



OTTER LAKE NEWS



OCTOBER 2021

Important Numbers

Ms. Cynthia Mueller Principal-

651-653-2843

Main Office- 651-653-2831

Attendance Line -651-653-2832

Health Office- 651-653-2846

Nurse 651-653-2845

Kitchen 651-653-2839

Extended Day- 651-653-2834

Fax 651-653-2833

Transportation 651-407-7538

Emergency School Closing-

651-407-7540

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

10/5-Last Day of Fall Fundraiser

110/ 20-10/22- No School-MEA

10/30-Bear Scare (see flyer attached

NOVEMBER

11/8 Picture Retakes

11/15- Fundraiser pick up

2:30p.m.-6p.m.

11/24-11/26- No School

Thanksgiving Break



[North Homes Newsletter](#)



Hello Otter Lake Families!

Welcome to the new school year! School and classroom routines are established (or close to it) and strong relationships have been formed. These relationships and routines are vital to a successful learning environment for all students! Thank you for all you have done to support a successful start to the school year!

Here are some highlights of things we are working on the first couple of months of the school year:

- **Be a Bear!** - your child may come home and say “I was a bear at school today!” This means they were being **respectful, responsible, and ready**. Each classroom has defined what this means within their classroom and as a school we defined what this means in our common areas. Students learned that being a bear means they can be a bear EVERYWHERE! Being a bear is how we do our work in and outside of school...adults included!
- **Social and Emotional Learning** - At Otter Lake, the social and emotional experiences are as important as the academic experiences we provide for students. We use proactive and reactive strategies to help students develop self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships skills, and responsible decision-making skills. Each day, students and teachers engage in focused social and emotional lessons from 7:45-8:00. We also have building-wide themes for social and emotional learning. Keep an eye out for family “home links” that will be sent home with students. These homework activities are designed to support families with reinforcing the social and emotional skills students are learning at Otter Lake.

Thank you for your partnership as we start another amazing school year! Go BEARS!

Cynthia Mueller, Principal

Leah Sitka, Dean of Students



The White Bear Area Food Shelf KidPack Program is a free, optional, supplemental weekend food program for Kindergarten to Fifth Grade Students. Enrolled Students will receive a bag of single-serve food items (including 2 breakfast, 4 lunches, and a handful of snack items) on the last day of the school week to bring home for the weekend. Common items include granola bars, applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese, cereal bowls, and meal kits. We ask that parents or guardians inform their children of food preparation safety practices and check all provided food before consumption.

You are welcome to enroll online by going to the following link:
<https://forms.gle/wpqUP858qPweqc8Q6>



Volunteers Needed!

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) is in need of volunteers at The Closet! The Closet district, housed in the Area Learning Center, where families in need can come in and browse through clothing, coats, shoes, etc (anything that can be worn head to toe) for their students. Visits are by appointment only - made with a school district support staff member. is a dedicated space in the www.wblaef.org/the-closet Area Learning Center - 2449 Orchard Lane, White Bear Lake If you'd like to volunteer at The Closet and assist families in need, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Eileen McConkie: eileen.mcconkie@isd624.org

October PTA Corner

The 2021-2022 PTA Board is so excited for all the great things we have planned for this year!



(Left to right as pictured: Anna Smith- Secretary, Sarah Feipel- President, Angela Sjostrom- Deputy Treasurer, Kim Lee- Vice President, Christine Leick- Treasurer)

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our first PTA meeting, either in person or virtually. Your time, talents and dedication to the OLE students mean so much. We couldn't do this without you!

Did you know we have a handy calendar of all of our events right on our website? [Check it out](#) and set a reminder for our upcoming events.

Hope to see you soon!

Become a PTA volunteer!

The purpose of our PTA is to enrich the experiences of all students and the Otter Lake Community by sharing our time, talents, and treasure. You help make all this possible! If you are interested in joining the PTA, would like to volunteer, or have an exciting idea to share with us, please fill out the [volunteer form](#).

We look forward to connecting with you!



Club's Choice Fall Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser runs September 24th through Tuesday, October 5th



Please note that we are ONLY offering online ordering this year. There are two shipping options - to home or to school.

Fundraiser Pick Up for ship to school items is at OLE on Monday, November 15th, from 2:30 - 6:00pm.

Visit the [OLE Fundraising Homepage](#) for more information and to get started!

Looking for another option to help support OLE students?

Consider making a direction donation to the OLE PTA! To ensure that 100% of your donation goes directly to the PTA, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below to make your donation.



Thank you for your support!

2021 BEAR SCARE FUN RUN

GHOSTS & GHOULS
 COME OUT IN COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR A VERY FUN FALL RUN/WALK TO RAISE MONEY FOR LINCOLN ELEMENTARY AND OTTER LAKE ELEMENTARY

MUSIC BY DAVEY DOODLE FOR INFORMATION & REGISTRATION VISIT: [HTTP://whitebear.ce.elejo.com/](http://whitebear.ce.elejo.com/) (search Bear Scare)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH	COSTUME WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT (RANDOM DRAWING) 9:45 AM	HALF MILE SKELETON SKIP 10:00 AM	FREAKY FOUR MILE TERRIFYING TWO MILE 10:15 AM
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\$20 PER RUNNER - REGISTRATION FROM 9-9:30

EARLY BIRDS
 Registration: \$15 per runner if registered by October 14th. You will be guaranteed a shirt on race day. \$20 per runner if you register after the early bird cut-off. Your shirt will be available for pick up two weeks after the race at your chosen school. For anyone interested in ordering a shirt but not racing, we will have order forms on race day—shirts will be \$20.

Kick off your Halloween weekend with a costume fun run to raise money for Lincoln and Otter Lake Elementary Schools!

[Register for Bear Scare](#)

There is also a Bear Scare boot camp available to get your little ghouls ready for the run!

[Register for Bear Scare Bootcamp](#)

The Bear Scare Run Team is looking for volunteers to help on race day. Join the SPOOKtacular crew that makes this event possible!

[Volunteer for Bear Scare](#)



We are so excited to be back in the classroom with students to bring them three art lessons and a clay project this year for OLE Art!

OLE Art is not possible without our wonderful team of volunteers. The OLE Art Coordinators are hosting an information meeting for anyone interested in volunteering on Friday, October 1st at 1:30pm in the OLE Art Room. Masks are required for entrance into the school. There is also a [google meet](#) option if you are unable to attend in person.

For more information about OLE Art, open volunteer positions and contact information for the OLE Art Coordinators [click here](#). Thank you for helping bring art into the classroom for OLE students!

It's time to gear up for a new school year and show your OLE spirit!

Shop the [OLE spirit wear store](#) between **September 24th** and **October 11th** to receive FREE SHIPPING on all orders!

Place your order online all year!
www.otterlakespiritwear.com

Free Shipping when you place your order on the website between 9/24/21 - 10/11/21

Shirts & Sweatshirts

<p>\$16.00 T-Shirt Adult #2000 • Youth #2000B Youth (not shown)</p>	<p>\$20.00 Tie-Dye T-Shirt Adult #2202Y • Youth #2202CY Youth (not shown)</p>	<p>\$19.00 Long Sleeve Shirt Adult #2400 • Youth #2400B Youth (not shown)</p>	<p>\$25.00 Crew Sweatshirt Adult #1800 • Youth #1800B Youth (not shown)</p>	<p>\$29.00 Hooded Sweatshirt Adult #1850 • Youth #1850B Youth (not shown)</p>	
Ladies		Unisex			
<p>\$20.00 Hooded Windy T-Shirt Ladies #2792 • Girls #2793</p>	<p>\$20.00 Ladies Long Soft Tri-Blend Tee Ladies #3067 • Youth #3068</p>	<p>\$22.00 Women's Fleece 3/4-Sleeve Tee Ladies #07290</p>	<p>\$20.00 Hooded Windy T-Shirt Adult #2790 • Youth #2791</p>	<p>\$22.00 Hooded Sweatshirt Adult #22354E Youth #22354F</p>	<p>\$23.00 Toward Long Sleeve T-Shirt Adult #3075 • Youth #3076</p>
<p>\$40.00 Girls/Women's Slipy Hoodie Ladies #5440 • Girls #5441</p>	<p>\$48.00 Girls/Ladies Courtney V-Neck Rainbow Hoodie Ladies #91192 • Girls #1162Y</p>	<p>\$40.00 Ladies Varsity Fleece Hoodie Ladies #22371</p>	<p>\$48.00 Fleece Courtbook Hooded Pullover Adult #5725E Youth #5725S</p>	<p>\$42.00 Hooded Sweatshirt Adult #22354E Youth #22354F</p>	<p>\$25.00 Sweatpants Adult #1820B Youth #1820B</p>

Designs

GLITTER ONLINE ONLY: OTTER LAKE ELEMENTARY, BEARS, OTTERLAKE BEARS, BEARS, OTTER LAKE BEARS

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MORE PRODUCTS AND DESIGNS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Meeting Dates for 2021/2022

Meet with us in person or virtually!

Meetings will take place in the OLE Media Center from 6:30-8:00pm. Child care is provided. Please remember that masks are required in the building at this time.

In addition to attending in person, we welcome you to attend the meeting virtually via Google Meet if that is a better option for you. Just click on the meeting date below to access the Google Meet. We hope to see you there!

Have a question for Principal Mueller to answer live at the meeting?

[Click here](#) to add your question to the agenda.

[October 12th, 2021](#)

[November 9th, 2021](#)

(No December Meeting)

[January 11th, 2022](#)

[February 8th, 2022](#)

[March 15th, 2022](#)

[April 12th, 2022](#)

[May 3rd, 2022](#)

[May 17th, 2022](#)

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