

## Oster Elementary School

Home and School Club

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### 2015-2016 Community Events

**Bingo Night** (Fall): A fun night of Bingo and prizes for the whole family.

**Holiday/International Night** (December): Free hot chocolate, holiday treats, fun with arts and crafts for the whole family!

**Epic Game Night and VIP Dance** (Spring): These are special evenings for your student to bring their special adult for an evening of fun and friendship.

**Grandparents' Day** (Spring): Grandparents and honorary grandparents are invited to join their Oster students for light refreshments and the opportunity to meet their teachers, visit classrooms, and enjoy recess.

### 2015-2016 Fundraisers that BENEFIT the entire school

\*\*\***Frozen Fridays**: Every Friday after school we will be selling Frozen Treats, from Otter Pops 50¢, Popsicles \$1, Jamba Juice cup \$3. Mark your calendars for **Jamba Juice**: 9/3, 9/25, 10/16, and 11/6.

**Harvest Festival** (October): An annual fundraising event that provides fun for the whole family with games, prizes, food, and a haunted house. Each class sponsors a Silent Auction Basket and hosts a game at the festival. Volunteers run games, provide prizes and treats, set-up and clean-up.

**Walk-a-thon** (11/6): One of our major fundraisers. Each student requests family and friends to pledge money towards their personal walking goal. On Walk-a-thon day, students (grouped by grade) walk around a track on the grass for one hour. Volunteers tally laps, provide and distribute snacks and drinks, set-up and clean-up, and most importantly cheer on the walkers!

**Scholastic Book Fair** (Spring): A fundraiser for books in classrooms, DHOH, and the library. This 10 day event ends with a family friendly movie night.

**Silent Auction** (Spring): Coincides with Open House. Each class creates a special project with the help of their Art Vista Docent. These projects and many other great prizes are auctioned off to raise funds. Another major fundraiser for Oster H&SC.

\*\*\***Spell-a-thon** (Spring): Grades K - 4th. Spelling list accompanying pledge sheet. Donation ideas: pledge per correctly spelled word, lump sum, company matches.

**Donations**: We realize life is busy and there just aren't enough hours in the day to volunteer. We happily accept monetary donations and/or corporate matching funds anytime, for any event.

\*\*\*Denotes new fundraisers this year. Would love any input.

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Dear Oster Families,

The Oster Home and School Club (HSC) would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year! Your HSC Board has been busy planning another wonderful year filled with events for Oster families, students, and teachers. The HSC has a wide variety of opportunities for you to get involved and help make Oster an amazing place for your student.

The HSC strives to improve and grow each year. As we reflect on our successes and challenges, we are committed to strengthening beloved Oster HSC traditions and make positive changes for this school year.

As the new board, we are looking for Committee Members who will help chair events. The events we need coordinators for are:

Dining for Dollars (new name for CNO): We support our local businesses while they support us back by giving us a percentage of the evening's sales.

Walk-a-thon: Our biggest fundraiser of the year (Find a friend and co-chair together)

We are pleased to announce that HSC meetings will be the first Thursday of every month in the Media Center at 6:30pm. We all have family, work, and extra obligations, so the more you are involved, the less strain it puts on all of us. Our goal is that we will make lifelong friendships, unite parents on our campus, make better use of parents' valuable time, and more efficiently and effectively share important information. Our monthly HSC meetings will give parents more time to get involved in the planning and preparation for HSC events. All are welcome! We will have the computers on for your child to sign on to their Jiji Math or Lexia profile to "play" on the computer.

\*We will also be planning some new fundraisers this year. Each Friday (starting August 28th) will be known as Frozen Friday. We will be selling frozen treats after school in front of the Media Center. We will have Otter Pops, Popsicles, Jamba Juice and other tasty cold treats ranging in price from 50¢ to \$3.00 (Jamba Juice days). During 'colder' months, we hope to sell baked treats to keep Fridays fun and yummy!

\*Our other fundraiser will be for Science Camp by grade level. We will have a Spring Spell-a-thon where your student will be given a list of words and a donation envelope. They can be sponsored by each correctly spelled word or a lump sum. All proceeds from the Spring Spell-a-thon will go to your child's grade level and continue to grow each year.

Your involvement in your child's school makes a tremendously positive impact. I look forward to volunteering with you!

Warm regards,

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