

# OES PTO Newsletter

Growing Together at OES

November 2009

## Save the environment. Help our school. Donate your used consumer electronics!

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The OES PTO is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your 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.** Help raise money for your school while helping the environment! Contact me if you have any questions or see the list of accepted items to donate at [www.green-recycling-fundraiser.org](http://www.green-recycling-fundraiser.org). We greatly appreciate your support!

Best regards,  
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Green Recycling Coordinator  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 19 – Portrait Make up Day  
Nov 20 – Half-day Parent Teacher Conferences  
Nov 23 - Half-day Parent Teacher Conferences  
Nov 25-27 – No School  
Dec 5 – Craft Fair at OES  
Dec 8 – PTO Meeting 7pm at OES  
Dec 16 -18 Holiday Shoppe  
Dec 19 – Synchro Swim Open House  
Dec 24-Jan 1 – No school

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

This was shared with me and I thought it might give you pause for thought, as it did me. Parenting is the hardest job in the world!

-Mrs. McKeveny

### For Adults Only:

- ⊗ Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.
- ⊗ Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.
- ⊗ Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I should not have all I ask for – I'm only testing you.
- ⊗ Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it; it makes me feel more secure.
- ⊗ Don't let me form bad habits. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.
- ⊗ Don't make me feel my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of value.
- ⊗ Don't protect me from consequences; I need to learn the painful way sometimes.
- ⊗ Don't be too upset when I say "I hate you" – It isn't you I hate, but your power to thwart me.
- ⊗ Don't nag. If you do I will have to protect myself by appearing deaf.
- ⊗ Don't make rash promises. Remember I feel badly let down when promises are broken.
- ⊗ Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do you will find I stop asking and seek information elsewhere.
- ⊗ Don't tell me my fears are silly. They are terribly real and you can do much to reassure me if you try and understand.
- ⊗ Don't ever suggest you are perfect or infallible. It gives me great shock when I discover you are neither.
- ⊗ Don't forget how quickly I am growing up. It must be very difficult for you to keep pace with me, but please try.
- ⊗ Don't forget I can't thrive without lots of understanding love. But I don't need to tell you, do I?

## Parent Reminders from the OES Office

- If you are walking your child into school, please say good-bye in the lobby. If you have a snack or items that need to go to the classroom, please leave them in the office and we will get them to the classroom.
- Classroom party snacks should be store bought, not homemade.
- For after school pick-up, it is preferable that you park in our lot by the soccer field to avoid having to cross the bus route. If you park in the new spots in the front of the school, be sure to walk with your children and use the crosswalk areas for crossing. Be careful and set a safe example for the students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Children's Book Collection

Family Reading Partnership of Owego Apalachin has red crates in the OES lobby and office to collect new and gently used books for babies, preschoolers, and school aged children in our community. The books will be located on bright red bookshelves throughout the community for children to take. Thank you to all of you who made donations at our parade. Anyone still wanting to give a book(s) can do so by putting them in one of our crates. If you have a large quantity of books you wish to donate, please call the school, leave a message for Kristin Barton or e-mail her at \_\_\_\_\_, and we will arrange to get them. Thank you all for your generosity.

Meeting minutes, forms, PTO contacts, calendar, and useful links are posted on our website

[www.oespto.org](http://www.oespto.org)

**OES Band is in need of Band Instruments!**

Please consider donating your old instrument to the OES Band. All instruments are welcomed but we are especially in need of bell sets (xylophones), clarinets and trumpets. Broken instruments can even be used for parts or repair. Spread the word! Every instrument helps one more child be in band! Please contact Mrs. Williams at [WilliamsL@oacsd.org](mailto:WilliamsL@oacsd.org)

**O-A Music Booster Club - Annual Holiday Craft Fair**

The craft fair will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 10am – 4pm. It will be held at the Owego Elementary School. There will be many crafters displaying their wares for your home and holiday ideas. There will be food and beverages from local eateries available in the cafeteria. Join us for a fun day and get your Christmas shopping done too!

**Learn to Crochet with your Student!**

Miss Tabbert will be hosting an after school club for 3rd through 5th grade students AND their families. Starting on **Tuesday November 17th**, Miss Tabbert will teach you how to crochet, give project ideas, and provide materials. Students must bring an adult with them to learn together. All meetings will be in the OES Art room, 3:20-4:20. If you plan to attend Kids Crochet please sign your student out in the OES Cafe at dismissal then come with them to the art room. Scheduled dates are **Tuesdays:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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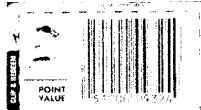
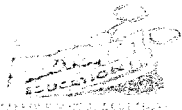
**Central NY Diamonds Synchronized Swim Team**

Invites you to their first annual  
**Synchro Swim Holiday Open House**

Sat. Dec. 19, 9am – 11am

Owego Free Academy Pool

Come and swim with the Diamonds Synchro Team as they introduce you to the sport of synchronized swimming. We'll be swimming to Christmas music and snacking on Christmas cookies and punch. School-aged swimmers of all abilities welcome. Stay late and enjoy our Synchro Christmas show at 11 am. Please contact Head Coach Kathy Saunders at 727-6666 or team parent Maureen Mueller at 754-1450 for more info.



**Send in Box Tops & Campbell's Labels For Education UPCs**

The PTO will be collecting Box Tops Education and Campbell's Labels for Education UPCs throughout the year. Please take time to clip the familiar Box Tops coupons and special UPCs from hundreds of participating products. Place them in an envelope or bag and have your student put them in the boxes in the lobby. See [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for a current complete list of participating Box Tops products; or [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for Campbell's products. Please keep box tops and UPC's in separate bags as we have different volunteers counting each.

**Box Top Collection Update**

Thank you to all the parents and students who took the time to send in Box Tops for October. The PTO has collected \$795.50 for our school! Keep collecting the Box Tops and sending them in through the year. A green box labeled with Box Tops is in the lobby for dropping them off anytime.

**Owego Bowl "School Holiday Passes"**

By redeeming these coupons on school holidays; Owego Bowl will donate \$1.00 per coupon, back to your OES PTO! These coupons are also available on-line at [www.owegobowl.com](http://www.owegobowl.com).



**Tools for Schools Update:**

Thank you to all of the OES families and friends that enrolled in the Tools for Schools for OES. We have over 200 new numbers to earn points for OES. The points will be "cashed" in during the month of February. If anyone would like to enroll more friends or family members, please enroll at Price Chopper. Our OES number is 39399.

**OES PTO Contacts:**

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**\$7.00**

**2 Games of Bowling  
Shoe Rental  
Hotdog or French Fries  
and Small Soda  
Owego Bowl 687-5631**

**School Holiday Pass  
Owego – Apalachin Schools**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Any School Holiday for the 2009-2010 School Year Not valid after 6pm Fri. or Sat. For every coupon redeemed Owego Bowl will donate \$1.00 to the PTO