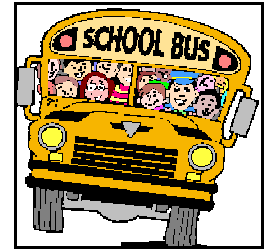


OES- PTO Welcome Back October Newsletter



What a way to start the School Year!

We started this newsletter a month ago with a Welcome Back theme talking about our new officers and plans for the year. Like so many of you our plans have now all changed. What remains the same is the great group of volunteers the PTO has to support the OES family.

The PTO jumped right in to help when plans were announced to move OES to Abide in the Vine, Linnaeus West and OAMS. Volunteers helped support the staff in whatever way they could in order to help get the empty school ready to welcome our kids. The amount of work done at the schools in the last month is amazing. Thank you to all of the volunteers who put aside their own work to help. We are so proud to be part of OES.

The PTO board met last week to restart our year. We have kept the preplanned meeting dates but changed the times. All meetings will be at 7:00pm at OFA. We cancelled our plans for a Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser as well as the fall Scholastic Book Fair. Although this will limit our budget, we will do our best to support the school and the OES families in fun, educational ways.

The PTO is always looking for volunteers to help plan events, work at events, or just work on PTO projects at home. Please contact one of us, or return the membership form to let us know how you would like to help. We are looking forward to working with parents, grandparents, teachers, staff members and students to make the 2011-12 school year a great one at OES.

Sincerely,
OES PTO Officers
Kathie, Chris, Sharon and Tami



Many, Many thanks to our
out-going PTO Officers:

Co-President: Jennifer Dove and

Secretary: Traci Potter

Thank you, for everything

The big things and small

We are very, very, grateful for them all ...



PTO Meeting Schedule

PTO meetings are held once a month. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings will alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays each month. Meetings will be held at Owego Free Academy and limited to 1 hour.

In order to keep meetings short, planning of events and lengthy discussions will be saved for committees. OES PTO welcomes new ideas - email ideas to any board member or put in the PTO mailbox at OES East. Contact Chris to be added to a meeting agenda. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website and emailed to the distribution list. We recommend bringing quiet activities for your children to do since they tend to be bored with our topics.

2011 - 2012 Meetings Dates

First Meeting Thursday Oct. 13th 7:00pm at OFA

Thursday Oct 13th	7:00pm
Tuesday Nov 8th	7:00pm
Thursday Dec 8th	7:00pm
Tuesday Jan 10th	7:00pm
Thursday Feb 9th	7:00pm
Tuesday March 6th	7:00pm
Thursday April 5th	7:00pm
Tuesday May 8th	7:00pm
Thursday June 7th	7:00pm

PTO officer contacts:

Co-Presidents:	Chris Baumbach 687-3848	Chris@oespto.org
	Kathie Arroyo 760-3318	Kathie@oespto.org
Secretary:	Tami Steele 687-3998	Tami@oespto.org
Treasurer:	Sharon McFarland 765-4700	Sharon@oespto.org

Picture Day

Kindergarten—4th Grade
Thursday, October 13th
 5th Grade
Friday, October 14th



Price Chopper Tools for Schools, please remember every year you need to sign up !!!

Sign up your AdvantEdge card to Owego Elementary School (#39399). OES will automatically earn tools for the school every time you shop. Sign up at www.pricechopper.com or in the store. Contact Sue Sindoni at OES for more information.

NEW! E-Labels For Education with Price Chopper

Register your Price Chopper AdvantagEdge card with Labels for Education and any items you buy that are associated with Labels for Education will earn points for our school. Go to www.PriceChopper.com/eLFE to register and for more information.

Visit our website at:

www.oespto.org

PTO Meeting at OFA
 Thursday, October 13th 7:00pm

Box Tops for Education - The PTO participates in the Box Tops for Education program to raise money for OES. Clip the small Box Top logo on participating products. Send trimmed logos in a bag or envelope to OES. For list of participating products check out www.boxtops4education.com

Campbell's Labels For Education (LfE)- This program provides supplies for our school. Clip and collect the specially marked LfE logo/UPC codes then send them to school in a bag or envelope. Please do not send in whole labels. For a list of participating products: www.labelsforeducation.com

Separate boxes are by the OES East office for Box Tops and LfE donations. THANK YOU!

The teacher is one who makes two ideas grow where only one grew before.



Thank you to all our teachers and staff !!!

Are you on the PTO membership list? Meeting minutes, event announcements and volunteer requests are sent to an email distribution list as well as posted on www.oespto.org. Volunteer requests are also made via phone calls to PTO members. Return the membership form below to be added to the PTO membership list.

OES PTO Membership - All Are Welcome !!

Please Fill out if you are joining us for the first time, or have new contact information. Memberships are carried over from last year. **Return to PTO through school or email Tami@oespto.org**

Name: _____ ()parent ()grandparent ()other

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

I am available to help Day _____ Evening _____ Donate Items _____