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## “Walk of Champions”

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Oxford City Schools will open a new Oxford High School to serve the citizens of Oxford in 2010. The building which is currently under construction is designed to provide a modern twenty-first century education for Oxford's finest. There will be a magnificent columned entrance portico with an etched monument to Oxford High School. Surrounding the monument will feature a "Walk of Champions" made of engraved Brick Pavers.

Graduates, faculty, alumni classes, families, businesses, and friends of Oxford High School have the opportunity to participate in this project by purchasing individualized brick pavers of their choice. A 4 x 8 brick costs \$100.00 or an 8 x 8 brick costs \$200.00. A completed order form is required for purchase.

The completed "Walk of Champions" will be a source of pride for Oxford and Yellow Jacket fans everywhere. Continue to pledge your allegiance to OHS by being a member of the "Walk of Champions".

Visit our website to print your brick order form.

[oxfordedufoundation.org](http://oxfordedufoundation.org)



## THANK YOU!!!

*The Foundation wishes to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you who have so generously supported our mission of assisting the Oxford City Schools in continuing the strong tradition of educational excellence and outstanding student achievement. Every penny and dollar given will enhance the educational opportunities for our children. Together, we will work to make Oxford the BEST school system in the state. Your investment in the education of a young mind is an investment in the future of our community, state, and nation!*

*“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Benjamin Franklin*

## Outdoor Learning Laboratory

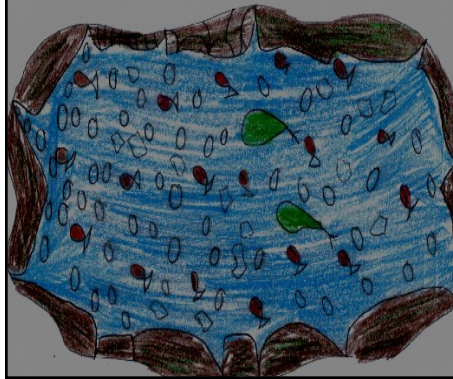


### Foundation presents \$5,000 to Oxford Elementary School

Beyond the four walls of the classroom lies an incredible, learning laboratory full of exciting, hands-on, real-world experiences. Therefore, the Oxford City Schools Education Foundation allocated \$5,000 to each of the four elementary schools for the "Ponds for Kids" project. OES and Hanna's schoolyards have already been transformed into a dynamic outdoor learning laboratory for all 1,259 students in grades K-6.

A self-sustaining pond ecosystem was constructed in just **one day** at each site by students, teachers, and over 300 parents and community volunteers. Teamwork, responsibility, and stewardship were displayed as everyone rolled up their sleeves and worked together: moving dirt, transporting gravel, compacting soil, carrying a fire hose, lifting the liner, filling the pond, and planting aquatic plants. At the end of the day, the interactive habitat was complete. One 1st grade student stated, "Come look at our pond. We built it! We gotta take care of it." A special thanks to RC&D, Representative Barbara Boyd, and all who participated in this special event!

I personally want to thank you for the help with our pond. Thanks for the 5,000\$ it was a big help with the pond. Our Outdoor classroom will be a big help in our science classes. It was alot of fun building the pond and getting to see what it looks like in the end. Now we can have a Science lesson outside. It will be way More fun than just sitting in our classroom and listening to our teacher talk for about 45 minutes.  
Your friend, Victor & Tuck 5th grade 😊



## \$42,000 for Teachers

The Oxford City Schools Education Foundation was organized to support education in Oxford in a fashion that would give the greatest benefit to the most people. The Foundation Board recognizes that the teachers are on the frontlines of education.

Our mission and goal is to provide them with whatever is needed to make them the best they can be. Based upon the severe budget cuts bestowed upon the school system, the Foundation Board of Directors unanimously agreed to allocate \$150 to each classroom teacher.

We extend our gratitude to the teachers for everything they do for our young people as they strive to enhance the educational process for all students in Oxford.

*"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."*  
Henry Adams



## “Edible Evening for Education”

Over 400 people gathered at the Oxford High School Sports Arena on Thursday, April 30 for the 1st annual “*Edible Evening for Education*”, hosted by the Oxford City Schools Education Foundation. The arena was transformed into a lovely banquet room, presenting a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, and lots of food. Entertainment was provided by Robbie Jordan and Chase Buchanan, Oxford alumni. Local restaurants and bakeries generously

provided samples of some of their best foods. One restaurant owner stated, “You have something special around here. This was like a huge family reunion.”

Participating restaurants were: Annistonian, Arby’s, Betty’s Bar-B-Q, Chick-fil-A, CiCi’s Pizza, Classic on Noble, Coca-Cola, Domino’s, Evelyn’s Bakery, Firehouse Subs, Garfrerick’s Café, Golden Rule, LaMar’s Donuts, Longhorn Steakhouse, Los Mexicanos, Maggie Moo’s, Memory Makers, Mountain

View Cheesery, O’Charley’s, Papa John’s, Porter House, Quizno’s, Old Smokehouse, Rookies, Sonny’s Starbucks, and Struts.

Sponsors for the event were: Bolton Chiropractic, Farmers & Merchants Bank, NobleBank & Trust, Quintard Mall, Mike’s Romac Cleaners, and the Foundation Directors.

**Make your plans to attend this year’s “Edible Evening for Education” on Thursday, March 4!**



## “Breakfast with Santa”



**Saturday, December 5**  
**Oxford Public Library**  
**4 Sessions- 8:00-12:00**  
**Tickets: \$10 per person**

Santa will make a visit to enjoy breakfast with his friends at the Oxford Public Library on Saturday, December 5. This fun holiday tradition will include entertainment, craft, story time, and breakfast with jolly “Ole St. Nick”. You may even spot some of Santa’s friends like Ms. Claus, Rudolph, Frosty, and Santa’s elves. Each child will receive a book from Santa. Memory-making photos will be available. For information or to make reservations, call the Oxford City Schools Education Foundation at 256-310-8145 or [email-cristyhumphries@bellsouth.net](mailto:email-cristyhumphries@bellsouth.net)

## “Holiday Tour of Homes”

The streets and homes of Cider Ridge will be aglow with twinkling white lights, wreaths, and the colors of red and green. Candy canes and holiday decorations will be everywhere.

On Saturday, December 5

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., residents will open their homes to the public.

Get in the Christmas spirit by visiting this Christmas Wonderland.

**Tickets: \$20 per person**  
**Place: Cider Ridge**



## Alumni Directory

The Foundation needs your help in building a database of alumni names, addresses, and email addresses in an effort to optimize communication related to the Oxford City Schools and the Oxford City Schools Education Foundation.

*Harris Connect*, in partnership with the Foundation, will attempt to locate and assemble information on all past graduates of our school.

The information gathered will be assembled into a handsome, customized directory of Oxford High School graduates dating back to 1932. This volume will serve as a lasting keepsake and will enable former classmates the ability to reconnect with one another.

**We are on the web!**

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