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Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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MARK THE DATES!

Sep 10	Back-to-School Picnic, 6-8 PM
Sep 14	NO SCHOOL — Primary Elections
Sep 21	Back-to-School Night
Sep 30	School Pictures
Oct 9	OES Yard Sale, 10/16 Rain Date
Oct 15	NO SCHOOL - MSTA Convention

One Week Left to Support your PTA and Win Big!

A reminder to those who haven't returned their completed PTA Membership Forms yet - do so by September 15 and you could win one of the generous prizes being donated by Olney Yoga, Mamma Lucia and Salon H2O of Olney! Online registration is a snap at www.olneyespta.org, or membership forms (page 8) can be completed and returned to school along with membership fees. Forms can also be turned in at this Friday's PTA Sponsored Back-to-School Picnic this Friday (6-8 PM).

Please Note: The free PTA School Directory is only available for PTA Members only. Please don't miss out.

Thank you for your support in "keeping the extras alive" at OES!

Annual Back-to-School Picnic

This year's first Family Night will be the Back-to-School Picnic scheduled for TOMORROW from 6:00-8:00 PM. See the flyer on page 5 for details.



The Charleston Wraps fundraiser is in full swing!

Please dig into that pile on the table to pull out the brochures and check out how you can help support OES PTA by buying/selling items you may need for yourself or holiday gift giving. You could be finished holiday shopping by October! Everything you buy/sell earns 30-50% profit for our great PTA that does so much for the school. Some important reminders:

- * The yellow coupons for the instant prize ended Wed, 9/8/10
- * Please send in the white coupons for any one item sold until Tuesday 9/21/10 — the coupon will be in a daily raffle to win a "wacky racer" or the chance to have "Corey" the snake in their class for the day. All names pulled for the daily raffles will earn the chance to win the snake in the final raffle on 9/21.
- * The top participating class in each grade (based on participation NOT sales) will win a popsicle party!

Please contact Laura Stephens with any questions- lauras@verizon.net.



IT'S TIME TO
REGISTER YOUR
GIANT AND SAFEWAY
CARDS!



Did you know that when you use your Safeway or Giant card each shopping trip that you can earn CASH for our school? You just need to register your Safeway and Giant cards so that a percentage of your purchases will be donated to Olney Elementary. It's quick. It's easy. It's done!! Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. Here's how to do it:

* * Remember that registration of both Safeway and Giants cards must be renewed every school year.* *

To register your Safeway card:

1. Log on to www.escrip.com to register online and designate the school ID# 6608585 for Olney ES ; or
2. Call 1-877-723-3929, 1-877-SAFEWAY; or
3. Complete the form on page 7 and return it in your child's backpack or to the PTA mailbox; we'll register for you!

To register your Giant card:

1. Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online and designate the school ID#00688 for Olney ES; or
2. Call 1-877-275-2758 to register your Giant card over the phone; or
3. Complete the the form on page 7 and return it in your child's backpack or to the PTA mailbox; we'll register for you!

Don't forget to tell your family, friends and neighbors about this easy way to support their local schools and community!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Nowotny at mary.nowotny@erols.com.

Room Captains & Co-Captains

We are looking for any parents who are interested in being a Room Captain or Co-Captain of their child's classroom this year. Room Captains are responsible for planning and implementing the Halloween and Valentine parties. Other duties include participating in the OES Annual Spring Carnival. Make this year special for your child's classroom by being involved. Please contact Ruth Lyon at ruthlyon44@msn.com.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT YEARBOOK AND NOW'S THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR PICTURES FROM THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR REMEMBER TO TAKE PICTURES OF FIELD-TRIPS AND OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS! PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO [KELLY-WEIGAND@VERIZON.NET](mailto:kelly-weigand@verizon.net) OR PUT THEM ON A CD AND PLACE THEM IN THE YEARBOOK MAILBOX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. YOUR CHILD WILL LOVE TO SEE HIS OR HER PICTURE IN THE BOOK AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

The Olney Elementary PTA is hosting a Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, October 9 in the OES parking lot from 8 AM-1PM. (Rain date is October 16)

To rent a space contact Vicky Aceto, PTA Yard Sale Coordinator at

301-570-2163, or at drsku@verizon.net.

Reserving a yard sale space is \$20.

All space rental proceeds are donated to the OES PTA.



Dragon Tales Junior

Dragon Tales Jr., the Olney Elementary student-run, student-written newspaper, is looking for a **4th Grade Editor**

Responsibilities Include:

- * Reviewing student submissions for publication
- * Using *Microsoft Publisher* to design the layout of the 2-page newspaper
- * Editing the publication prior to printing
- * Attending planning meetings (once a month)
- * Publicizing and marketing the *Dragon Tales Jr.* publication

The 4th grade editor should:

- * Have strong creative writing skills
- * Have access to email and *Microsoft Publisher*. We train on-the-job. *Publisher* is an easy program to learn. Student does however, need to have easy access to a computer (at home or at school).
- * Be able to meet once a month. Planning meetings will be the last Tuesday of the month, from 8-9 a.m. at Olney Elementary.

If you are interested:

- * Submit a typed writing sample that expresses why you are interested in joining the staff of *Dragon Tales Jr.*, the skills you have that would be needed for this position, and any appropriate prior experience.
- * In addition, submit a short creative writing sample of your choice (options include poems, informative articles, and short stories).
- * Parent/Guardian permission to join this extra-curricular activity is a must, so please show (by signature at the bottom of the writing sample) that you have approval to be considered for this opportunity.

Deadline is September 24th!

Please submit your writing samples by email to dragontaleskids@gmail.com or send it in to the front office properly labeled "DT Jr." We plan to have our first edition printed in November. Please email or call with any questions you may have:

Ms. Enders, dragontaleskids@gmail.com, 301-260-0202

Have Something for Dragon Tales?

Dragon Tales is the PTA-sponsored school newspaper. We use it to communicate upcoming events and information on OES school policy. If you would like to include a message in Dragon Tales, the due date is each Wednesday by 2 PM via email to dragon_tales@verizon.net. If you have something that is only hardcopy, email dragon_tales@verizon.net by 8 AM so that it can be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The DT mailbox is only checked monthly. When submitting information, please indicate a date on which the submission should be pulled. Have any questions? Contact Judy Casey at dragon_tales@verizon.net.



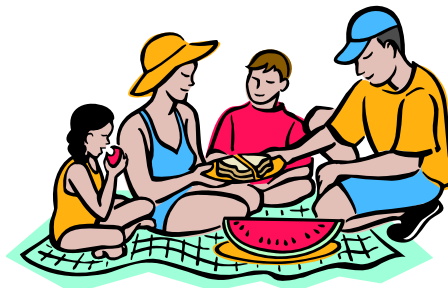
OES family back to school picnic

Please bring your chairs, picnic blanket and dinner to join all your classmates and families on the playground on

Friday, Sept 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

This is a great way to meet all the new families at OES and to reacquaint with friends you haven't seen all summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Vicky Aceto at 301-570-2163.





2010-2011 Olney Elementary School PTA Membership Drive

Your membership supports the following 2010-2011
PTA sponsored activities for our students at Olney Elementary School

- **Five Cultural Arts Programs Per Year – One show for each 40 school days!**
Our fantastically anticipated yearly shows include the Math Magic Show, Hip-Hop Illstyle show, Joe Ramano’s “Books, The Magic is Real”, and the ASL show Road Signs.
- **Family Nights:** Friday Evening OES Picnics, Family Bingo Night, and our Fall Dance with DJ.
- **Fieldtrips or activities for each grade:** approx \$500 per Grade! Examples include the 4th grade Bay Day Celebration, 1st grade Sharp’s Farm Visit and the 5th grade Memories Party.
- **D.A.R.E. program:** A Nationwide Drug Awareness and Bullying Prevention Program given to 5th graders. OES PTA contributes heavily toward graduation party and T-shirts for every student.
- **Patrols:** Your PTA Membership Fee Directly Provides our OES Patrols with New Belts and Raingear.
- **OES Reading Enrichment program**
- **Science Fair:** PTA volunteers organize this event with certificates and door prizes for participants.
- **Media Center programs and/or new supplies and technology.**
- **Donation towards OES School Beautification program:** i.e. mulch, plantings, and yard clean-up
- **Directory:** Your OES handy resource listing is 100% PTA compiled with students name/address by class.
- **Teacher Reimbursement for Classroom Supplies Purchased with Their Own Money**
- **Staff Appreciation Events:** Welcome Back Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Week Gifts, and Monthly Staff Appreciation Luncheons are all PTA funded and Volunteer Staffed.
- **Subsidizing the cost of PTA membership to our families in need.**

The Parent Teacher Association is:

A national, nonprofit organization that does not receive any financial benefit from school activities. It is run by volunteers and led by volunteers who are accountable to parents and the school.

PTA Memberships give parents:

- Discounts at FedEx/Kinko’s, Barnes and Noble, Southwest Airlines, and Chevy Chase Bank.
- A powerful voice to advocate for your child’s needs at local, regional and national levels.
- Access to resources on student achievement, health and wellness, safety, and media technology.

****PLEASE REMEMBER: The PTA Directory will be available ONLY TO PTA MEMBERS****
To guarantee your copy, please send in membership dues by SEPTEMBER 24TH.

Please support our students and join today!

For your convenience, payment for PTA membership can be made two ways.

USING PAYPAL: Please see our website www.olneyespta.org for details.

BY CHECK: Please fill out this portion and enclose with payment in an envelope marked “PTA Membership”. Turn in to the office or mail to: OES PTA Membership, 3401 Queen Mary Dr., Olney₂ MD 20832. Please make checks payable to “OES PTA”. All checks will be subject to a \$10 bank fee.

Parent/Staff Name (1 name for single, 2 for family): _____

Child(ren): _____

Teacher(s): _____ Grade: _____

Membership Options Include ~ Single: \$20 Family: \$25 Staff: \$10

(Additional contributions to the OES PTA are always welcomed and appreciated)



Do You Have a Child with Attention Deficit Disorder?

Join Us at our Monthly Speaker Program Meeting!
Now Thursday evenings



Mark your calendars!

Thursday, September 23, 2010, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville (240-777-0240)
In Twinbrook Shopping Center
Viers Mill Road between Twinbrook Parkway and Route 28)

Resiliency and Motivation in ADHD

Presenter: Dr. Lance Clawson is a well-regarded pediatric and adolescent psychiatrist in the region. He has been practicing psychiatry for over 20 years and received his medical degree with honors from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. He was voted a Top Psychiatrist in Washingtonian Magazine's "Top Docs" among many other professional awards and honors. In addition to practicing psychiatry locally, Dr. Clawson's teaching experience includes The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship; and Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Dr. Clawson has authored numerous books, articles, papers and presentations on topics related to child/adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Clawson is an active member of our community, volunteering for many local organizations.

Go to www.chadd.org for information about AD/HD and www.chadd-mc.org/category/montgomery for information about upcoming chapter events.



REGISTER YOUR GIANT AND SAFEWAY CARDS

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL TODAY!

Did you know that there is a quick and simple way to support our school? Register your Safeway and Giant cards and every time you shop you will be earning CASH for our school! It's easy! You can register by signing up at the store, going on-line, a quick phone call or by filling out and returning this form. It's done! Now every time you shop a percentage of your purchases will be donated to Olney Elementary. ****Remember that registration must be renewed every school year.****



Giant A+ School Rewards Program

How do I register my Giant card? **Please complete one of the following:**

1. Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online and designate the school ID# for Olney ES: 00688; or
2. Call 1-877-275-2758 to register your Giant card over the phone; or
3. Complete the information below and return this form in your child's backpack or to the PTA mailbox.

NAME: _____

GIANT 12-DIGIT CARD NUMBER BELOW

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____



SAFEWAY eSCRIP Program

How do I register my Safeway card? **Please complete one of the following:**

1. Log on to www.escrip.com/ to register online and designate the school ID# for Olney ES: 6608585; or
2. Call 1-877-723-3929, 1-877-safeway; or
3. Complete the information below and return this form in your child's backpack or to the PTA mailbox.

NAME: _____

SAFEWAY CARD 11-DIGIT CARD NUMBER BELOW

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Your privacy is important to us. We will only use the information you provide for the purpose of registering for Giant A+ Rewards Program and/or the Safeway eScrip Program.