

# DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 1, 2016

3401 Queen Mary Drive, Olney, Maryland 20832

PTA President, Jill Fecko, [olneyespresident@gmail.com](mailto:olneyespresident@gmail.com)

Newsletter Editor, Shelly Liberty, [oesdragontales@gmail.com](mailto:oesdragontales@gmail.com)

Principal, Carla Glawe, 301-924-3126

## Important Dates!

Sept 5	No school – Labor Day
Sept 6	PTA meeting, 7 PM
Sept 12	No school – Professional day for teachers
Sept 15	Back to school night
Sept 24	OES Fun Run
Sept 26	Panera restaurant night, 6 – 9 PM

## Read Principal Glawe's welcome letter to OES families here:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/olneyes/homepage/PrincipalWelcomeLetter.pdf>

## School Attendance Procedures

School hours are 9:25 AM – 3:50 PM



**Arrival:** The school opens at 9:10 AM. When the bell rings at 9:25 AM, students should be in their chairs ready to start the day. If you arrive to drop your child off at school after the 9:25 AM start bell, you **must accompany** your child to the office to sign-in.

**Dismissal:** Students are dismissed at 3:50 PM. If your child is going home a different way (eg: taking a bus instead of walking), make sure to send a note to your child's teacher.

**Half-day/Early dismissal:** School dismisses at 1:20 PM. Lunch is served, but there is no recess on half-days.

**Attendance:** Please call the school office at 301-934-3126 first thing in the morning if your child will be absent for any reason. A written note explaining the absence must be sent when your child returns to school.

It is time to join the PTA for the 2016-2017 school year. By joining the PTA, you show your support to our students, our amazing staff and our community.



Check out all the ways your membership helps your child's school and join here:

<https://olneyespta.org/about/pta-membership/>

Joining is a quick two step process: first, fill out the simple online form; second, pay via paypal or credit card.

Join by October 1<sup>st</sup> to receive the PTA Directory, which is available ONLY to PTA members.



**First PTA meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Begins: 7 PM in the Media Center.**

This meeting is a great opportunity to hear about upcoming events, review the PTA budget and connect with other parents. A light dinner will be served. We hope to see many parents there.

# DRAGON TALES



## Anyone interested in volunteering in classrooms, media center or other school events at OES must have volunteer training.

Volunteer training is online this year and must be completed by everyone who plans to volunteer. Even if you completed training last year, you must do it again this year. Training includes both an OES specific module as well as a county-wide MCPS module. The entire training takes approximately 40 minutes to complete, and the link can be found here: [Training Module](#).

If you have questions, please contact Bethany Chung at [brkchung@gmail.com](mailto:brkchung@gmail.com)



Link your Harris Teeter VIC card so Olney Elementary can start earning cash immediately! It's free to sign up and once you link, a portion of your purchases of Harris Teeter brand items will be donated to our school. You must re-link every year. Last year, we earned \$875 with only 57 registrations. We can beat that amount this year.

Sign up or re-link today in the store using OES Code 1030 or online at [Re-link VIC card](#).

Questions? Contact Anna Berger at [annatsm@yahoo.com](mailto:annatsm@yahoo.com)



## OES would like to send a huge THANK YOU to American Plant



**American Plant** has again donated mulch and a crew of three to freshen the landscape of Olney Elementary for the beginning of the school year. Please remember their generosity by purchasing your landscaping needs from one of their two Bethesda nurseries. Tell them you are from OES! Here are pictures of the American Plant crew and of Mrs. Martinez, OES Building Service Manager, who deserves many thanks for her hard work keeping the school looking its best.



## Meet the OES Staff

### Mark Craemer joins OES this year as Principal Intern.

**He strives to help our kids learn that by putting forth EFFECTIVE effort, success will come!**

He feels very lucky to be a part of OES based on the great reputation of students, teachers and staff.



Mr. Craemer introduces himself in his letter to the OES community, which can be read here:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/olneyes/homepage/PrincipalInternLetter.pdf>

# DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 1, 2016

(page 4)



**League of Women Voters of Montgomery County**

**Montgomery County Council of PTAs**

**NAACP**

PRESENT

## Board of Education Candidates' Forum

At-Large: Jeanette Dixon, Phil Kauffman

District 2: Brandon Rippeon, Rebecca Smondrowski

District 4: Shebra Evans, Anjali Reed Phukan

**September 28, 2016**

**Kennedy High School**

1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring

6:30 – 7:00 arrival and informal conversations

7:00 Questions to the candidates

8:45 Wrap-up and depart

**Moderator: Tracie Potts, NBC 4**



Affects everyone whether you have school age children or not.

Learn about the candidates before you cast your vote.

Be an INFORMED voter to make your 3 choices!