

DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

October 9, 2017

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Principal's Corner

[Click here](#) to read Principal Glawe's October Newsletter.

Important Dates!

- Oct 9 Parent Visitation Day, 9:15 - 11 am
- Oct 9-13 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 11 Milk & Cookies Night, 6:30 pm
- Oct 17 Restaurant Night at Mamma Lucia ([Flyer](#))
- Oct 18 Lego Club begins
- Oct 21: Dragon Dash Color Fun Run



OES Book Fair Volunteers

The Book Fair is almost here and it is one of our favorite and most successful fundraisers of the year! Not only does the Book Fair raise money for our PTA, so that we are able to give back to the school, but the kids LOVE it!

In order to make it a success, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteers are needed in many capacities, and different times of day, so find something that works best with your schedule...and come help (I promise, it's fun!). Help is needed starting with set up on Friday, Oct 6th, and then during the week of Oct. 9-13th, to help kids fill out their wish lists and purchase books.

The **Book Fair** will be open Monday, October 9 to Friday, October 13 from 9am to 4pm. We will be closing at noon on Friday. The classes will be visiting the book fair and the students will come home with a wish list. You can send in a check for books with your child payable to OES PTA. We hope to see you at Milk and Cookies night on Wednesday, October 11 from 6-7:45. If you can't make it, you can support our book fair by shopping online at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/olneyelementary>



Please look for the book fair flier coming home with your child this week!

Milk & Cookies Night

For those that would like to help out, but are not available during the work day...we've got you covered! Our **Milk & Cookies night** will take place on Wednesday, Oct 11th, and this year we are doing our best to accommodate the large crowds by moving the book fair down to the gym. Because of this, we will need a lot of help with breaking down & setting up in the gym (and then back to the media center after).

There will also be opportunities for SSL hours during Milk & Cookies night as well (see sign up).

And as a bonus for volunteering, you will receive a 5% discount at the book fair!!

To volunteer for either the Book Fair or Milk & Cookies night, sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a49acac28a57-oesbook>

Thank you to everyone that volunteers!!! We honestly could not do this without you!!

*****Please note that because this is a school-based activity, all volunteers must complete the volunteer training in order to help out. If you did this last year, you are set - it lasts 3 years. See page 3 for Training details. Please contact me with any questions. Christine Nowack - cglassiter@yahoo.com**



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The Dragon Dash is our largest fundraiser for Olney Elementary School. It is a fun event the whole student body and staff can enjoy.

Fundraising for the Dragon Dash will be from 10/9-10/21.

The website (<http://www.olney.myfunrun.com/>) will go live Monday 10/9, and the kids can start raising money, which will go to support the school . There is a lot more information on the website.

If you have questions, contact Marilena at marilena@alliedpartyrentals.com. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We can't wait to see which grade or class raises the most money!



Box Tops for Education CONTEST!!!

GREAT JOB LAST YEAR COLLECTING BOX TOPS AND SENDING THEM INTO SCHOOL! Together we earned our school almost \$1000.00! Let's try to double that this year!



To kick off the year, we will be having a contest again. From October 2nd through October 20th, let's see which classes can collect the most box tops. There will be one classroom that wins per grade, so please send in as many box tops as you can during that time!!! The box tops can be sent in on a collection sheet (you can find them at WWW.BTFE.COM) or in a ziplock bag. There is a collection bag in each classroom where students can put the box tops. We can't submit expired box tops, so if you have any of those, please just throw them out.

THE WINNING CLASSES WILL GET A REWARD

Also remember that we collect **Labels for Education** as well, so send those in with your box tops so we can earn free stuff for our school! The Labels for Education program is ending at the end of the **calendar** year so be sure to send any labels in as soon as possible!

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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 Wish Wall helps alleviate some of those costs. Thanks to our wonderful OES community, nearly 65% of our Wish Wall requests were taken home to be fulfilled! We'd like to continue to fulfill as many requests as possible. 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.

Specials & Support Staff:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4daba_e2ba2fd0-oesstaff1

Kindergarten & 1st:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4daba_e2ba2fd0-oesstaff

2nd & 3rd:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4daba_e2ba2fd0-oesstaff3

4th & 5th:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4DABAE2BA2FD0-oesstaff2

Once you have purchased the item, make sure to label it before sending it in to school with your child or dropping it off at the office. If you are not able to fulfill a wish you selected on Back to School Night, please email olneyespresident@gmail.com as soon as possible.

We love our new t-shirts and hope you do, too!



If you were unable to buy a shirt at Back to School Night, the PTA will be selling them again at Milk & Cookies Night on Wednesday, October 11. Shirts cost \$12 each. We currently

only have youth sizes available. If you are interested in purchasing an adult size (for yourself or an older student), please email your name, phone number and desired size (XS, S, M, L or XL) to Ana Awwad at anagawwad@gmail.com no later than October 13. We will consider ordering additional shirts only if there is a strong enough interest.

We want our staff to be able to show their school spirit, too! [Sign up here](#) to donate a shirt to a member of our staff. Once you've signed up, please send a check (made payable to "OES PTA") to school in an envelope labeled "PTA - Spirit Wear." Write the staff member's name in the memo of the check. The PTA will deliver the shirts with a note acknowledging the donor.



You can follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OlneyPTA/>

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MySchoolAnywhere

It's important that every family register so that we have a complete directory. It only takes a few minutes of your time. For anyone who wishes to do so, the site allows you to opt out of displaying some or all of your information to others. Please register using this secure link:

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/new-family.a5w?fam=OlneyElementary129744>

If you need assistance registering or have any questions about MySchoolAnywhere, please contact Tanya Arias at tanya.a.arias@gmail.com.



Volunteer Training

Everyone who plans to volunteer must complete the training unless you completed it last 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 must be completed on a computer (it is not compatible with mobile devices). The link can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/XYfzofgB0RqtJLmj2>

Once you have completed the online modules, you need to PRINT the confirmation/completion certificate from the MCPS child abuse and neglect module, and SUBMIT it to the main office at OES. ****You may not come to the building to volunteer until the office has your confirmation.****



If you have questions or don't have access to a printer, please contact Bethany Chung at brkchung@gmail.com.



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League Club**



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