



# PTO General Meeting

11-12-25

## Principal's Update

We want to say thank you for the PTO who goes out of their way to support the staff at our school. Dinner for the late evening of conferences was so nice. We have some new staff members to announce. Patty in the main office and Mrs. Diana Zhou in the nurses office.

Coming up, we are in our benchmark period. We look at every child's data points in the building in a formal way doing STAR tests and other curriculum based assessments. Once we have the data we can formally report to families where there might be ways to better support each child.

Telethon fundraiser will be our fun before Thanksgiving! Supporting the district fundraiser supporting Fox Families Care we will have a dance-a-thon and winter carnival to support this district fundraiser. Anything you can do to help we appreciate it! Look for the jot-form where you can make donations towards the fundraiser. Also look for the sign up genius for people to donate their time during the carnival.

## Kate Malyszka (President)

- Board overview
- Staff Collection - Begins on giving Tuesday to show our appreciation to our staff members at the school. Please consider giving towards this collection to thank them for their amazing support!
- Winter Carnival and Telethon - See above
- Open positions 2026-2027 school year - Webmaster is a role that has been filled already. Open positions are secretary, VP, fundraising, treasurer, Party Planning, Yearbook, Green Foxes, and Spring Baskets

## Ashley McKay (VP)

- Noon Time Monitors- new training added - November 24 9:45am - This is a required training each year for people who are interested in noon-time monitoring
- Someone special dance - DJ call went well and everything is on track
  - We are trying to find a way to enclose the zen den! Our new long term fundraising plan for SSD funds.
  - We are hopeful this idea will be supported by the district as they are focused on mental health initiatives.

## Erin Kleinman and Liza Linn (Secretary/Communications/Social Media)

## Scott Mohr (Treasurer)

Scott will need a replacement for next year.

- Taxes have been filed from last year and we used a company to submit these for \$200.
- Started out the month with 63,000 - ended the month 62,000. This does not include the withdrawal from the auditorium costs of \$17,000. This was one of our 3 capital projects where we were saving money for the last three years. The \$7,000 for the playground has also not been withdrawn from our accounts yet. By the time we end the season we will be back down to about \$40,000.

- Please view the podcast where we try to explain more about the financials of the PTO each month. These links will be posted in the newsletter on social media, as well as on our website.

### Patricia Antinopoulos (Fundraising)

- **Oct Spirit Sale-** Items will be distributed today to your student(s).
  - SOLD: \$2,099.00, PROFIT: \$235.71
  - The next Spirit Sale will be in January with many new items!
  - If anyone has ideas for spirit images please let Patricia know! We can include about anything on shirts etc.
- **Square 1 Art-** Sale Ends **TODAY** (11/12) @ Midnight
  - SOLD: (as of 11/11)- \$7,489.90, PROFIT: \$2,471.37
  - **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your support
- **Winter Greenery/Plant Sale**
  - Partnering local with Bartsch Farm & Garden in Millville
  - Wreaths, Poinsettias (Red/White/Pink), and Christmas Cactuses are available.
  - **Orders DUE: Monday, November 24th. Pickup will be on Thursday, Dec 4th from 4-6pm @ O'Hara.** We appreciate your support in picking up during this timeframe as we cannot hold past 6pm. Thank you!
- As always, fundraising is completely **OPTIONAL** and we welcome feedback on fundraising ideas! Please email any ideas/questions/etc to [fundraising@oharapto.org](mailto:fundraising@oharapto.org)
- Concern was raised to the "Christian" aspect of the winter greenery sale. We, as a board, worked really hard to address all celebrations in this sale with the lack of bows on the wreaths as well as the local aspect of this sale and we intended **NO** offense if anyone felt left out of this fundraiser. If you have any ideas of how to include **MORE** diverse fundraisers please let us know!
- We appreciate your support! Thank you!
- Fundraising blankets - idea brought up by an O'Hara parent!!! Will send info to Patricia.

### Committee Updates

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OFC Girls clinic in the works                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone Special Dance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Foxes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day   | <input type="checkbox"/> Party Planning Information coming out after Thanksgiving                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5th Grade Day Fundraising is ongoing - any businesses who want to sponsor please reach out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Please sign up before Winter break              | <input type="checkbox"/> Team O'Hara Appreciation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fair Look for a meeting in January                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeroom Reps  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PBIS Rewards  | <input type="checkbox"/> Book fair  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assemblies - the zoo is coming the 23rd the day before break! |   |