

Oster Elementary School

Home and School Club
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2016-2017 Community Events

Bingo Night: A fun night of Bingo and prizes for the whole family.

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

Special Events

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

VIP Day: 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.

2016-2017 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, and are hoping for other refreshing participants also. We will accept the pre-paid cards from 2015-16 for Otter Pops and Popsicle Days.

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 Raffle Basket and hosts a game at the festival. Volunteers run games, provide prizes and treats, set-up and clean-up.

Walk-a-thon: 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: A fundraiser for books in classrooms, DHOH, and the library. This 10 day event ends with a family friendly movie night.

Silent Auction: Coincides with Open House. Each class creates a special art project with the help of their Art Vista Docent. These projects and many other great items and services are auctioned off to raise funds.

Spell-a-thon: Grades K - 4th (5th graders can choose to participate). 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.

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Dear Oster Families,

The Oster Home and School Club (HSC) would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 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 our beloved Oster HSC traditions and make positive changes for this school year.

We are looking for Committee Members who will help chair events and programs. Open slots include:

Harvest Festival: A wonderful community event for all ages

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

Box Tops: Organize class contests to earn money on things we already buy.

Frozen Fridays: Arrange for volunteers and donations for each Friday.

Spell-a-thon: Science Camp fundraiser where the money follows your student to pay for 5th grade Science Camp.

Staff Appreciation Week: Organize daily appreciation for National Teacher Appreciation Week in May (your students love showing their appreciation!)

We are pleased to announce that HSC meetings will alternate between the first Tuesday of the odd months in the Teacher's Lounge at 6:30pm and the first Wednesday of the even months at 8:30am. We all have family, work, and extra obligations, so the more you are involved, the less strain it puts on all of us. The HSC 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!

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

Warm regards,

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