

DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

December 8, 2016

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Important Dates!

- Now – Dec 12 Book and Game Drive for classrooms
Dec 13 Chorus performs at National Christmas Tree, 6 PM – Ellipse in DC
Dec 20 Cookie Buffet for Teacher/Staff lounge
Dec 20 Winter Instrumental Music Concert, 7 PM – All-Purpose Room
Dec 26 – Jan 2 Winter Break
Jan 10 Café Rio restaurant fundraiser, all day

Read the Principal's December newsletter to OES parents at this link:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/olneyes/homepage/DecNews2016\(1\).pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/olneyes/homepage/DecNews2016(1).pdf)



Book and Game Drive



The PTA is collecting new and gently used books and games through Monday, December 12th. While you're out doing your holiday shopping, please consider picking up an extra book or game for our school. This is also a great opportunity for you to go through your bookshelves and sort through that pile of games sitting in the toy room.

The books will be distributed to staff to expand their classroom libraries. Books for beginning readers, chapter books and popular series as well as the classics for our older students would all be welcome additions. And don't forget how valuable non-fiction works can be, too!

The games will be made available to students for use during indoor recess so will be especially useful as temperatures drop. Checkers, Connect 4, Jenga, UNO and other similar games are popular with students.

If donating used items, please only send games with all pieces and books in good condition. You can send your items in to school with your child to drop off in one of the collection bins located inside the main entrance or outside the All-Purpose Room.

If you have any questions or wish to make arrangements to drop off outside of school, please contact one of our Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs:

Mariah Payne: whynotlaf@hotmail.com
Cindy Chaney: cindycchaney@gmail.com

Thanks for your help!

OES PTA Directories were distributed to members last week. If you are not a member of the PTA and would like a copy of the directory, you have an opportunity to purchase one at a special Directory sale.

OES Directory Sale

Friday, December 23rd in the lobby of the school from 2 – 4 PM

Cost: \$20

Questions? Contact Ilene Lees, Membership Coordinator ilees@juno.com



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What better time of year than the holidays to show our wonderful OES staff how much we appreciate them! On Tuesday, December 20th, we'll set up a holiday cookie buffet to express our thanks for their hard work and dedication. Staff will be able to create their own goodie bags from the variety of delicious treats provided by OES families.



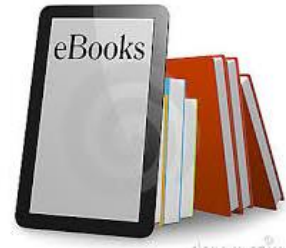
If you're able to help contribute to the event, please sign up to provide a minimum of 2 dozen cookies or bars. Although homemade is preferred, we understand many families are busy this time of year so fresh baked store treats are also welcome.

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

Cookies can be dropped off at school between 8:30 AM and 10 AM the morning of Tuesday, December 20th. If you're unable to drop off during that time, please contact Mariah Payne at whynotlaf@hotmail.com to make other arrangements.

We also need a few volunteers who can help collect the cookies and set up the buffet.

Thank you for helping make this time of year extra special for our staff!



OES Media Center now has eBooks that can be accessed anywhere on any networked device.

Find the eBooks by going to the OES website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/olneyes/>

Then click: Media Center > Destiny Catalog >

Capstone eBooks

User name: Olney

Password: books

Trex Challenge has begun!

Help OES finish the Challenge in a big way! Have your children bring in plastic grocery bags or the plastic films listed below to help us win a Trex bench and help the environment!



Plastic grocery bags

Bread bags

Produce bags

Case over-wrap

Cereal box liners

Dry cleaning bags

Newspaper sleeves

Food storage bags

Bubble wrap

Air pillows



Please make sure plastic is dry and has no food residue. Recycle bins are located around the school. Challenge ends April 15th.

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Final call to reserve bus transportation to DC chorus event!



The 5th grade chorus is singing on the Ellipse in DC on Tuesday, December 13th. Martin's Sedan Service is providing bus transportation that evening. There are 150 seats available at a cost of \$14 per seat. Seats can be reserved for 5th graders, parents and siblings.

Please email Jennifer Asbacher (JAsbacher@verizon.net) to reserve your spots.

The bus will start loading at 4:20 PM at the Park and Ride by the ICC. The bus will leave promptly at 4:30!

This is not a PTA sponsored event.



CommUNITY: It Takes A Village!

Blake-Farquhar-Burnt Mills-Fairland-Page-Stonegate-Paint Branch-Banneker-Briggs Chaney-Burtonsville-Cloverly-Galway-Greencastle-Sherwood-Rosa Parks-Belmont-Brooke Grove-Greenwood-Olney-Sherwood-Springbrook-Key-White Oak-Cannon Rd-Cresthaven-Drew-Leleck-Jackson Rd-Nix-Westover



NEC-SHERWOOD TOWN HALL MEETING DECEMBER 14th



7 PM - 9 PM BLAKE HS Amphitheater

Who - All parents, students, and teachers of the Blake, Paint Branch, Springbrook & Sherwood clusters.

The NEC-Sherwood Clusters - It Takes a Village Initiative presents: The Triple AAA Agenda - Awareness to Advocate for Action.

Explore the Past, Present and Future of the NEC-SHERWOOD & what it means for your students and our community.

Our community must come together to ensure the needs of our schools and our East County Community are addressed. This Town Hall will empower you to share your experience and lend your voice to the conversation in an effort to raise awareness of real issues, so we can advocate for action that provokes positive change for all.

Please plan to join us and bring a friend or neighbor!

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