

## Hold On to Your Hard Hat

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### The RIGHT NOW Campaign Construction Begins

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The entire Oakhill community spent the fall anxiously awaiting the start of construction after the unveiling of the South Campus plans in September. After three weeks of demolition, the Freshman Construction crew is ready to begin the renovations designed by WSKF Architects to transform the Gladstone Office Building into the new home of Oakhill Day School's fourth through eighth grade classes.



This year's graduating 8th grade class leaves their legacy on the new South Campus by helping with demolition.

In addition to the South Campus renovation, numerous other visible changes to Oakhill Day School's current footprint will occur over the next four months. Everyone at Oakhill is gearing up for a very busy summer ahead! Although our fundraising efforts have largely focused on getting the Gladstone Office Building/South Campus project off the ground, there are still many projects that need to occur at the current North Campus to prepare for the 2016-2017 school year, all of which are financially part of The RIGHT NOW Campaign expenses. Keep in mind that all summer construction plans affect every Oakhill Day School student from toddler through eighth grade.



Mrs. McCandles and the Board of Trustees helped take down the first wall in the Gladstone Office Building on March 31, 2015.

Along with the complete renovation of the South Campus, North Campus renovations slated for summer 2016 include:

- Classroom movement from the Dentistry for Children building and the Modular space
- All interior classrooms will shift due to freeing of Middle School classroom spaces
- Lower School Science Classroom expansion and shift to grade level classroom
- Renovation of bathrooms in South Hallway
- Addition of Lower School Division Head Office (Train Hallway enclosure)
- Administrative office and storage movement to Modular

Architects with Hollis+Miller are working hard to complete plans for the additional 8,000 square foot multi-purpose addition that upon successful fundraising, has a tentative construction start time of 2017. We are excited to have officially broken ground on the "next" chapter in the Oakhill Day School story and to have you embark on this journey with us!

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# What's Happening RIGHT NOW

## Update from the RIGHT NOW Campaign Chair and the Board of Trustees

We are excited to participate in The RIGHT NOW Campaign @ Oakhill Day School and to have each of you join us in helping build a new future for the school we all love!

If you have not yet made a contribution to The RIGHT NOW Campaign, we would love to have the opportunity to sit with your family and share all of the exciting plans that are in store for the expansion of Oakhill Day School and to go over the numerous ways your family can make a meaningful and personal contribution to the campaign.

This campaign could not have come at a better time for Oakhill as the expansion leads up to the 70th year celebration at Oakhill Day School. These are very exciting times for members of the Oakhill community, past and present, to come together and celebrate what's ahead!



Office tear out at the GOB in preparation for final clean up and start of construction.

In addition to the Oakhill Board of Trustees who are overseeing this sizeable expansion project, there are ten

individuals from the current parent and alumni community and five Oakhill staff members who make up the Capital Campaign Committee. Without the collective hard work of the committee, this campaign would not be where it is already. Kudos should also be given to each of you for your support of the campaign and the work Oakhill does to educate its students.

As the last weeks of school fly by, we want to make sure that everyone has a complete snapshot of the work that has already been done and will soon begin at the Gladstone Office Building (GOB) and the current Oakhill campus. All current projects are slated with a completion date for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

As far as our campaign financial goals, we are excited to announce that we have hit the 20% mark of our total campaign fundraising budget, which is no small feat with us being just a few months into the official fundraising portion of the campaign! To date, we have raised over \$500,000 earmarked towards the completion of the South Campus (GOB) project. Thank you to the 89 families and individual donors who have made generous contributions to The RIGHT NOW Campaign.

This is OUR TIME at Oakhill... and it's the RIGHT TIME at Oakhill... to begin THE RIGHT NOW CAMPAIGN @ OAKHILL DAY SCHOOL!

### Thank you for sharing in the excitement!

Phil & Jennifer Latier, Right Now Campaign Committee Chairs

Ron Gregg, Right Now Campaign Committee Board of Trustees Liaison

**Construction Update: (as of 4/31/16)**

- Demolition phase complete for the Gladstone Office Building
- Building permit acquired on April 26 allowing interior construction on the new South Campus to start immediately
- Significant progress negotiating 1<sup>st</sup> floor government tenant (USDA) to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Verbal approval given by USDA /GSA for their move

\*Demolition of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor suite 201 has begun  
\*Targeting start of suite 201 re-construction for relocation the week of 5/2

- Orders for long lead time equipment currently being placed
- Continuing to look for ways to help reduce overall costs

## Donor Profile



Meet Kent and Heek Peterson, parents of Lucas (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) and Lucia (Prekindergarten). Along with being Oakhill parents for the last six years, Kent has a special connection to Oakhill as an alumni of Oakhill Day School.

### Our Oakhill Story

My Mother (Lucas and Lucia's Grandmother) was on the Board



The Peterson Family just before the 42nd Anniversary Celebration of Oakhill Day School.

of Directors at Little Folks with Mrs. Kalsu. My brother and I went to Little Folks from preschool up to first grade. At the time, Little Folks only offered preschool to first grade. My parents knew the value of a private education and my wife and I feel the same way.

**"It's great to see a growing private school in the Northland with plenty of room to grow even more!"**

Those interested in supporting Oakhill Day School and the education that it provides should know that the curriculum fits the ability of each student. Children are pushed and encouraged to succeed no matter their level.

When you support Oakhill through monetary donations or your time, you get back what you put in tenfold.

**Want to share your Oakhill Story?** Contact Dorothy Beckham at [dorothy.beckham@oakhilldayschool.org](mailto:dorothy.beckham@oakhilldayschool.org)

## Upcoming Oakhill Events

### Celebration for Mrs. Wills May 17, 4-8 p.m.

After 50 years of teaching, Helen Wills is retiring from the classroom. Please join us to help celebrate this tremendous milestone and thank her for service!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**May 26, 6:30 p.m.**

With great joy and pride the Administration and Faculty announce the graduation celebration of the Class of 2016. Join us to celebrate our Oakhill 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are moving on to high school.

### Hard Hat Tours

Want to see the expansion plans? Interested in learning more about The RIGHT NOW Campaign @ Oakhill? Stay tuned for more information on Hard Hat Tours this summer!

For details now, please contact Rebecca DiGerlamo at [rebecca.digerlamo@oakhillday school.org](mailto:rebecca.digerlamo@oakhillday school.org)

## Financial Update

### The RIGHT NOW Campaign @ Oakhill Current Financial Statistics: (as of 4/31/16)

\$512,930.50 given/pledged

116 face to face meetings

89 donors

100% Faculty/Staff and Board participation

**20% of our fundraising goal raised – thank you!**

The RIGHT NOW Campaign Fundraising Goal is \$2.5 million



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*The mission of Oakhill Day School is to provide excellence in education through child-centered learning in a supportive, challenging, and rewarding environment that provides students with self-confidence, values, knowledge, and the foundation for leadership through emotional, physical, and social development.*