

OES PTO Newsletter

Growing Together at OES

March 2011

Owego Businesses Support OES

The PTO wants to thank the following local businesses for the support they have given to Owego Elementary School. Each of the donations these companies made has helped the PTO provide activities, supplies and opportunities to the students and families of OES. Please stop into these businesses and say THANK YOU!

Ahwaga Paint & Floor Coverings - Lake Street 687-0181

Anything Artistic – Front Street www.anythingartistic.biz

The Goat Boy – Front Street www.thegoatboy.com

Home Central – Central Ave. www.homecentralstores.com

HSBC Bank – Lake Street www.us.hsbc.com

Mario's Pizza - Fox Street 687-5121

Original Italian Pizza – Lake Street 687-9510

Owego Bowl – Taylor Road www.owegobowl.com

Price Chopper - Main Street www.pricechopper.com

Rossi's Pizza -1551 Route 96 687-7492

Scott Smith & Son – Delphine St. www.warmcomfort.com

Sincerely Yours - Lake Street 687-1224

Tioga State Bank - 687-4646 www.tiogabank.com

Tops Market – Route 17c www.topsmarkets.com

Important Dates

March 25: Grandparent's Day

March 31: Open House & Book Fair

April 1- 6: Book Fair

April 7: PTO Meeting 3:30pm

April 11 – 15: No School

April 22: No School

Box Tops Collection Results

Thank you to everyone for sending in your Box Tops. The PTO raised \$670 in the February submission. Each little box top that you save helps the PTO fund opportunities for the students at OES. A huge thank you to Kristin Felice for her time and effort counting, trimming and sending in the box tops. Please continue to collect box tops and trim them closely. There is a box in the OES lobby for envelopes or baggies of box tops.

Price Chopper Tools for Schools

The Tools for Schools program wrapped up for another year. This year OES earned 61,534 points. This total was about 6000 more than last year. We will order playground equipment for students to use during recess. Thank you to Sue Sindoni for managing this program for PTO and to everyone for registering their Price Chopper AdvantEdge cards to the OES.

Have you been using our website?

www.oespto.org

The PTO tries to keep the website up to date to keep you informed. Check out Meeting Minutes, Calendars, Contacts, Volunteer Needs, Event information, Community Links, Forms & Newsletters. Email traci@oespto.org if you have something to post on the website.

Principal's Corner

Success

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED!

-author unknown

Fun at Family BINGO Night

The PTO hosted a Family Bingo night on March 11th. It was great to see so many families enjoying an evening together. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the evening run smoothly. Special thanks to Corey Barrows for organizing this event; Kathie Arroyo for getting donations from the area businesses and to William Hall for finding and running the electronic bingo games.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars the Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Tracy Brown is organizing the book fair and is bringing new ideas to the PTO. Each student will be receiving a \$2 coupon to use toward the purchase of a book. We have requested additional discount books from Scholastic in an effort to allow students to purchase a book with this coupon, but keep in mind that most books start at \$3.99. We are excited to be able to offer new extended shopping days. This will give parents an opportunity to shop with their children if they can not do it during Open House. Volunteers are needed to work at the book fair – setting up, working during the school day, working during the extended hours and working at AES Open House. Volunteers will receive a \$5 coupon for the book fair. If you can volunteer for one or more shifts please contact Tracy at tracybrown@oespto.org. Watch for more information to be coming home soon.

Scholastic Book Fair Hours:

Thursday, March 31st 6:00pm – 8:00pm in Cafeteria & Stage
Friday, April 1st 9:00am – 6:00pm on stage ***Extended parent shopping hours***
Monday, April 4th 9:00am – 3:00pm on stage
Tuesday, April 5th 9:00am – 6:00pm on stage ***Extended parent shopping hours***
Wednesday, April 6th 9:00am – noon on stage

Open House March 31st

- ☼ The OFA Post Prom Committee will be selling food starting at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.
- ☼ The Book Fair will be open in the cafeteria and on the stage 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- ☼ Classrooms will be open from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Can you use word processing and spreadsheets on the computer? Can you volunteer at one meeting a month? The PTO is looking for you! Over the next few months the PTO will begin planning for next year. The secretary position will need to be filled for next year. We would like to fill the position this spring to help plan meeting times for next year. Contact Traci Potter (below) for more information about this position.

OES PTO Contacts:

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Secretary: Traci Potter 687-2472 Traci@oespto.org

Donate your used Print Cartridges and More!

The OES PTO is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There is a big lime green bin in the lobby to collect used cellular phone(s), ink jet cartridge(s), laptop / notebook computer(s), iPod(s), digital camera(s) and digital video camera(s). Your used item(s) will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund your programs sponsored by the OES PTO. **Deposit items in the lime green bin in the lobby.** Check out the list of accepted items at www.green-recycling-fundraiser.org. Contact Amy McDonald (972-9953 amymcdonald@stny.rr.com) if you have any questions.

Labels For Education

Clip the specially marked UPC section on Campbell's and other popular products. Do not send in the entire label. There is a box in the OES lobby for envelopes or baggies of the clippings.

See the OES Reference Guide and website for all of the items that the PTO collects for fundraising.

School Holiday Pass – Owego Apalachin Schools

Owego Bowl Taylor Road 687-5631

2 Games of Bowling, shoe rental, hot dog or French fries, and small soda \$7.00 per child

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____

School: Owego Elementary School

Valid any School Holiday for the 2010-2011 school year. Not valid after 6pm or Friday or Saturday.

For every coupon redeemed, Owego Bowl will donate \$1.00 to the PTO.