

DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Yearbook order flyers coming soon!

The flyer will contain a code for online ordering, which is the most efficient and preferred method. You may also order yearbooks by cash or check. To order online, please click the link below and enter the code from the flyer:



<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/LookupJob?jobnumber=4440117>

Cost of the yearbook will be \$20 until April 1st, after April 1st, the cost will be \$25. Final deadline to order is April 17th.

If you wish to have your child in the yearbook, please send high quality photographs of school sponsored events, first day of school, bus stop, family nights, fun run, class parties, cultural art assemblies, science fair, field trips, etc. Photos must be received by March 15th in order to be considered for submission. Photos and questions may be emailed to Kelly Weigand, yearbook coordinator, oesyearbook2017@gmail.com.



Collect and send in Box Tops this month to make money for OES! Send in as many unexpired box tops as you have by **Tomorrow, February 24th !**

Important Dates!

Feb 23	Class Pictures: Grades K—4
Feb 24	Class Pictures: Grade 5 and Club Pictures
Mar 1	Jump Rope for Heart
Mar 1	Teacher of the Year nominating form due
Mar 3	Early release – 1:20 PM
Mar 14	Ledo Pizza OES Fundraiser – All Day



OES PTA's next restaurant fundraiser is on Tuesday, March 14th all day at Ledo Pizza. No flyer is needed.

A note from Ms. Morse about Jump Rope for Heart



Jump Rope for Heart is off to a GREAT start! We have already raised over \$5,500 for the American Heart Association! Our students are feeling good about helping others and that's what this is all about. Thank you so much for your support. Online is the easiest way to raise money. www.heart.org/jump

I appreciate your patience as I distribute the "Zoo Crew" animals. I ran out of lanyards but am hoping to get more soon! Thanks so much for your understanding.

The event is next Wednesday, March 1st during your child's art, music, media or PE time so please make sure they wear sneakers!

Thank you!! Ms. Morse

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Attention all 5th grade parents!

The 5th grade memories committee is working on:

- 5th Grade Memories Celebration party
- Video of each 5th grade student's favorite OES memory
- A photo montage video of our children from kindergarten through 5th grade
- Dragon T-shirts signed by all students to be worn in the 5th grade class picture
- Support of the Memories (graduation) Ceremony

5th Grade

These activities are sponsored by the PTA and by the 5th grade parents. To enable these events, we request that parents donate their time, talents and \$15 to support 5th Grade Memories celebrations.

Please send \$15 cash or check (payable to OES PTA) in an envelope marked "5th Grade Memories Committee" to your child's teacher.

Interested volunteers, please email Cristine Camacho at Cristine.camacho@ymail.com

5th grade memories committee is hosting a fundraiser for the 5th grade graduation party.

The fundraiser is at Olney Winery on Wednesday, March 15th from 6 – 9 PM.
Click on link below for details and to buy tickets!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olney-elementarys-5th-grade-memories-committee-fundraiser-tickets-31725483776?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>



Weeks are still available for your family to Sponsors the Teachers Lounge

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA5AB2FA31-sponsor>

Registration is open for Girls on the Run at Olney Elementary School

Details about this amazing program and registration information are in the [flyer](#). Questions? Contact Nichole NBCConnell@verizon.net



The OES PTA will be awarding its first annual Teacher of the Year award. Students may nominate any teacher (classroom, specials, paraeducator, etc.) from OES by filling out this [nominating form](#). The form must be completed and submitted in classroom folders in an envelope addressed to "OES PTA President" by March 1st. Selections will be made by a vote of the PTA board and the winning teacher will be recognized at our May PTA meeting with an award and a gift.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Carter G. Woodson, an African American Historian, first established African American History Month, also called Black History Month, as a black history week. In the early 1900s, Mr. Woodson was concerned that people did not fully know or appreciate the history and accomplishments of African Americans. When he was studying history at Harvard University, the accomplishments of African Americans were not represented in the history books and were not discussed in classes. Mr. Woodson decided he would do something about it so in 1926, Mr. Woodson and others launched a black history week to bring attention to his concern and help schools organize lessons on African American contributions. Mr. Woodson chose the 2nd week in February to celebrate the black history week because Frederick Douglass' birthday was on February 14th and Abraham Lincoln's birthday was on February 12th. The celebration of a black history week quickly spread throughout the cities and towns of the nation. In 1976, President Gerald Ford decided that the country should celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans for the whole month of February and made Black History Month a national observance.

<http://timeforkids.com/news/celebrating-black-history/347681>

Famous African Americans include: **Misty Copeland**—First African American woman to be promoted to principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, **Dr. Charles Richard Drew**- Invented blood banks, **Cathay Williams**- The only female Buffalo Soldier (she posed as a man), **Esther Jones**- A jazz singer who inspired the cartoon character Betty Boop, **Bessie Coleman**- The first African American female pilot

What did famous African American inventor Garrett Morgan (1877-1963) invent?

- A. Pencil Sharpener, B. Gas Mask, C. Traffic Light, D. Telephone,
B. E. B and C

Answer: E: Garret Morgan was born to former slaves in March 1977. At a young age, 14, he began working and at 30 opened the first of several businesses he would own. In 1912 Mr. Morgan invented what is now called the gas mask. His invention made national news when he used it to rescue several men trapped in an underground explosion. After the rescue, fire departments from around the country contacted Mr. Morgan to purchase the masks. Mr. Morgan also invented the 3-position traffic light: stop, go and an all-directional stop. Mr. Morgan's traffic light was used throughout the United States until the red, yellow, and green traffic lights we currently use replaced it. The next time you play Red Light, Green Light, remember Garret Morgan invented it! <http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/african-american-inventors-black-history-month-for-kids/>



Did you know? Condoleezza Rice and Martin Luther King Jr. started college when they were 15 years old. Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, founded in 1854, is the first institution of higher education founded for African Americans. Canada and the United Kingdom celebrate Black History month as well. One in four cowboys were African American. In fact, it's believed that an African American man named Bass Reeves inspired the real "Lone Ranger".

<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/10-black-history-little-known-facts/#.WK1uvTw8KEc>

Current and recent movies that can help to start conversations with your children: Hidden Figures (PG), Loving (PG-13) for older children, Note - The author allowed her first grader to view Hidden Figures. It turned out very well. Every child is different. As such, parental judgment is expected when viewing these or any other movie.