

# Owego Elementary School PTO

DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Parent Poem

Some good advice in the art of parenting

### Ticket For Life

By Wanda Oleson

Bandage scraped knees. Kiss away fears.  
 Watch their heartbreak and dry their tears.  
 Teach them to know what's right and what's wrong.  
 Show them how to be gentle and when to be strong.  
 Tell them you love them, and then let it show.  
 That's the easiest part of helping them grow.  
 There needs to be discipline, but don't over do it.  
 Praise and encouragement strengthens their spirit.  
 Show them respect for their feelings and thoughts.  
 They should know they're important, self worth  
 can't be bought.  
 Show them some patience and always be kind.  
 Developing minds make mistakes time to time.  
 Teach them to be the best they can be.  
 When they're happy within,  
 WHAT A RIDE LIFE CAN BE!

Happy Holidays!  
 Laurie McKeveny

## OES REPLICAS



The holidays are right around the corner, and an OES replica would make a wonderful gift for anyone who attended or worked at the school. Created by The Cat's Meow, the front features a detailed drawing of the building, while the back provides a short history of the school. We are selling them for \$20 each. Contact Tami (Tami@oespto.org) or Danita (Danita@oespto.org) for more information.



## GERTRUDE HAWK

Congratulations to our Owego Elementary and Universal Pre K for exceeding sales of \$28,000! I would like to thank all the parents and students who took the time and participated in this fundraiser for our school.. Congratulations to Mrs. Hiedel's class for winning the party of your choice. Mrs. Hiedel's class had the highest sales of \$1700. Way to go UPK!

Student Winners are:

Grand Prize: Mariah Gottlieb, Ms. Dodge/  
 Mr. Whippo's class

2nd place: Gavin Baratta,

Mrs. Hiedel's UPK class

3rd place: McKayla Walker,

Mrs. Barton's UPK class

These students will be awarded gift cards for their hard work!



Thank you to everyone who helped pull this fundraiser together. I could not have done it with out all of the help from parents and volunteers!

Thanks, Lisa Boehme

## PTO Meeting Schedule

In order to keep meetings short, planning of events and lengthy discussions will be saved for committees. OES PTO welcomes new ideas - email ideas to any board member or put in the PTO mailbox. Contact either Chris or Tami to be added to a meeting agenda. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website and emailed to the distribution list. Children are welcome to attend.

### 2012-2013 Meeting Dates

January 8	7:00pm
February 5	7:00pm
March 5	7:00pm
April 9	7:00pm
May 7	7:00pm
June 4	7:00pm

Visit our website for upcoming events, news, fundraising information, meeting minutes and more at

[oespto.org](http://oespto.org)



[facebook.com/OwegoElemPTO](https://facebook.com/OwegoElemPTO)

### PTO Officer Contacts:

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## BOX TOPS

Great job, our fall Box Tops collection earned our school \$1,147.20! Don't forget to check your holiday foods and keep sending them in, as we will be doing another collection in the spring. Please clip them as close as possible.

it pays to be passionate

## DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are collecting donations of new or gently used sweatpants for the school nurse. Grey and blue work best, but any color would be appreciated. We are also looking for donations of spare clothes (underwear, socks, pants, mittens, etc.) in size 4 for the UPK classes. Please bring any donations to our next PTO meeting or give them to a PTO member.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We had 43 students return their summer reading logs. Each of them received a \$5 coupon to the Fall Book Fair.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Owego Treadway for giving us a room for our Gertrude Hawk candy pick-up!



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## TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

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## THE HOLIDAY SHOPPE

This year The Holiday Shoppe will run from Thursday December 13th through Friday December 14th in the gymnasium. All items will be priced at 25¢, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00. Envelopes will be sent home in advance and we ask that you take the time to write down the name of each person being purchased for, title (i.e. mom, dad, brother, uncle, etc.) and their age. This is an asset to the volunteers when they come in to shop and need some help.

PTO will again be providing Ziploc bags with tissue paper, bows and name tags for Kindergarten and First grades. This worked well last year and the kids enjoyed being able to wrap their own presents at home.

We will be calling for volunteers in early December. Shifts are only 3 hours long so we thank you ahead for any time that you can donate.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail:

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Lights on the River Festival (Owego)

December 7, starting at 5:30pm  
Lighting of the village at 6pm  
Fireworks at 8pm

### O Tannenbaum Holiday Showcase

At the Tioga County Historical Society Museum until December 15th.



### Children's Day at the Museum

December 8, 1pm to 3pm  
Tioga County Historical Society Museum

## OES PTO Membership - All Are Welcome !!

Please Fill out if you are joining us for the first time, or have new contact information. Memberships are carried over from last year. Return to PTO Mailbox at OES or email [danita@oespto.org](mailto:danita@oespto.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )parent ( )grandparent ( )other

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I am available to help: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Donate Items \_\_\_\_\_