



OTTER LAKE NEWS



November 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

NOVEMBER

11/1- Conferences

7:20AM-11:05AM

11/2- No School

11/9-Conferences 3:30-7:30

11/8 -Picture Retakes

11/15- Fundraiser pick up

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

11/24-11/26- No School

Thanksgiving Break

December

12/22-1/2 Winter Break

Hello Otter Lake Families-

During the months of November and December, our school wide social/emotional learning theme is empathy. In our morning announcements and classroom lessons we'll be teaching students how to have empathy, identify their own and others' feelings, notice and respect same and different feelings, and show compassion. Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate.

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Our social/emotional lessons specifically teach about empathy. You'll be receiving Home Links describing why empathy is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify feelings and practice showing empathy and compassion. We hope you find them helpful.

Please let your child's teacher if you have any questions about how you can help your child learn to identify feelings and show empathy and compassion at home.

**In partnership,
Cynthia Mueller, Principal**

Bullying

White Bear Lake Area Schools and Otter Lake Elementary strictly prohibits any act of bullying. While we recognize our role is to enforce bullying policies, we value the role of families in also preventing and eliminating any acts of bullying within our school community.

The White Bear Lake Area Schools School Board (Policy #514) defines bullying:

"Bullying" means intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and:

1. an actual or perceived imbalance of power exists between the student engaging in the prohibited conduct and the target of the prohibited conduct, and the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern; or

2. materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges

If you are concerned your child is being bullied within the school environment, please reach out to our school. There are a variety of ways to do this:

- 1.) Contact your child's teacher**
- 2.) Contact the building principal**



White Bear Area Food Shelf



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>



[North Homes November Newsletter](#)

November PTA Corner

The leaves are falling... Opportunities are calling!

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!



MUSICAL

BINGO

CARNIVAL

Committee Chairs are still needed for the Ashland Musical, BINGO Bash, and the Carnival. These amazing events will not happen without your help! We need to fill the chair positions so that the Ashland Musical, Bingo Bash, and the Carnival can take place this school year.

Please consider making them possible by volunteering your time and talents!

[Click here](#) to email the PTA to volunteer or to find out more. Thank you!

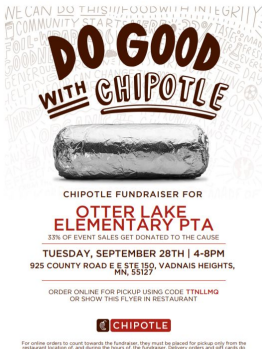


October Teacher Appreciation

OLE staff was treated to delicious pie from Pine Tree Apple Orchard. Any way you slice it, OLE teachers are the best! Thank you for all you do!

Fundraiser Recap

Thank you to all OLE students and families for supporting our fundraisers! You are helping to raise critical funds for the PTA so that we can continue to bring amazing opportunities to the OLE community.



Chipotle Fundraiser

OLE families enjoyed a tasty dinner and helped raise over **\$300** along the way at our Chipotle Fundraiser! Thank you for serving up dinner and supporting the OLE PTA.

Club's Choice Fundraiser

We exceeded our fundraising goal of \$15,000 and reached over **\$18,000** in sales with our Club's Choice Fall Fundraiser! **Incredible job OLE students!!** We are so thankful for your participation and hope you had fun. Students will receive their prizes with their merchandise, either via ship to home or school pick up. Thank you OLE families for making this such a success!

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

BOOMS Ice Cream Fundraiser

The cool fall weather didn't stop OLE families from enjoying an ice cream treat from BOOMS ice cream! Your tasty treats helped to raise over **\$50** for the OLE PTA.

SAVE THE DATE

Lucy's Burgers Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, November 30th
6:00 - 9:00 pm.



Consider dinner taken care of on November 30th and join us at Lucy's Burgers in White Bear Township to help support the OLE PTA!

Support Otter Lake Elementary on Give to the Max Day!



What is Give to the Max?

Give to the Max Day, created in 2009, has become Minnesota's annual giving holiday, raising nearly \$225 million in its first 12 years. Every year, thousands of organizations and individuals generate donations and excitement for Minnesota causes that are working to improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans.

What fuels our student's creative spirit?

For us, here at the OLE PTA, we think creativity is fueled through the art lessons we provide the students of OLE. Through your generous donations, OLE PTA is able to offer 3 art lessons and a clay project for each classroom every year. We are incredibly lucky to have our own kiln at OLE to fire the clay projects ourselves.

It's a unique experience, and something the students look forward to each and every year!

During Give to the Max, from **November 1st - 18th**, we hope to raise \$6,000 to continue providing art for this school year and beyond. Please consider a donation of \$5 or more and give the gift of art today!

[Click here to make a donation!](#)

Did you know each donation made through GiveMN.org qualifies the OLE PTA for additional grants from the Give to the Max prize pool? In fact, there are 144 chances to win during Give to the Max Day and Early Giving, beginning November 1st. Every donation matters!!!

DON'T FORGET About Company/Employer Match!

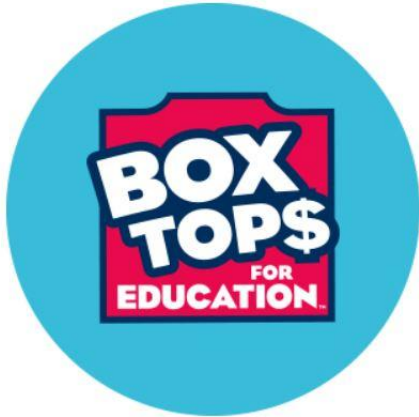
Does your employer offer a company match program? This is a great way for the OLE PTA to raise extra funds and make your donation go further. Ask your company's HR Department for more info.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Box Tops for Education



Did you know that all Box Tops for Education are now collected digitally? The Otter Lake Elementary Student Council encourages you to continue collecting Box Tops using the app. It's easy, quick, and rewards OLE!



BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo! Be sure to check the full list of **participating products**, as some are not labeled.



SCAN

YOUR RECEIPT

Tap the scan button to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN

CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

The Student Council has seen their budget significantly decline since Box Tops went to digital only. We would love to help build that back up again! Downloading the app and scanning your receipts will make an impact! Thank you for helping!

Student Council uses the funds for a variety of things such as:

- Providing mints to students for MCAs
- Donating money to the PTA for the carnival
- Adding donation funds or providing materials (t-shirts, color for color run, etc) for some of the fundraisers at OLE
- And many more!

[Click here](#) to get the app
from Google Play

[Click here](#) to get the app
from the App Store

OLE Art in the Classroom



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!

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with art projects in the classroom this year. These positions require minimal time (approximately 1 to 1.5 hours per lesson) and make a HUGE impact in the experience of the students! Lessons begin in December and run monthly through April. You can help for a lesson or two, or all four! Any amount of time you can donate is greatly appreciated.

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!

THANK YOU to everyone who has attended our PTA meetings, 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!

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.

DATE CHANGE from
November 9th due to
conferences

[November 16th, 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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