

# DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

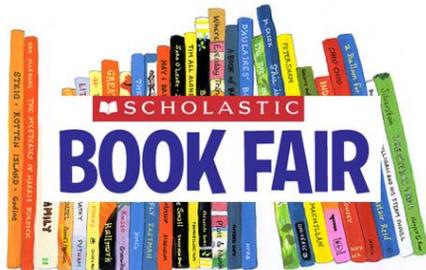
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**Come one, Come all to the OES  
Scholastic Book Fair!**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> in the Media Center**

Children will have the opportunity to browse the books, create a "wish list" and then come back to purchase later in the week. (See teacher schedule on next page) This is a wonderful opportunity to add a few new books to your personal library. Your purchases support the OES PTA as Scholastic generously donates a portion of the proceeds to the school.

**Scholastic Book Fair - Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are still needed, especially for set up this Friday and Milk and Cookies Night on Wednesday.

In order to make the Book Fair a success, we need your help! 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>



## Important Dates!

- 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 5 – 10 PM
- Oct 26 Grade 5 trip to Strathmore Concert
- Oct 31 Halloween Parade/Fall Festival and Classroom Parties, 2:30 PM



**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:45 – 7:45 PM

### **Where:**

- **Awesome staff led Story-Time/Cookies** – Multi-purposes room (opens at 6:40 PM for kids to get comfy before stories begin)

- **Coffee and desserts for adults** – Gym

- **Book Fair browsing** until 8:00 PM – Media Center

**Who:** The Whole Family

**What to wear:** Kids may wear pajamas and bring blankets/sleeping bags

**What else to bring:** New pajama sets with tags still attached to participate in a wonderful charity event called Kami's Jammies by Casey Cares, an organization that supports children with long hospital stays. See flyer for details:

<https://olneyespta.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/casey-cares-pj-drive-flyer-2016.pdf>

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**Most teachers have scheduled their class trips to the book fair next week. Check out the schedule below to know when your kid(s) will be attending.**

**Monday:** Kinkead, Berg, Pettit, Gangloff, Teeter, Corrigan, Pack, Franey, Hutchison

**Tuesday:** Butler, Berg, Martin, Bowles, McClellan, McKenna, McConaghy, Kang, Buckingham, Mills

**Wednesday:** Corrigan, Pack, Kang, Rottman, Crane, Memenza, Bunns, Hutchison, Holden

**Thursday:** McEaney, Buckingham, Pettit, Gangloff, Butler, McKenna, Memenza, Price, Franey, Mills

**Friday:** Kinkead, McClellan, Martin, Bowles, Holden, Rottman, Teeter

## Check-In Volunteer Still 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](mailto:donnalakso@yahoo.com). All volunteers must have completed the volunteer training and submitted the child abuse and neglect certificate or code to the office!



## Box Tops and Labels for Education contest runs through Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

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!



## Reminder 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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](mailto:whynotlaf@hotmail.com).

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



Due to the ongoing issues regarding "Creepy Clowns" and other community concerns, the administration asks that OES students do NOT wear clown costumes or any other costumes that may frighten students during the Halloween parties or parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition, please do not send in any weapons or other accessories that may frighten students. If your child has a question about their costume, he/she may ask an administrator for guidance.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:olneyespresident@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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## The OES Diversity Committee presents Hispanic Heritage Month Trivia

### Did you know?

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15, celebrates the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. Although it's considered an American observance, September 15 was chosen as the starting point to commemorate the independence of five Latin American countries including Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua along with Mexico, Chile and Belize.

### Who was the first Latino elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame?

- A. Roberto Clemente
- B. Sammy Sosa
- C. Rod Carew
- D. Ted Williams

Answer: D: Ted Williams: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/26/sports/baseball/whos-a-latino-baseball-legend.html>



### Who was the first Latina elected to Congress?

- A. Sonia Sotomayor
- B. Eva Longoria
- C. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
- D. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Answer: C: Ileana Ros-Lehtinen: <http://history.house.gov/Exhibitions-and-Publications/WIC/Historical-Data/Women-of-Color-in-Congress/>

### Famous Hispanic Americans include:

- Supreme Court Justice: Sonia Sotomayor
- Baseball star: Alex Rodriguez
- Astronauts: Michael Lopez-Alegria and Ellen Ochoa
- Authors: Isabel Allende, Junot Diaz and Julia Alvarez.
- Actors George Lopez, America Ferrera and Selena Gomez



### Did you know?

Hispanic people were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, what is today the United States. Hispanic Americans have roots in Europe, Africa, and South and Central America and close cultural ties to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, and Spain.

### What is the largest group of Latinos living in Washington DC?

Answer: Salvadorans [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics\\_of\\_Washington,\\_D.C.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Washington,_D.C.)

### What is "El Día de la Raza"?

Answer: "El Dia de la Raza," or "The Day of the Race" is on October 12. "El Dia de la Raza" is observed throughout most of Mexico and Latin America. The day celebrates the many nationalities—a people having a common beginning, tradition, or language—that are present in the history of Mexico, Central America, and South America. These nationalities include Native Americans such as the Mayas, Aztecs and Incas; and European nationalities such as Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/celebrating-hispanic-heritage/171181>

### Which of the United States of America once belonged to Mexico?

Answer: Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and parts of Wyoming, Colorado, and Oklahoma.

<http://www.teachingforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/download-in-pdf.pdf>

### What's the difference between "Hispanic" and "Latino"?

Answer: In short, "Hispanic" focuses on Spanish-speaking origin. This means Spain is included, but Brazil is not because Brazilians speak Portuguese. "Latino" refers to people of Latin American origin. This includes Brazil and excludes Spain.

