

DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs. Glawe and Mr. Craemer

Read the Principal's October newsletter here:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFile/s/schools/olneyes/homepage/OctoberNewsletter2016.pdf>

Volunteers Needed

The PTA has a volunteer opening to help check in late student arrivals from 9:20-10:20 AM on Wednesdays. The job entails signing a tardy slip, taking lunch orders, directing children to their classrooms and taking messages from parents to staff.

If you are interested in volunteering weekly or every other week, please contact Donna Lakso at donnalakso@yahoo.com. All volunteers must have completed the volunteer training and submitted the child abuse and neglect certificate or code to the office!



The Fall Box Tops and Labels for Education contest has begun! The contest runs through Friday, October 21st

Please send in box tops with your child and put them in the designated bag in your homeroom classroom. One class per grade will win and will get a Popsicle party!



Important Dates!

- Oct 10 Open House – Parent visitation day
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM
- Oct 12 No school
- Oct 13 Fall Individual Student Picture Day
- Oct 14 Kindergarten trip to Sharp's Farm
- Oct 17-21 PTA Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 19 Milk & Cookies night at the Book Fair
- Oct 20 Mamma Lucia OES night 8 – 10 PM
- Oct 26 Grade 5 Trip to Strathmore Concert
- Oct 31 Halloween Parade/Fall Festival and Classroom Parties, 2:30 PM



Clarification of Volunteer Requirements

Everyone who plans to volunteer must complete the training this year.

Volunteers during school hours in the school or on a nearby field trip must complete the OES Volunteer Training that includes an MCPS module on Child Abuse and Neglect. This training can be found by clicking "Volunteer Information" under the "Announcements" section at the following link:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/olneyes/>
Once training is completed, volunteers must print out and return the Child Abuse and Neglect confirmation of completion email to the school office.

Volunteers for long distance field trip such as fifth grade Westward Ho or Mt. Vernon: You will likely need to complete MCPS approved fingerprinting and background check. Details will be sent to parents of 5th graders.

Volunteers for after school activities in the school such as Lego club and chess club do not require volunteer training is required, but training is strongly recommended.

If you have questions please contact Mr. Craemer in the school office.

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Come one, Come all to our Scholastic Book Fair!

This well loved event will take place from October 17th – 21st in the Media Center. Children will have the opportunity to come and browse the books, create a "wish list" and then come back to purchase later in the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to add a few new books to your children's personal library. Your purchases support our OES PTA as Scholastic generously donates a portion of the proceeds to us.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19th, the Book Fair will remain open from after school until 8 PM. From 6:45 – 7:45 PM, the PTA is sponsoring the special Milk & Cookies Night! Bring the whole family!

Kids can come in their jammies with a blanket or sleeping bag and will get to enjoy milk and cookies while some of our wonderful teachers read books to them. The multi-purpose room opens at 6:40 PM for kids to take their places and be ready for stories. (This reading event gives parents an opportunity to browse our Book Fair that will be going on in the Media Center at the same time.)



Scholastic Book Fair - Volunteers Needed

Calling all Bookworms!

In order to make the Book Fair a success, we need your help! Please sign up to volunteer any time during the week of Oct. 17th – 21st.

As a thank you, all volunteers will receive 5% off at the Book Fair!!

Please click the link below to sign up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a49acac28a57-book>



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OES Staff Wish Wall

Many of our dedicated staff spend money for supplies out of their own pockets to enhance our children's learning experience! The PTA Staff Appreciation Co-chairs asked the staff to provide "Wish List" items for their classrooms. They created a Wish Wall which was displayed during Back to School night. Thanks to our wonderful OES community, more than 40% of those wishes were taken home to be fulfilled! This helps alleviate some of the personal expenses made by staff. Not everyone had a chance to stop by the Wish Wall, so a Signup Genius was created for all of the remaining wishes. Please take a moment to look through the lists and see if you are able to fulfill a wish or two, not just for your child's teacher, but also for our amazing support staff.



Support Staff:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacad2ca7fa7-olney3>

K & 1st Grades:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacad2ca7fa7-olney2>

2nd & 3rd Grades:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacad2ca7fa7-olney>

4th & 5th Grades:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacad2ca7fa7-olney1>

Once you have fulfilled a wish, please label it with the staff member's name before sending it into school with your child or dropping it off at the office.

If you have any questions about the Wish Wall, please email Mariah at whynotlaf@hotmail.com.

Thank you for helping us fulfill wishes!
Your PTA Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs,
Cindy Chaney and Mariah Payne



OES Open House is on Monday, October 10th from 9:45 – 11:15 AM. All parents are welcome to attend. As you enter the building please make sure to sign in and collect your visitor sticker. We would like to remind you that although we have visitors in the building, instruction will continue in all classrooms. As a result, we ask that younger siblings not attend. There will be other opportunities for siblings to come to school. We also ask that you please put your cell phone on vibrate and take any phone calls outside the classroom or instructional areas. In addition, because of our enrollment and our limited space, there is not room in the lunchroom for parents to stay and have lunch with their children. We thank you for your understanding.

Be your kid's biggest fan.
Be PTA.

PTA President and Vice President Positions

The current PTA president and vice presidents finish their terms at the end of this school year. Anyone interested in holding one of these positions next year may work with the current president and VPs to learn details of the job descriptions. These positions are important volunteer roles as they connect staff, students and the community! Interested parents (moms or dads!) please email Jill at olneyespresidnet@gmail.com.

The PTA is looking for someone to chair the Spring Dance committee. Groups of friends are welcome to chair together. Kids LOVE this fun event! Please email olneyespresident@gmail.com if you are interested.