

# Olney Elementary PTA Newsletter

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**celebration at Rita's!**  
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## Student Transportation Changes for 2011-2012

**Bus 3327 Stripes and Bus 3305 Pink**

The bus stop at Moss Side Lane & Lafayette Drive will be eliminated for the next school year. The replacement stop will be at Cherry Valley Drive & Moss Side Lane. Parents please note that this change was made because the stops are too close together and that the change will not take effect until the 2011-2012 school year begins on August 29.



## Mark the Dates!

- Jun 2** Last Edition of DT for 2010-2011 school year
- Jun 3** End-of-Year Family Night Picnic – playground, 6-8 PM
- Jun 7** Field Day Rain Date grades 3-5
- Jun 9** Mini Relay—Pay \$1 to participate
- Jun 16** 5th Grade graduation 9:30-11:00 AM
- Jun 16** Fundraiser at Rita's
- Jun 16** Last day of school for students – Students dismissed after lunch
- Aug 29** First day of 2011-2012 School Year

This is the last edition of DT for the 2010-2011 school year!

**Field Day for grades 3-5 rain date is Tue. 6/7.**

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS:**  
Students who pre-ordered Olney Elementary yearbooks will receive their copy on Friday, June 10. Please contact our PTA yearbook coordinator with any questions at [kellyweigand@verizon.net](mailto:kellyweigand@verizon.net).

# OES PTA End-of-Year Family Picnic

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

**TOMORROW, Friday, June 3,  
from 6 PM to 8 PM.**

This is a great way to end the year, talk with friends and enjoy a night out.

Any questions?



On **Fri. June 2** (rescheduled from 5/31 due to heat) and **Thu. June 9** OES students will be invited to **pay a dollar and participate in the Mini Relay for Life** during their recess time. Students can join with their teachers and friends to walk a few laps to help others struggling with cancer. **All money collected will be donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Olney** taking place at Sherwood HS on June 11. Thanks for your consideration and participation.

## *Celebrate the last day of school at Rita's!*

Come celebrate the last day of school & enjoy a cool treat while raising funds for the Olney Elementary PTA!!!

**When:** Thursday, June 16, 12-9 PM

**Where:** Rita's at 3233 Spartan Rd

All Day!!! Eat in or carry out!

**Present the flyer on page 4 to enter a drawing for a free ICE PARTY for your class next year!!!**

Rita's of Olney will donate 25% of the proceeds to the OES PTA if our sales exceed \$250 — a piece of cake!!!



The proceeds will help support Olney Elementary PTA programs and activities. Thank you for your support!!! For more information contact Tsi Wolf at [tsiliwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:tsiliwolf@yahoo.com).

From the Media Center

What comes to mind when you think about summer with your children? Swimming? Summer camp? Barbecues? Road trips? Music in the park? This year, why not make sharing books part of your family's summer fun?

Teachers and literacy experts agree that children of all ages need to be read to or to read by themselves and to talk about books over the summer. When you read or talk to your young child about books, he/she develops important language skills, understandings about books and print, and knowledge about how stories are constructed that will help him/her to become a strong reader and writer. Your school-aged child's summer reading and book discussions will help him/her maintain reading skills, improve reading fluency, and learn new vocabulary and concepts. Most importantly, when parents and children enjoy summer reading together, children develop a love of books and reading that lasts a lifetime. We want our students to read for pleasure, not just to fulfill assignments, and to enjoy the success that positive reading experiences can bring.

CALLING ALL FOURTH GRADE PARENTS --  
FIFTH GRADE MEMORIES RECEPTION STILL  
NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It has long been the tradition for the OES Fourth Grade parents to host the reception following the 5th Grade Memories Ceremony on the last day of school. A big thanks to those of you who have already generously agreed to donate or volunteer your time! We are still in need of cookies and brownies (lots!), soda, juice boxes and water bottles. Please contact Kirsten Verdi at [kikiv-erdi@yahoo.com](mailto:kikiv-erdi@yahoo.com) if you are able to donate any of the following items to the Fifth Grade Memories Reception on June 16th:

- ◆ 2 dozen cookies or brownies
- ◆ 2 (2 liter) bottles of soda (Coke, Decaf Coke, Sprite, Lemonade or Orange soda - no diet soda, please.)
- ◆ 10 juice boxes/pouches
- ◆ 1 case of water

We are also looking for volunteers to help with:

- ⇒ Set-up: 9:00 AM -10:30 AM
- ⇒ Serving refreshments: 10:45 AM -12:00 PM
- ⇒ Clean-up: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Please remember to include your name, child's name and teacher (for any "back-pack mail" information), e-mail and phone number.

Many thanks for your help -- this is such a special event for our 5th graders and their families!

Kirsten Verdi and Celerina Hicks

From the Media Center (continued)

- Check out the variety of E-readers now available.
- Audiobooks are also great to listen to on short or long car trips.
- Visit reading websites where students can read content online and share their ideas. On the Scholastic website (<http://www.scholastic.com/summer/#>) students are encouraged to register, read, and log their reading minutes online to set a new world reading record to be featured in the 2012 Scholastic Book of Records.
- Read a book and watch the DVD together. When you finish reading and viewing, discuss the similarities and differences and talk about which version you prefer. Many books, including [Beezus and Ramona](#), [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#), [Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs](#), [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#) and [How To Train Your Dragon](#) are available in movie versions.

These tools allow children to participate in reading in engaging and exciting ways. Technology can hook the most reluctant reader.

Summer Reading 2011 at Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) begins June 18 and runs through August 13. Online registration begins June 15. We will officially kick off the Summer Reading Program for kids at the Aspen Hill Library on Saturday, June 18. The celebration begins at 11 AM with Two-Time Grammy winning folk artist, Cathy Fink and Grammy-Nominated Hip-Hop artist ChristyLez Bacon (pronounced Chris Styles). After the program, stay around for a while and enjoy some balloon twisting fun with Dee Vinchey.

A variety of events for children and teens are scheduled to take place at MCPL this summer. Programs include: Mike Rose Magic, Jesse and James and Mutts Gone Nuts, Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, Mad Science of Washington, Reptiles Alive, author events, Anime and Manga workshops, a Poetry Slam and much more! All of the special programs and Summer Reading are made possible through funding support from the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. and local Friends of the Library chapters.

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The theme of this summer's reading program is "One World, Many Stories". Plan a visit to one of the many local MCPL after school finishes and enroll in this free, worthwhile summer reading initiative. Summer Reading 2011 booklists are now posted on the MCPL website. Patrons have access to the booklists by going to the Kids page and clicking on the Summer Reader List 2011 link or clicking on the [One World, Many Stories Summer Reading announcement link](#).

Please visit the MCPL website for updates and a complete listing of summer program information. As always check out our Olney website for interesting summer learning links.

HAPPY READING!

# Thank You!

The PTA would like to thank the following people for donating yearbooks or money towards a yearbook for Olney students in need:

- The Deffinbaugh Family
- Mark and Marlene Creekmore
- The Hull Family
- The Welch Family
- The Comstock Family
- The Verdi Family

In addition to the families listed above, there were several other families who made anonymous donations. Thanks so much for your generosity and for helping out our students!

I would like to thank Helen Mao for serving as my proof-reader this year. I know the quality of the spelling and grammar in DT would have suffered without your accurate and quick input each week.

Best Wishes,

Judy Casey

Dragon Tales Editor

**A BIG HUGE THANK YOU** to all the families and friends who showed their support in the Olney vs. Cashell Throw Down Night at the Greene Turtle!!! You responded to the challenge and came out to show your support!!! **WE WON!!!** It was their busiest night yet and Olney will get an additional \$100.00 for taking the crown.

Thank you to Matt Largent of the Greene Turtle for his generous donation to the PTA and to the restaurant staff who worked extra hard that night to accommodate the crowds.



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To enter the drawing, please fill out your information below:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_