



Oak Hill Elementary PTO News & Views

“Many Hands Make A Difference”

October 2009



President's Column



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Dear Oak Hill Parents:

Our first month of school is now behind us and September has been very eventful. The Ice Cream Social, actually held at the end of August, was the PTO's first activity of the school year. This event was so well attended that a line for entrance wrapped around the building and we needed participants to split into two groups that rotated times between previewing their children's classrooms and enjoying ice cream. Thank you to Laura Lynn and all who supported her in orchestrating such a successful event. Back – to – School Night also proved to be a well attended activity, with standing room only in the auditorium. Thank you to the students and teachers for the wonderful card presented to the PTO Board. The card is on display in front of the PTO bulletin board.

On 01 September, we held our first PTO meeting, providing you all insight into the perspective of your new Board. Your PTO will continue to focus on providing meaningful educational and extracurricular enrichment programs for our students to complement the quality public education provided by our Oak Hill teachers. Several fliers outlining this fall's offerings have been distributed and many programs are in full swing. In keeping with national and global endeavors, we will seek opportunities to improve the environmental consciousness of both our PTO and our school, including working with our Planet Protectors group. Expect greater use of our website, <http://www.teacherweb.com/MD/oakhillelementary/PTO>, and more emails and electronic files to disseminate information. Our newsletter will be available to parents on the PTO's website and will be sent out via email through the PTO Manager. Also, starting in October, we will post monthly surveys to poll the interests and viewpoints of the PTO membership. Please use this as an additional opportunity to make your voice heard.

Finally, fundraising and volunteerism are the mechanisms by which our PTO survives. Though we have had significant support from our membership, a few volunteer positions remain vacant including the co-chairs for the Spring Fair. Other key positions available are the school improvement representatives and the music and cultural arts coordinators. In the first week of October, the Innisbrook fall fundraiser has concluded. Combined with membership fees and donations and some lesser sources of income, this fundraiser helps to provide our operating budget. Please notify Laura Lynn or Tina Apruzzese if you can assist, and thank you for volunteering and supporting the fall fundraiser.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Apruzzese

Oak Hill PTO President



Thank you to all of our volunteers! September was a busy month as we worked hard to fill important Committee Chair, Room Parent, and Grade Level positions. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Volunteer Orientation and Room Parent/Co-Chair Training. If you haven't seen the Volunteer Video, and you plan on volunteering, please contact Mrs. Lull in the school office to make arrangements to see the video during school hours.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, but are not sure how, we are still looking for someone to chair or co-chair the following committees:

- ◆ Spring Fair Committee
- ◆ Bedtime Story Night
- ◆ Music Volunteer Coordinator
- ◆ Cultural Arts Coordinator (school assemblies)

If you have any questions about any of these committees, or want more information on how to get involved, please feel free to contact either Laura Lynn @ lynnfamily2@verizon.net or Tina Apruzzese @ capruzze@gmail.com.

Thank you, again, to all of the parents who have donated their time to all causes, big and small. Here's to a fun October!

Come see what all the buzz is about!

Black & White

Silent and Live Auction

Saturday, November 14th, 2009 6-11 p.m.
Severna Park Elks Club

**Live Auction with Master Artist-Inspired Grade Level Art
Priceless Teacher, Staff and PTO Donations
Incredible Local Sampling of Food, Splendid Decor,
8 hour Open Bar, Music, Dancing, Raffles, Fun!!!**

Silent Auction with Hundreds of Items including:

**Disney World Hopper Passes, Washington Redskins Tickets, Fitness Club
Membership, Wine Tasting for 10, Horse Riding Lessons, Private Art
Lessons, Port Discovery Passes, Kids' Birthday Parties, Swim Lessons,
Museum Passes, Zoo Membership, and so much more up for auction!**

Look for invitations coming home through backpacks soon.

**Want to Help or Donate? Please email Katie Bartel (katiebartel@gmail.com),
Laura Knox (lkniatz@juno.com) or Janette Hunt (nettnett79@verizon.net)**

Oak Hill PTO's Birthday Book Club

Celebrating a Big Day? Check out the Birthday Book Club!

For a suggested \$10 Donation, your child gets to:

- Pick out a special book from the Birthday Book Club Collection
- Personalize a nameplate for the book
- Be the first to check out their book & keep it for an extra week
- Add a book leaf to the Oak Tree in the Media Center
- Make a lasting contribution to the Oak Hill Media Center

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How it Works:

We will be celebrating Birthday Book Club the third Tuesday of each month*
Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 8*, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 23*, Apr 13, May 18, Jun 8 (June & July)

* celebrated on a different Tuesday because of a conflict

Have your child return this form along with check/cash to the Media Center between 8:20-8:40 a.m. on the Birthday Book Club day corresponding to their birthday. Or, send in the form/donation to their teacher anytime and we'll register them for the appropriate month. Birthday Books can be donated in honor of students' birthdays, staff birthdays, or other special events.

Donate a Book in Honor of A Teacher or Staff Member:

Ms. Ayers (Psychologist) 10/16 • Ms. Johnson 10/24 (Cafeteria) • Mrs. L. Johnson 10/27 (3rd)
Mrs. McKean 10/30 (2nd)

**Birthday Books will become part of the permanent collection in the
Oak Hill Elementary School's Media Center!**

For any questions or comments, please contact: Laura Knox (Lknox@juno.com) or Katie Bartel (katiebartel@gmail.com)

YES! I'd love to celebrate my big day with a great book!

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

This book is donated in honor of my child, whose birthday is on: _____ (\$10 donation)

This book is donated in honor _____, an Oak Hill staff person (\$5 donation)

Please make checks payable to Oak Hill Elementary School PTO

The Green Project



Oak Hill will be actively making changes in and around the school in an effort to become certified as a "Green School" over the next two years. One aspect of the Green Project is the Planet Protectors club that is made up of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who are excited and dedicated to making a difference in our environment. They will be very involved in several school-wide green projects over the next few months including car line education, Waste-Free Lunch Week, and Walk/Ride Your Bike to School Week. Keep your eyes open for further information regarding these events and how you can help make a difference in taking care of our environment.

Fun Facts About Car Idling: Modern engines require much less fuel at startup than most people think. Idling for only 30 seconds uses up more fuel than restarting the engine. Turning off your engine, if you expect to idle for more than 30 seconds, will not only save fuel, it will also help to prevent pollution that contributes to smog, climate change and health problems such as asthma, respiratory and heart disease.

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend
Parents for Pastries on:

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

7:45-8:15 a.m.



We will have pastries, juice, coffee and tea
for you to enjoy with your child
in the media center.

We look forward to seeing you!

Oak Hill Spirit Wear

On Sale!

October 19 through November 12



Look for new exciting items to purchase!

Preview items for sale at the
Family Fall Dinner on October 6.

A few items will be available to
buy at the dinner.

Yearbook Assistance Needed



The Yearbook Committee is looking for help. If you can take photos at school events or have photos that can be used for the yearbook, please contact Tricia Bateman at 410-975-0668 or at ttbateman@comcast.net.



SPOTLIGHT ON FUNDRAISING FOR OAK HILL

Easy Money for Oak Hill Elementary School...

Giant A+ Bonus Bucks:



Use your Giant bonus card to do your regular grocery shopping and Giant will donate A+ Bonus Bucks to our school. You can sign up in person at Giant, online at www.giantfood.com/aplus, or by calling 1-877-275-2758. Last year (Oct-Mar) we made \$736.93! You must register your card every year.

eScrip (Safeway and other stores):



Register your Safeway Club Card at www.escrip.com and Oak Hill will earn up to 3% of your monthly grocery purchases! You MUST renew every year so please register by November 1st for uninterrupted contributions. Example: 3% of a \$200 bi-weekly trip to Safeway will earn \$6.00 for Oak Hill. That is \$12.00 per month just for doing your regular grocery shopping...

You may also register your existing debit and credit cards on the secured eScrip site and when you use your card at participating merchants, a percentage of your purchase is donated to Oak Hill. Please see the above website for more details.

Box Tops:



If you like to clip coupons, this is easier! Simply send your Box Tops in to your child's teacher – and watch for the Box Tops Contest in January where the 2 classes to collect the most that month win an Ice Cream Party. Last year, we earned \$1380.30!

Target-Take Charge of Education:

If you (or someone in your family) have a Target Red Card you can register your card for Oak Hill at www.target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 and Target will donate 1% of your Target purchases and ½% of purchases made at other stores. This is easy money for our school! Last year, we made \$89.00.



MORNING BOOK CLUB

Begins November 1!

More parent volunteers needed.

If you are interested or need more information contact Sara Metcalfe at sara.b.metcalfe@gmail.com or 410-793-5059.

OAK HILL PTO PRESENTS FALL FAMILY DINNER

OCTOBER 6TH, 6:30-8:30 pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT
WITH FELLOW OAK HILL FAMILIES.

We are hosting an evening with:

- Food
- Games & Prizes
- Music-Live DJ
- Pumpkin Sale

And more!

Tickets are \$6.00 per person.
Games are included in the price of the ticket.
You can order in advance or pay at the door.



FALL FAMILY DINNER ORDER FORM

Tickets are \$6.00 per person and include your choice of either a Chick-Fil-A sandwich, Coney Dog, or Hot Dog. Chips, drink and dessert are included. This form can be returned to the office or your child's teacher. Please make checks payable to Oak Hill PTO.

Child's name _____

Child's Teacher _____

of Tickets _____

Games are included in the ticket price!!!!

Cool prizes too!!

The Bird's Eye View

This Issue: Ledo's Family Fundraiser



GREAT CAUSE



GREAT PLACE



GREAT FOOD

Support Oak Hill Elementary School

Parent Teacher Organization Presents PTO Family Fundraising Night

- When:** October 20, 2009 from 4:00PM – 9:00 PM
- Where:** 552E Ritchie Highway
Park Plaza
Severna Park, MD 21146
- How It Works:** Mention Oak Hill During Dine In or Carry Out Orders and a Portion of the Sales will Support the School.
- Frequency:** 3rd Tuesday of Every Month Through May 2010

Show Your School Spirit
Invite Your Family & Friends
Don't Forget to Mention Oak Hill When You Order

Thank you to all the Oak Hill families who came to our 1st Ledo's Family Fundraiser! We had a terrific turnout and raised \$149.70 for our school. We hope to see you in October!

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