

OSE PTO NEWS

OUR CHILDREN. OUR SCHOOL. OUR FUTURE.



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Coming together
is a beginning;
keeping together
is progress;
working together
is success.

-Henry Ford

The PTO 1Form – What is it and why is it important?

The PTO 1Form allows you to take care of all of the beginning of the year business in one place. The form is in your child's OSE green and white folder or can be accessed digitally on our website.

Use the 1Form to be part of the OSE Friendship Guide, contribute to support PTO programs and pay your for your Spirit Wear order, all in one place, with one payment.

Please be sure to turn or submit your 1Form in by Friday, September 4th, to be included in the Friendship Guide.

Questions about the 1Form? Please email oseptoclovers@gmail.com

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Olde Sawmill Elementary! We hope that you had a wonderful summer!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with us, we are a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators and support staff dedicated to the successful education of our children. We are delighted to have you and your family with us for the upcoming school year! We are very proud of the commitment that our staff and parents make to encourage the success of every student. The PTO provides support to teachers and helps strengthen the educational program at our school, provides opportunities for family activities, and enhances a sense of community.

Every year we strive to make the PTO stronger than the year before. While we will continue to host family events as much as possible, this year will look a little different. Although it will look different, we will continue to focus on three key areas:

Fostering parent and teacher involvement – At Olde Sawmill, we are more than just a school, we are a community. Every parent and teacher is a valuable contributor to our children's education. Through PTO, we can collaborate on the issues that affect our children inside and outside the classroom and while participating in online learning. By getting involved in PTO and attending meetings, parents can also stay informed of the events and decisions taking place at our school. As a parent, legal guardian or a staff member, you are automatically a member of the OSE PTO! There are no dues or requirements for membership.

Increasing participation in PTO fundraisers - We need help from all of our families and teachers to continue putting on family programs and raising funds to support school initiatives. With the redistricting of close to 100 students, we will need your participation more than ever so that we can still offer the teachers classroom funds, school publications, and offer to hold events for families.

Helping to coordinate Family Nights - The goal is to have a few free Family Nights throughout the year highlighting a specific theme that focus on families learning and having fun together. We are looking into how to offer safe and social distancing events in person and virtually so that all OSE families will be able to participate and build community within our schools.

We're looking forward to serving OSE with you! Feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

Ashley Oliver
President

Kecia Cropper
Vice President

Mike Castro
Secretary

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Treasurer

2020-2021 OSE PTO Board

PTO Funds in Action

Ever wonder where that contribution you make using the 1Form goes? Or, how about the money your child raises by selling mums? When parents and staff make a contribution to the OSE PTO, or when students participate in PTO fundraisers, that money goes to pay for activities that support our students, families and staff, including:

- * Our Back to School Social
- * COSI on Wheels program
- * Classroom magazines: National Geographic for Kids, Scholastic News, Time for Kids
- * Grants for teachers to purchase classroom resources
- * Field Day
- * Family Game Night
- * Kindergarten T-shirts
- * 5th grade Graduation activities
- * Bring the Farm
- * Playground supplies
- * Author and Artist visits to our school
- * Staff Appreciation
- * Our field trip to Scioto High School to see the winter musical

The budget for the OSE PTO is almost \$25,000 and as you can see, all contributions and money earned through fundraisers make a big difference in the opportunities for our children. For more information about how funds are used, please attend a PTO meeting.

Mum Sale Fundraiser

Our Fall Mum Sale is right around the corner!

Look for the Mum Sale packets to come home with your child around August 28th.

Orders with money will be due September 16th

Mum pickup date will be October 7th.

The OSE Friendship Guide

The OSE PTO will be creating a Friendship Guide this year. The guide will have the contact information for OSE Families who, through the PTO 1Form, give their permission to be included. The Guide will also have school information included. The Guide is very helpful for setting up playdates, sending out birthday invitations and planning for the year. To be included in the Friendship Guide, you must turn in your PTO 1Form by Friday, September 4th, so the guide can be printed in a timely manner. Due to privacy issues, only families who have given permission to be in the guide, can receive a guide. Thank you for your understanding.

Please note, when you filled out your emergency medical forms online for the school, you were asked if you'd like to share your information with PTO; that permission was for online access. In order to be in the printed guide, you need to give permission by returning your 1Form.

Virtual Curriculum Night

September 3rd

6 – 6:45 pm for Grades 3-5

7 – 7:45 pm for Grades K-2

Parents are invited to hear about their child's curriculum for the year, learn about classroom routines and expectations and how we, as parents, can best support our children.

September PTO Meeting

Monday, September 14th, 7 pm location TBD
Please join us as we make plans for the year.
All of our students benefit when you attend meetings and join a committee to give of your time and talent. There are many activities and programs throughout the year that need parents like you to make them a success for our children.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- 8/28 – Mum Sale begins
- 9/3 – Curriculum Night (VIRTUAL)
 - 6 pm – Grades K-2
 - 7 pm – Grades 3-5
- 9/4 – PTO 1Forms and Spirit Wear orders due
- 9/7 – No School (Labor Day)
- 9/14 – PTO Meeting 7 pm
- 9/16 – Mum Sale orders due
- 9/19 – Picture Day
- 10/7 – Mum Sale pick up

Volunteer Background Check

Remember, to volunteer in school or on field trips, you must have a background check done with the district. It's very easy to do and it is free. Go to the district website, www.dublinschools.net; click on "Community" and then on "Volunteer information". It takes less than 5 minutes.

Show your OSE School Spirit!

Spirit wear order forms can be found in your child's green and white OSE folder or printed from our website.
All orders must be received by Friday, September 4th.

Help Needed

We are looking for a few parents to help with committees throughout the year and will need helpers with our mums sale starting soon. Please make note as to where you would like to help on the 1Form or email us at oseptoclovers@gmail.com.

Website Help Needed

We are looking for a parent to help with updating our website to a more user friendly, blog format. If you have interest in helping with this please email us at oseptoclovers@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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