter members can ask for a free kids cookie and free fresh fruit in the produce section.
- 2) There is almost always a police car waiting on Far Hills near the High School and Officers patrol by Smith and Harman daily during drop off & pick up. Do not speed for any reason.
- 3) If you park on the road at night, many people have had their cars broken into and loose change stolen. Keep your doors locked and valuables out of sight!
- 4) Oakwood charges income tax. Be sure to look on the city website (<http://www.ci.oakwood.oh.us>) for the appropriate forms.
- 5) Halloween in Oakwood is very popular – Beggars Night is always October 31st.
- 6) The Fall Mother/Son and the Spring Father/Daughter dance tickets are a hot commodity and will sell out quickly. Buy them from the OCC as soon as you can!
- 7) Teach your kids to cross the street carefully. There are many drivers who speed through Oakwood – especially on Far Hills, Shroyer and Hathaway.
- 8) Most grade levels have a Facebook group just for their grade – it's a great resource for new families to ask questions and get fairly accurate answers quickly

Top 10 things to do in Oakwood/Dayton

- 10) Go see the Oakwood Historical House on Far hills (<http://www.oakwoodhistory.org/>)
- 9) Go to Ashley's Pastries for treats – but remember cash or check only!
- 8) Borrow a family pass to Carillon Park, Sunwatch Indian Village or the Dayton Art Institute from Wright Memorial Library – there's a waiting list all summer, so reserve early.
- 7) Go to the Oakwood Homecoming parade, bonfire and the Homecoming Game!
- 6) Go to the Oakwood Farmers' Market – especially the Kids Market; encourage our young entrepreneurs!
- 5) Enjoy the Miami Valley Bike Trail! The trail at Shroyer/Harman connects to Jane Newcom Park in Kettering headed south and to the University of Dayton headed north. This paved trail allows you to cycle or walk back and forth to the north side of Oakwood without having to ride up and down the steep and busy Far Hills Ave.

- 4) Walk Shafor Blvd in October – Scarecrow Row is on display for a couple of weeks.
- 3) Attend Oakwood festivals: in August the Ice Cream Social, In October the Family Fall Festival, or in December the Holiday of Lights.
- 2) Go see the Oakwood HS Band – they have a summer performance at a private residence each July (The Farm) and small children are always welcome to join the Moms group to March With the Band on a weekday in the Fall during the lunch period.
- 1) Join the “That Day in May” experience– always the 3rd Saturday in May and there are many games & activities sponsored by the Oakwood Rotary. The festivities include a pancake breakfast, fun run, and parade.

