

Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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MARK THE DATES!

- Nov 11-12** Parent conferences – Early release day K-8 Report cards distributed
- Nov 23** Restaurant Night, Cal. Tort (5-8 PM) & Coldstone (6-9 PM)
- Nov 24** Early release day
- Nov 25** No DT this week
- Nov 25-26** **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving**
- Dec 9** Last Edition of DT of 2010

CHESS CLUB

To all you Chess Club parents: The flyer for this year should have gone home last week in backpacks. If you did not get one there are extra copies in the school office in the Chess Club mailbox. Please note that the due date for the forms is next Thursday, **November 18**. You will receive an e-mail letting you know that your child is enrolled. If you do not receive confirmation by November 26, please e-mail or call.

Thanks,

Monica C. Kenney-Jacobs
 Chess Club Coordinator
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 301-774-3256

Come & join us for some tasty food, fun atmosphere & fundraising for the OES PTA on Tuesday, November 23 at California Tortilla from 5 PM to 8 PM and Coldstone 6 PM to 9 PM.

Please remember to bring the flyer on page 5 and/or mention the OES fundraiser to the cashier when you make your purchase at California Tortilla so that they will add your receipt towards our running total. That is the only way we can guarantee not to lose potential dollars. As always, the generous portion of our sales will go to our school PTA and will help support the many Olney ES PTA programs and activities. Thank you in advance for your support!!! For more information, please contact Tsili Wolf at: tsiliwolf@yahoo.com.

Thanks

A HUGE thank you to each family that participated in the Charleston Wraps Fundraiser!! We raised over \$8,200 and each dollar will benefit all of our children. Enjoy your products!

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Student Submissions Wanted for Dragon Tales Jr.

Dragon Tales Jr. is the student-written, student-produced, and student-read newspaper here at Olney Elementary. We are now collecting news articles, book and movie reviews, stories, poems, announcements, and drawings (on *unlined white paper*) for our next edition. A reminder to our teachers: please be on the lookout for good factual or creative writing samples, and encourage your students to submit them to us!

All articles should be sent to the main office, or **e-mailed** to dragontaleskids@gmail.com. You can even do this on the Olney Elementary website! *Remember to include your first and last name, and teacher!*

THE CLASS WITH THE MOST SUBMISSIONS IN EACH GRADE FROM NOW THROUGH JANUARY WILL GET A SPECIAL TREAT, SO START WRITING AND DRAWING!

Olney Dragons are Fired up about Health and Fitness!

Congratulations to all our students that recorded and turned in their exercise card for the month of October.

We had 96 students that followed the exercise criteria and submitted their cards on time. Those students were eligible for the special drawing for an embroidered sports cinch sack.

We chose 6 winners, one from each grade level. A big cheer goes out to:

Gr	Name	Class
K	Leah Stephens	Ms. McConaghy
1 st	Exander Martin	Mrs. Mills
2 nd	Ryan Connell	Mrs. Baker
3 rd	Elan Rosenberg	Mrs. Buckingham
4 th	Katelyn Horsley	Ms. Friedlander
5 th	Jacob Ayres	Mrs. Gangloff

The November exercise cards were passed out on Wednesday, November 3. Keep up the great work boys and girls, and you just might be next month's lucky winner. The prize is an embroidered winter workout hat. Good luck to you!

The Media Center is the center of a school. **We can use volunteers – one hour a week or every other week or even monthly.** It is a great way to see what books are popular among the students. Duties include re-shelving books, repairing books, creating bulletin boards, filing catalogs and helping students find interesting books. On the job training is provided with a smile. To get started, contact Mrs. Brunn at [Lorraine M Brunn@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lorraine_M_Brunn@mcpsmd.org) or the Media Center Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Falcigno at Falcigno@verizon.net or 301-476-4716.

Annual Pie-Giving

To WHOM: In honor of our awesome OES Staff and Bus Drivers

WHAT: Donated baked or bought pies from OES Families

WHERE: Drop off in main office

WHEN: Tuesday, November 23, by 10 AM

Every year, the OES PTA and OES Families donate pies to be given to our wonderful OES Staff and Bus Drivers. On Tuesday, November 23 we will be handing out pies to the staff. If you are interested in baking or buying a pie or two, please let Jennifer DeBalso know by emailing her at jhdebalso@yahoo.com or calling her at 301-774-9322.

Also, we will need two volunteers to help organize the pies in the staff lounge for about an hour from 9 AM - 10 AM that morning. Please let Andrea Rudolph know by emailing her at rudolph_family@verizon.net.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Jennifer DeBalso and Andrea Rudolph
Co-Chairs OES PTA Staff Appreciation Committee

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER :

Congratulations to **Ms. McConaghy's** kindergarten class for having no overdue books during October. Their names have been added to the "ZOC" (zero overdue club) wall outside the Media Center on the ramp. They were super responsible!



Voting for the **Pumpkin Personality Contest** will take place from Nov. 10 – 22. Photographs of all 23 entries are on display in the hallway across from the main office. Voting ballots are available in the Media Center. Students will vote for the most creative pumpkin next week as part of their media classes. Parents who are coming in for conferences are encouraged to stop by and cast their ballot as well. Stay tuned for the results.

Research Tools

School library media programs are essential to student achievement. They provide all school stakeholders with access to literature, information, technology, and media. Through an integrated and collaborative instructional program, school library media specialists and staff members teach students to inquire, think critically, gain knowledge, and share information in an ethical manner. A grid of the MCPS centrally purchased elementary online databases will be sent home next week with each student. Please look for this double sided paper. These databases and resources:

1. Are selected by experts
2. Contain accurate, reliable content
3. Use text levels students can read
4. Are not available on the free Internet
5. Are continually reviewed so that content & links are appropriate and up-to-date

Students receive instruction on how to use these research tools during their media lessons. Please keep this document near your computer for future homework and research assignments. The log-ins and passwords are required for home use. The grid cannot be posted on the website as access is limited to MCPS stakeholders.



MATH-A-THON FALL 2010!!

It is time for our annual Math-a-thon fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As you may have noticed this is not the regular time of year that we have held the Math-a-thon in the past. Due to parent and staff feedback we decided to switch to a different time of year. This week your student(s) will be bringing home the Math-a-thon recording sheet/collection envelope and student permission form. To participate, parents and students must complete **and return the signed Permission/Consent Form to their teacher by Monday, November 15, 2010.** On this form you must indicate if your child is going to participate through the online version or through the print version.

The online version has been recently updated by Scholastic, Inc. to match the National Council for Teaching Mathematics standards. It is in a fun game format and includes all grades from K-8. The print version, or Funbook, contains only the grade you indicate on the permission form. If your child is working above grade level in math then please indicate the next grade level up. If at all possible we recommend that you decide to utilize the online version so that your student(s) can access any grade level as needed. We want all students to have fun completing their math problems, but also be challenged at the same time. **Please do not send back the collection envelope until after the Thanksgiving holiday. Watch for upcoming due dates to be announced in Dragon Tales!**

Once all permission forms have been collected, then the Funbooks will be ordered and dispersed directly after arrival. This usually takes 7-10 business days. While students are waiting for their Funbooks to arrive, they can collect sponsors. Then the students will be given about two weeks to complete the problems. Once all of the problems have been completed, then the student collects the money pledged from their sponsors. **The donations will be due the week of December 6, but the final deadline for all money is Friday, December 17. All donations sent in collection envelopes must be in the form of a check or money order—NO CASH PLEASE.**

Please note that you can go to www.mathathon.org and set up an online account for collecting sponsor donations which makes it easier for friends and family who live out of the area. **If you and your child set up an online account, it is extremely important that you send in a print out of all online donations. This print out should be placed inside the envelope. However, please do not send back the collection envelope until the week of December 6th.**

After all money is collected and accounted for then prizes are ordered. All participants get a Certificate of Appreciation; however each student raising \$35 or more will receive a special Math-a-thon T-shirt plus a FREE Six Flags Pass. If a student raises \$75 or more, then they will receive the T-shirt, Six Flags Pass, and a special Math-a-thon Backpack! For the students who raise \$125 or more, there are a range of prizes to choose from as specified on the Sponsor Collection envelope.

Olney ES has had a long history of raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and to date has raised more than \$113,000 over the past 16 years. Plaques of appreciation from each year of participation with St. Jude can be viewed above the main office window. A goal of \$3,000 has been set for this year. Please visit our school's Math-a-thon webpage for a special message when your child registers online.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, and based in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization. For more information, please visit www.mathathon.org. Both St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Olney Elementary School thank you for your continuing support!

PLEASE WRITE AT THE TOP OF THE PERMISSION FORM IF YOUR STUDENT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MATH-A-THON ONLINE FUNBOOK OR THE PAPER VERSION OF THE FUNBOOK AND THE GRADE LEVEL.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 15th– Return completed Permission/Consent Form
Week of December 6th – Donations due
December 17th – Final Deadline for donations



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When: Tuesday, November 23

**Where: California Tortilla, 5 PM to 8 PM
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Olney Village Center
(Carry Out & Dine in)**

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLYER!!!

A generous portion of our sales will go to our
school PTA when you bring this flyer or
mention the fundraiser.

The proceeds will help support the many Olney
Elementary PTA programs and activities.

Thank you in advance for your support!!!

For more information, please contact Tsili Wolf at:
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