

August 2016

Owen Elementary School



Dear Owen Families,

On behalf of the Owen Elementary School PTA, welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! As you start the new school year, please remember that the PTA organization is the largest child advocacy group in the United States. We encourage you to partner with the Owen PTA this school year to enhance the social and educational experience of all our children. The work of the PTA is essential because of the recent budget cuts by the state of Illinois to District 204. Therefore, every family's participation in the PTA is essential in order for the PTA to continue providing educational and social enrichment at Owen!

Please take an active role in your child's experience at Owen by becoming a PTA member. Membership is \$20 and helps to offset the \$40 the PTA spends on each student. Membership forms can be found on the PTA tab on the Owen website or in the main office. Being an active volunteer is not a requirement of PTA membership. However, we appreciate every ounce of volunteerism that is offered to us!

The PTA is an integral part of your child's experience at Owen because the PTA provides educational enrichment, supports the faculty and staff, and builds a sense of community by organizing various social events. The PTA is responsible for providing the following services to Owen Elementary:

- ❖ \$10 per student for Field Trips
- ❖ Educational Magazine Subscriptions
- ❖ Educational Assemblies
- ❖ Grade Level School Supply Boxes for purchase
- ❖ Homework Assignment Books for Every Student in Grades 3-5
- ❖ Classroom Volunteer Support
- ❖ Need Based Drives
- ❖ Annual Reflections Contest
- ❖ Art Awareness Program
- ❖ Volunteers for School Events
- ❖ Science Fair
- ❖ Grade Level Publishing Center Projects and Curriculum Parties
- ❖ Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom
- ❖ Halloween Party
- ❖ Open Gym Nights
- ❖ Winter Party
- ❖ Family Fun Nights
- ❖ Ice Cream Social
- ❖ Variety Show
- ❖ NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS! Week
- ❖ World Kaleidoscope
- ❖ Green Owls Club
- ❖ Dining for Dollars Events
- ❖ Walk to School Day
- ❖ Owen Spirit Wear
- ❖ Field Day
- ❖ Staff Appreciation Events
- ❖ Children's Resale
- ❖ Classroom Cash for Teachers to Purchase Resources and Supplies
- ❖ Educational Equipment and Necessary Supplies for the School and Classroom
- ❖ Student Directory for all PTA Members

As a reminder, stay connected with the Owen PTA by visiting our PTA tab on the Owen website, liking our page on Facebook, reading our PTA email updates, and joining us for scheduled PTA meetings. Our **first PTA meeting will be held Thursday, September 1st in the LMC at 7pm**. We are excited for all that is planned for this upcoming school year!

Team work makes the dream work!

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