

Oster Elementary Description of Events 2016-17

Oster and HSC rely on the support of our amazing families to chair, run and support all of our events and fundraisers. Without YOU none of this would be possible, and we would not be able to give our students the wonderful opportunities that they receive.

This year we have a number of chair vacancies due to previous parent volunteers moving off to middle school, or due to new fundraisers being added. Also, if any parents have ideas for other events and fundraisers please let HSC know, either by talking to a Board member or emailing osterhsc@gmail.com.

Events are in rough chronological order, although not all dates are finalized yet.

Art Vistas - Petra Menard

Art Vistas is a program brought to the students of Oster by parent volunteers. These programs take place 6 times a year, and student artwork is showcased at our Open House at the end of the year.

What is required: Each classroom will need at least one docent who will present the program to the class, and a number of helpers to set up a, give out, and clear up materials. Training of the docents will take place twice a year at the Union School District Offices.

Parents will be given the opportunity to sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Back Picnic, Back to School Night, or they can email the head docent Petra Menard at artvistasoster@gmail.com

Dining for Dollars (D4\$) Committee - Sinead Borgerson

Monthly family-friendly dining out program. Participating restaurants donate a portion of their proceeds to Oster HSC.

What is required: Beginning in August, coordinate through email to local restaurants requesting dates for Oster Elementary School.

We try to keep it 3rd Wednesday of the month, through the school year.

We need flyers by the first Monday or Tuesday of the month, so they can be put in the teacher's boxes for Wednesday envelopes (they prefer flyers on Monday).

Make sure dates are passed to Dina Rabago asap to put on the school calendar on the website.

We try to use restaurants that are "order at the register" and then sit, kind of an unspoken rule so our parents don't have to worry about tips, all the money goes to the restaurant and therefore, us. Also those that give AT LEAST 20% back to the school.

Current chair will start a spreadsheet of restaurants approached and used.

Frozen Fridays Committee

A fabulously successful fundraiser introduced in 2015, and the kids love it too! Every Friday during the warmer months we sell either Otter Pops, Jamba Juice, or other frozen treats after the last bell. In the colder months we swap them out for hot chocolate, cookies, and other treats.

What is required: Volunteers to sell and serve the treats each Friday, pre-sales of Jamba Juice at the start of the week (morning and afternoon), advertising and Jamba order forms.
We are currently looking for a new chair for this event.

Bingo Night Committee - Shelly Cumming

This is a fun family community event, where Oster families come and play bingo for prizes. This event draws a crowd. We are aiming to hold this event near the beginning of the year - probably in September.

What is required: Secure prizes for Bingo, and purchase snacks and drinks to be sold. Advertising weeks before with posters, flyer's, website, email, Cougar Corner and Osterizer is key. Sale of bingo cards and raffle tickets and food tickets. Sign up volunteers to help the day of the event, schedule a DHOH interpreter. On the day - sale of bingo cards, raffle tickets, and concessions/food tickets. Set up and clean up.

Walk-a-thon Committee

This event is one of our biggest fund raisers. This school year the event will be held in October. This event will take place during school hours. Every event is always unique. New and creative ideas for the event are always welcome.

What is required: In the month prior to the event help required with planning and organizing, including obtaining external sponsorship of, and arranging design and production of, our WAT shirts. We usually hold a school competition for students to design the shirts, which will need to be done early on in September. Running off donation envelopes and distribution to classrooms in the weeks prior to event. Arrange all advertising (Facebook, Osterizer, Cougar Corner, posters, fliers, school & HSC websites) and sign-ups for volunteers and supplies (cookies, oranges, otter pops, tables, EZ ups, coolboxes, water dispensers etc). On the day help needed with set up, clean up, lap markers, food/snack handlers. Set up of pa system for music and communication. After the event, collection of envelopes and money, calculation of money and laps walked is also required, possible prize giving for top performers (most sponsors, most laps walked, etc)

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event. The previous chair is still at Oster and they will be able to support our new chair, as will the HSC Board.

Harvest Festival Committee

The Harvest Festival is a huge community event and fundraiser. This event will take place in October, from 5-8:30pm. It is a carnival type atmosphere where children and adults can play games, dress up, eat, and visit with friends. The current format has been going for a number of years and we are open to any new ideas and suggestions.

What is required: The committee is required to obtain all prizes, decide on food items to be sold (usually dinner type foods; hot dogs, pizza, burritos, nachos, drinks, cotton candy, etc) More recently we have also invited food trucks to the event. The committee will also set up the games, rent booths if necessary, seek out and collect donations, set up and clean up.

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event. Harvest Festival is a HUGE undertaking and our previous awesome chair/single handed organizer has moved to middle school. What the Board would like to see happen this year is possibly having one overall chair, but also have a number of sub-committees to deal with different parts of the festival. For example, Games Committee, Food Committee, Raffle Baskets Committee, Pumpkin Committee, Haunted House Committee, Volunteer Co-Ordinator/Classroom Liaison etc.

Spell-A-Thon Committee

A new fundraiser for 5th Grade Science Camp started in 2016. The aim is for the majority of students to have their Science Camp paid for by the time they get to 5th Grade, through the Spell-A-Thons they take part in from Kindergarten onwards. Words are age appropriate, and are sent home over the winter break, so the Spell-A-Thon can take place in January 2017.

What is required: Volunteers to photocopy and distribute spelling lists and sponsorship forms, collect them, count and collate money. Give out certificates for participants, possible prizes if budget will allow.

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event.

Winter Holiday Event Committee/International Night Committee

HSC holds this outreach event to bring our community closer and more involved. In the past we have invited students and families to come out and make a holiday craft, meet and have their photograph taken with Santa, and enjoy hot cocoa and treats.

As our Oster family comes from such a wide and diverse background, not all of who celebrate Christmas, we are thinking of changing this event to an International Night to reflect and celebrate all our different cultures, traditions and festivals.

We hope to hold this event in December or January this year.

What is required: (if applicable) purchase of supplies for the holiday craft, schedule Santa (this should really be done in October) create a backdrop for photo's, take photo's, provide and serve the hot cocoa and treats, set up, decorate and clean up.

For an International Night, we have a blank canvas! Possibly liaise with different families within the school to see what they could, and what they would like, to contribute to the evening. We could demonstrate traditions and festivals from different cultures/countries, music, stories, songs, clothing, food and drink - the possibilities are endless

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event.

Silent Auction

During our annual Open House in May, HSC sponsors a Silent Auction Fundraiser. Our community supporters (and teachers!) provide goods and services for our fundraising purposes.

What is required: Beginning in January, letters and emails are sent out, plus personal visits are made for donations. Some places - cinema's, Trader Joes, Whole Foods, CVS etc, require applications AT LEAST 3 months in advance. Other duties include making up packages, making auction bid sheets, taking photos, details of prizes in advance on Facebook, and set up/clean up. Held in the Media Center during the Open House.

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event.

Scholastic Book Fair Committee - Shelly Cumming and ????

Each Spring we hold a Scholastic Book Fair, sponsored by HSC, so you can add to your home library, whilst supporting the school and classroom libraries. The Book Fair runs for two weeks, being open until 8pm on the final night, which is also our Book Fair Movie Night.

What is required: Volunteers will be working with our chairperson advertising, set up/clean up, decorating and working the book fair (busiest times being before school, during recess and lunch, and after school). Student Council also help in the book fair by manning the front door, checking receipts on the way out, and helping other students looking for books or counting out the right money.

Our current chair Shelly Cumming is looking for a co-chair to work with this year.

Book Fair Movie Night Committee

To celebrate the end of the Book Fair, we hold a family movie night in the cafeteria, with food and snacks available for purchase. You will also be given raffle tickets for purchases made during the Book Fair, which will be drawn after the movie.

What is required: Organizing and planning of event, including advertising, purchasing of movie permits, obtaining raffle prizes, running the raffle, running the popcorn & nacho machines, selling food and concessions, set up and clean up, organizing volunteers.

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event. The last movie night was so popular that we are considering running more of them throughout the year as fundraisers if you are interested in taking that on.

Grandparents/Very Important Persons Social: May 2017

A chance for students to celebrate an important person in their life and invite them to a special brunch in the cafeteria, usually with some form of entertainment from the students.

What is required: We are in need of volunteers to bake breakfast and brunch items, give them out to attendees, organize entertainment, provide advertising (fliers, posters, website, Cougar Corner, Osterizer etc), and organize volunteers.

We are currently looking for a new chair for this event.

Staff Appreciation Week: May 2017

We love our Oster teachers and want to make sure they know it! A week long celebration of our teachers which can include special breakfasts, lunches, gifts, and other treats. We also come up with a theme for each day so students, if they wish, can bring in tokens of their appreciation.

What is required: Volunteers to plan and organize staff appreciation events for the week. We are open to all and any ideas!

We are currently looking for a new chair (or chairs) for this event.

Yearbook Committee - Dina Rabago

Our year in pictures! Each classroom has their own pages highlighting fun and important things they did throughout the year. Also included are all the fun H&SC and school wide events such as Science Night, the Halloween Parade, Walk-A-Thon. Available for purchase at the end of the year (pre-orders are advised as these are very popular and run out!)

What is required: Our awesome chair Dina Rabago produces the Yearbook but she needs your help to document our year and take pictures of events, field trips, and even just fun activities in the classrooms.

Box Tops and Labels for Education: Year Round

Last year we raised almost \$1,500 through clipping and sending in Box Tops, and over \$10,000 since 2012! If each student sent in just 2 Box Tops a month, we would earn \$1,000. The Labels for Education program is winding down - you will see less of them on products - but we have until 1 August 2017 to submit and spend them on sports equipment and other school supplies. Currently we hold a competition twice a year, and the class that collects the most Box Tops and Labels for Education get a Pizza Party or other prize.

What is required: Flyers and posters detailing competitions and dates, plus posts on Facebook and the website - we are open to holding these more frequently than twice a year should you want to arrange that. We are also open to any other initiatives or ideas you may have to encourage the collection of more Box Tops. Collection, trimming, 'slimming' and validating of Box Tops and Labels before sending them in for the set deadlines.

We are currently looking for a new chair for this fundraiser.

As you can see, HSC has a wide variety of opportunities for you to get involved and help make Oster an amazing place for your child.

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