



PTO Times

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Oak Hills Elementary PTO

Thank You to the following Volunteers:

Jason Turinsky for our amazing new PTO Website

Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Amorose, Ms. Abney, Ms. Rowley, Mr. Geier, and Mrs. Hagseth for your input on the iPad purchase

Rachel Pines for stepping forward to chair our Staff Appreciation Week!

Ryan Hoxie for his help with our iPad purchasing and cart retrofitting.

Deanna Middleton for chairing the Science Fair!

Where you can find the PTO:

- * Website (www.oakhillspto.org)
- * Facebook (Oak Hills Elementary PTO)
- * Google Calendar (Oak Hills Elementary PTO Calendar)
- * In-School Calendar of Events (front entrance to school)

BINGO Night a HUGE Success! Lots of fun had by ALL!



The PTO would like to thank **Heather Hoxie and Ruann Donnelly**, who took on the monumental task of organizing this year's BINGO Night and Raffle, with the addition of a Silent Auction. After several years of the PTO tossing around the idea of how to bring iPads into the classrooms, and the hands of our students, we decided that this year was the year to do it! Many of our amazing teachers already use their own iPads in their classrooms, and see this as an economic way to bring more technology to our students. Our class set of laptops can be hard to reserve (only one set for the entire school), and they are ex-

pensive to purchase and maintain. With the release of the new iPad, the district is able to take advantage of great deals on the iPad2, which means our money goes even further!

Why bring iPads into the classroom? Here are just a FEW example of how iPads are used *throughout the district*:

- *Research at student's fingertips.
- *Make movies or presentations.
- *Using Apps that support instruction in both Literacy and Math.
- *Read ebooks.
- *and so much more!

These are just a few of the countless ways iPads will aid in your child's education. The PTO is committed to bringing technology to our students, and we have you all to thank for the opportunity.

BINGO night and the Silent Auction brought in **\$10,079!** After expenses for running the night, food purchase, etc. our net profit was **\$9,200**. We are using every dollar raised towards the purchase of iPads, the storage cart, and Apple Care. We are excited to tell you that we will be able to purchase **20 iPads** for Oak Hills Students!

Thank you teachers, staff and parents for your generous support.

Science Fair Fun

We had a great turnout for science fair. Oak Hills has so many budding scientists - nearly 300 experiments done by some classes and over 330 students!! It was great to see all the different ideas and how the group

and individual projects turned out this year. We had 63 wonderful parents, Intel volunteers, neighbors, teachers, and past teachers/parents who helped review projects the night of



the fair. We could not have done it without you! Thanks to everyone who planned, reviewed, and participated in any way during the event! Please keep encouraging your child's interest in scientific inquiry.

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We're on the Web!

www.oakhillspato.org

Would you like to submit information to be included in the next Oak Hills PTO Newsletter? Send your request to Cyndie Pelto, cdpelto@gmail.com. All requests must be received by the 10th and last day of each month. The newsletter will be sent out on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month with the Friday Flyers.

To maintain our commitment to being a Green PTO, we will be sending this newsletter home electronically (attached to email). You can also find the archives on our website and on Facebook.

Skate Night Golden Skate Award...

Proudly presented to

Mrs. Rennie's 2nd Grade Class

for the highest percentage of students
attending Skate Night!

Thank you to all of the Oak Hills families that joined
us at Skate World on Thursday night.

And a **BIG** thank you to *Sandy Gingell* for organizing!



Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Important Dates

March 19, 2:45pm - PTO Meeting, Library

March 22, 5-8pm - McTeacher Dinner Night Out! Cornell Rd McDonalds

April 4th - Bike/Walk to School Day!

April 16, 2:45pm - PTO Meeting, Library

April 16, 5-10pm - Dinner Night Out at Oak Hills Brew Pub

May 3&4 - No School, Conference Days

May 7-11 - Staff Appreciation Week

May 14, 7pm - PTO Meeting, Library

May 24 - Jog-A-Thon, all day



Recycle With A Purpose and Help the 5th Grade!

In conjunction with our school's celebration of Dr. Seuss, the Lorax, and Earth Day (coming in April), the 5th grade class is organizing a recycling event to raise money for their class celebration at the end of the year. Collection has already begun, and will run through Earth Day (4/20).

In our green electronics and printer cartridge recycling, we are accepting all ink or toner cartridges as well as cell phones, cell phone batteries, cell phone chargers, car chargers, digital cameras, mp3 players, Pocket PCs, and PDAs. Please put ink/toner cartridges in Ziploc baggies and keep them separate from electronics. We will

have clearly marked bins inside school for dropping items off. Questions? Email Sheri McLoughlin at sherimcl@comcast.net or Suzi Beech at suzibeech@gmail.com.

We are also collecting cans and water bottles for deposit (vitamin water is OK too). When volunteers are available, we will be collecting cans/bottles at drop off in the morning, but there will also be a bin in the front hall for your deposits. Please do not bring glass. Have a large pickup? Have other questions? Email Laura Bond at clarkoutwest@hotmail.com.

Clean up your garage, recycle, and contribute to the 5th Grade Celebration fundraiser all at the same time!

If you would rather bring cans to the recycling depot on your own and bring in the deposit money, that works just as well.

Thank you very much for your support.

