

# Oak Hills Book Bus

March 2025

## Bus Sightings



**Beanie Baby Day**



Book Bus friends chose a Beanie Baby to adopt to read with at home. Research shows reading with a toy or pet helps a child become accustomed to hearing their voice as they read aloud and will build their confidence in reading aloud to others. This improves oral reading and comprehension.

### **The Second and Seven Foundations Seventh Book Donation!**



Oak Hills High School coach, Mike Price, sent athletes to all 22 second grade classrooms to share the importance of working hard and being kind. Then they read “The Hog Mollies and the Great Golden Gizmo.” Each child received a copy of the book donated by The Second and Seven Foundation. Thank you to our amazing volunteers, Coach Price, the athletes and the Second and Seven Foundation for donating over 500 books to these children.

## Why We Donate

### **Thank you Dan Dwyer and Mary Beth Murphy!**

After many years of teaching at the grade school level, I heard about the book bus and was immediately captured with this project. I became an early volunteer and visited the book bus frequently. I so enjoyed sitting with the children, seeing their bright eyes and happy voices as they read a book to me.

When I told Dan about the project, he fell in love with it also! Dan has donated to the book bus project and obtained donations as a member of the Western Hills Community Service Club. In addition, Dwyer Insurance has donated a supply of book bags for the children. They have a good carry bag for their book, as well as, a place to keep their growing collection of books that they own.



## Save the Date

**April 10** Family Night Author and creator of the Cincy Book Bus, Melonie Moore, will join us at Shiloh Church. Reservations required. **April 21** Family Night Author and creator of the Cincy Book Bus, Melonie Moore, will join us at Oak Hills High School. Reservations required. **May 6** Family Night Illustrator of the Fiona books Richard Cowdrey will be at Oakdale Elementary. Reservations required.

**These events are open to all.**

**Email [ohbookbus@gmail.com](mailto:ohbookbus@gmail.com) to register.**

## Why We Volunteer



### Meet Kim and Sharon

*My three sons are Oak Hills alumni and Sharon has 5 great nieces and nephews that attend or attended Oak Hills schools. Karen reached out to me about volunteering on the Book Bus. She said that she thought it was a perfect fit for me. I invited Sharon Heis to join me. Boy was Karen right! We absolutely love meeting the kids, reading with them, talking with them and becoming a mentor to them. Education mixed with a lot of fun equals success!" Kim Brietenbach*

Kim has been an Oak Hills volunteer for over 30 years. Her numerous roles include working in the copy room at the high school and CO Harrison, co-chairing of the Veterans Day program, helping with After-Prom, President of the Oak Hills PTA Advisory Council and Vice President of the Delhi Citizens Police Association. She has served as PTA President and Vice President for three different schools. Sharon volunteers in the copy room at CO Harrison and Oak Hills High School, co-chairs the Veterans Day program at CO Harrison, assists at the Oak Hills High School Veterans Day program and is a member of the After Prom committee.

**We are honored that these exceptional women make time to volunteer weekly on the Book Bus at CO Harrison!**

## An Inspirational Visitor

Thank you Junior Achievement for partnering with the Book Bus to bring Gold medalist, author, and inspirational speaker, Mary Wineberg, to our elementary schools.

Mary read her book, "I Didn't Win" which encourages persistence, shared her road to the Beijing Olympics and even ran a race against one of the students!

Mary generously donated 200 copies of her books to each school and signed a few autographs before the assemblies concluded.



## Contact Us

**If you have any questions about the Oak Hills Book Bus please contact Kim and Karen at [ohbookbus@gmail.com](mailto:ohbookbus@gmail.com)**

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