

DRAGON TALES

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

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

Important Dates!

- Feb 15: Deadline to Register for Science Fair
- Feb 18: No School
- Feb 20-22: Jersey Mike's Fundraiser
- Feb 27: OES Science Fair



Calling All Scientists!!

The deadline to register is **THIS FRIDAY, February 15th**

The OES Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, February 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.



ALL AGES are welcome to participate in the noncompetitive science fair. It's a fun way to learn more about science, to try out a new experiment, and to have fun with friends.

If your child wishes to participate in the Science Fair, please complete and return the [registration form](#) no later than **Friday, February 15**. [Click here](#) for additional information.

Seeking Volunteers

Have you been wondering what goes on in the lunchroom? Are you curious about the social dynamics at recess? Here is your chance to observe and help the staff at the same time! We're seeking volunteers to help with the students at lunch and recess. Scheduling is very flexible, and we match you with your child's grade. For any questions or to sign up, contact Bethany Chung at:

brkchung@gmail.com



Thank you to all the parents...

...who cut out hearts and donated candies for our February Staff Appreciation day. You are all so amazing!

For those of you interested, we have a sign-up to sponsor the staff lounge for the next 11 weeks. Families or groups can choose one or multiple days to sign-up to bring in goodies, decorate, or do something special for the staff. Click on the linked image below to find out all the details.



Sponsor the Staff Lounge

Find us on Facebook

You can follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/OlneyPTA/>

PTA Website: olneyespta.org

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Bus Safety



MCCPTA has initiated a committee to address safety of students during their commute to and from school. The committee will be assessing bus stops and routes throughout the county to identify locations that are unsafe for our kids and could be improved. This committee is in the beginning of the information gathering stages and is asking that we provide general information on stops that we consider unsafe at this time. If you have concerns about the safety of your children at the bus stop due to stop location or specific conditions, please email our delegate to the MCCPTA (Paul Carlson - pecarlson25@gmail.com). In the email, please provide the bus number/name, the location of the stop and a short description of your concerns by March 1, 2019. This information will be sent to the committee. Also, please let Paul know if you are interested in being a part of the committee.

Jersey Mike's Fundraiser

Take a break from cooking and grab lunch or dinner from Jersey Mike's Subs while supporting our school at the same time. Stop by the Olney location between 10am-9pm on either February 20th, 21st or 22nd and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the OES PTA when you show the [flyer](#).

Please share the flyer with family, friends and neighbors. A limited number of printed flyers are available on the PTA bulletin board in the main entryway of the school.



Bring your family for a night filled of fun!

NEW DATE: Friday, March 1st
7-8pm

OES All Purpose Room



This event is FREE to all OES families. We are, however, asking for voluntary donations of school supplies. Our staff will greatly appreciate any and all supplies you can contribute.

Snacks, Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. Cash only, please bring small bills.

We need several parents and SSL volunteers to help make this event successful on its new date.

If you're planning to attend, please consider [signing up](#) to help.

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Calling All Photographers!

Our OES Yearbook is in full gear! Please submit any photos you may have for back to school, first day, field trips, class parties, Dragon Dash, school clubs, patrol pictures, assemblies, lunch & recess, etc... to oesyearbook2017@gmail.com. All pictures should only be of current OES students and at OES events. Deadline for photo submission is March 1. Please make sure that all photos submitted are sent in high resolution. Please contact Kelly Weigand with any questions.

Oesyearbook2017@gmail.com

Order Your OES Yearbook Today!



Box Tops for Education CONTEST!!!



We are all doing an awesome job collecting box tops and sending them into school! Keep up the great work!

Our next contest will start on Tuesday, January 15 and end on Friday, February 22. We are excited to 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 should be sent in with your child to their classroom in either a ziplock bag or on a collection sheet (you can find them at www.btfe.com).

There is a collection bag in each classroom where the 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

If you haven't sent in box tops in the past, please see the image below. Please make sure the expiration date is current, as well as that the box top includes everything you see in the sample below.



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Olney Elementary Junior First Lego League Club



Are you interested in having your child work on their creativity & problem solving? Do they want to learn how math & science can be applied to real world scenarios? Then they should join the Junior First Lego League Club (JFLL)!! Lego Robotics

Spring session - Mission Moon! (grade 3 -5)

Who: Grades 3rd - 5th

When: Wednesdays after school from 3:30pm to 4:45pm
March 6th - April 10th.

Where: Olney Elementary School Cafeteria

How to participate: Enter lottery starting 2/6

<https://tinyurl.com/oeslego-spring19>

password: OESLegoSpring19

Lottery ends: 2/22

Cost: It costs \$20 per child to cover equipment/fees and room rental.

Please do not let financial difficulties prevent you from signing up, contact OES Lego club. Bring check to first day of club, if selected.

Questions: e-mail oesmdlegoclub@gmail.com

Parent volunteers are needed: Club size will be ***extremely limited***.
Volunteering will increase the likelihood of your child being selected.

A Note from MCCPTA...

MCEA (the teacher's union) is inviting us to help fill buses to Annapolis for "**MARCH FOR OUR SCHOOLS**" supporting education funding on March 11.

March for Our Schools

Join thousands of Maryland educators, parents, and students in Annapolis on March 11 at 6 p.m. for the March for Our Schools! It's time to end the \$2.9 billion in annual underfunding of our schools and give our students the support they deserve.

The purpose of the march is to:

- Address the underfunding of of Maryland public schools through a new, improved school funding formula that is adequate, equitable, and sustainable for all students in our state.
- Pass a new funding formula by the end of the 2019 legislative session.
- Listen to the educators, parents, and students who know our schools best when considering critical funding policy changes.

For more information about the march, click [here](#).