



OTTER LAKE NEWS



January 2022

Important Numbers

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651-653-2843



Leah Sitka Dean Of Students

651-407-7500 ext-2100

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 Dates

January

1/3/22 Resume School

1/11-PTA Meeting(see last page for more info)

1/14- No School- K-5 only

1/17- No School MLK JR Day

1/27- End of semester

1/28- No School

February

2/7- No School

2/18-PTA Meeting(see last pg for more info)

2/21-No School- Presidents' Day



[North Homes Newsletter](#)

Cold Weather Procedures for Recess

Please help your child prepare for travel to and from school and for outdoor recess. Students will go out for recess if the air and/or wind chill is -10 degrees or warmer. Please have them dress appropriately for the weather!

January PTA Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR



As we welcome 2022, we want to take a moment to deliver a huge THANK YOU to all of the PTA members, parent volunteers and OLE staff who helped enrich the lives of OLE students through their time, talents and generosity. As we reflect on the great things we accomplished in 2021 (Kindergarten Playdate, Bear Scare and Book Fair, Club's Choice Fundraiser, Give to the Max and Restaurant Fundraisers just to name a few), we look forward to new adventures and making special memories for OLE students this year with your help. Our endeavours this year such as OLE ART, Ashland Musical, Read-A-Thon, Carnival, Bingo and Book Fairs are only possible with your help. We can't wait to see what we can do together!

January Restaurant Fundraiser



Simpls Fundraiser January 3rd - 31st

For a change of pace, our January Restaurant fundraiser will deliver flavorful meals directly to your doorstep! We have partnered with Minneapolis based company Simpls to create a deliciously convenient way for you to feed your family and support the OLE PTA.

Simpls creates scratch-made food using local, organic and sustainable ingredients.

From **January 3rd - January 31st** you can visit Simpls.com and order soups, pizza and more that will get delivered to your home.

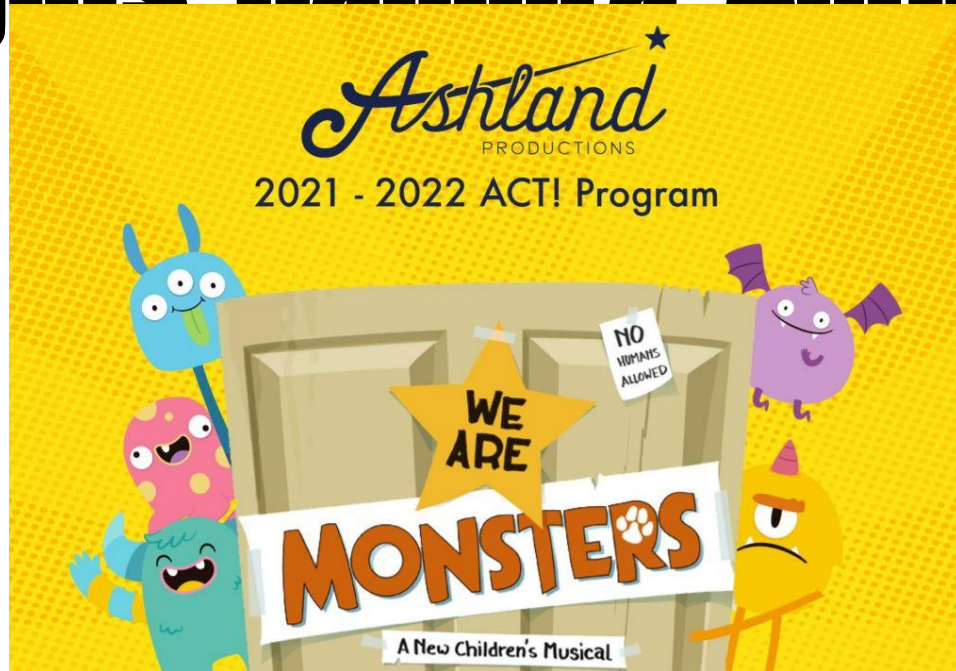
Fill up your cart with \$30 or more and enter the group code OTTERLAKE22 during checkout. For every order OLE will receive at least 25% of the sales.

This code can be used in multiple orders, just in case you find the food so irresistible and convenient (like we did!) that you want to place an order each week. You can also share the code with family and friends!

Whether you want an easy meal during the week, a little extra time away from the kitchen over the weekend, or you want to send joy to a friend or family member, consider participating in our January fundraiser.

[Click here](https://Simpls.com) to start your order today!

Lights Camera Action!



**Rehearsals are underway for the Ashland Musical!
The students are doing great and having so much fun.**

As part of the contract OLE has with Ashland Productions, we're required to have a parent volunteer at each rehearsal. Volunteers are in charge of checking kids in and out of rehearsal and being available to the directors should any questions or issues arise. THANK YOU to all of the parents who have already signed up to help with rehearsals!

Your time and support are much appreciated!

We are still looking for volunteers to fill a few rehearsal slots. If you would like to help out, please [click here](#) Thank you for volunteering!

Save the Date

You won't want to miss OLE students in We Are Monsters! Mark your calendar now for the spring performances of We Are Monsters. Performances take place in the theater at the Maplewood YMCA.

**Friday, April 8th at 7:00pm
Saturday, April 9th at 1:00pm
Sunday, April 10th at 4:00pm**

January Spiritwear Sale

Select Bags are 15% off

January 1st - 9th

To kick off 2022, select bags are on sale in our Spiritwear Store. This sale runs January 1st - 9th, so don't wait. Order your OLE bags today! To start shopping, [click here](#).



Teacher Appreciation



December Teacher Appreciation

The OLE Staff received a thank you from the OLE PTA before winter break. We hope they enjoyed some much deserved rest and relaxation. We appreciate all you do each and every day for our students!

Lucy's Burgers Fundraiser Recap



lucy's BURGERS

Our Lucy's Burgers fundraiser raised almost \$295 for the OLE PTA!

We want to thank all of you who came out to enjoy dinner and support the OLE PTA. We appreciate your patience with the restaurant being short staffed, and we hope you enjoyed a great meal!

Another huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at Lucy's during the event. YOU make these fundraisers possible! You're the best!

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!

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from Google Play

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from the App Store

Support the OLE PTA when you Shop on Amazon!



You shop. Amazon gives.

Supporting the OLE PTA when you shop on Amazon is easy, and it makes a huge impact! All you have to do is click the button below and sign in to your Amazon account. From there, select Otter Lake PTA as your charity. When you shop, make sure you are shopping on smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a percentage of the price of your purchase to the OLE PTA each and every time! It's a win-win!

[Click here](#) to get started with
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Have an Idea or talent to share? Join the PTA!

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!



Meeting Dates for 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?
[here](#) to add your question to the agenda.

[Click](#)

[January 11th, 2022](#)

[February 8th, 2022](#)

[March 15th, 2022](#)

[April 12th, 2022](#)

[May 3rd, 2022](#)

[May 17th, 2022](#)

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