



Old Post PTA News

November / December 2009

Fitness FUNdraiser Inspires Old Post to Stay Fit and Have Fun Doing It

The Family Fitness FUNdraiser was held on October 16th and was an energetic experience for all the participants. Old Post families came out to walk and raise money for the activities that PTA sponsors throughout the year. Each family enjoyed an evening of exercise and friendly competition as they helped to tally up as many laps as possible to win a prize for their student's class. Although the weather pushed the event indoors, there was still a great showing of support. Mrs. Blocker's class raised the most money in sponsorship and was the winner for the most number of laps completed. Congratulations to all of the families that participated, we raised over \$1200. This money will go to programs such as Friday Folders and planners for the students, Book Bucks and student and staff appreciation, to name a few. With the continued support of our families, the PTA looks forward to making this even more successful next year.



Defining a Pillar of Character: Caring

Recently our families showed what it really means to support each other within our Old Post community. The unyielding support that was shown in response to our call for donations for an Old Post family who was recently devastated by a fire in their home, was wonderful. THANK YOU to all who donated money and material. Over \$1000 in gift cards, cash and donations was given to the family and we want to thank those who supported this cause in one way or another.

Mrs. Ancel is Going to be Locked Up For "Good"

Our very own Principal, Mrs. Ancel, is going behind bars for "good". A "good" cause that is. Please help bail her out. Several community leaders are being locked up to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. **Your donation to the MDA is her key to freedom!** Be proud of the fact that together we're providing help and hope to kids and adults served by MDA in our community. Donations can be made by logging onto: www.joinmda.org/oswegoil2009/jancel or by check made to "MDA" that can be dropped off in the office at Old Post by Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Old Post wouldn't be the same without her, so let's help set her free!



Send PTA Newsletter information to opptanews@gmail.com. The next deadline for submission is January 15, 2010 – Visit: <http://www.oswego308.org/schools/oldpost/parents/pta.aspx> for more PTA information.

Want to Help Shape your Child's Learning Environment?

It's not too late to become a member of the PTA. The most important benefit of membership is being a part of an organization that advocates for ALL of our children. Research has shown that the most important indication on how well a child will do in school is the level of parental involvement in that child's education. Being a part of PTA is one way to be involved. Please fill this form out below and return to your child's teacher with cash or a check made payable to Old Post PTA.

Old Post PTA Membership sign up for the 2009/2010 School year

Single Membership: \$10 Family Membership: \$15 Oswego 308 staff member: \$5

Parent

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Children

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Grade: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Grade: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Grade: _____

PTA use only...Date: _____ Paid: _____ Check# _____ Cash \$10 or \$15

PTA Financial Audit

The PTA will be undergoing an internal audit of the association finances and we need your help. If you have a background in Finance and would like to donate a few hours of your time to assist the board with this critical exercise, we NEED your help. Please contact Wendy Kennedy at kennedywendy@sbcglobal.net, or 630-554-5897.

Box Tops Contest, A Huge Success!

Thanks to all of the families that participated in the Box Top class contest. We collected over 9000 box tops which means \$961.00. That's huge! Mrs. Poplawski's 2nd grade class brought in the most box tops and will enjoy an ice cream party as their reward. Please keep collecting those box tops as we will have another contest in February or March. Of course, you can send them in any time if you'd rather not keep them at home. Also, thanks to all of you who have been cutting your box tops on the dotted lines, it has saved us a lot of time! Visit www.boxtops4education.com for information on daily sweepstakes offers and to follow our progress.

Pencil Grams for Sale

As always, Pencil grams can be purchased in the office at anytime during the school year. The cost is \$2 or \$3 for Birthday or Holiday Pencil gram. Proceeds go into a fund for a PTA sponsored annual Scholarship for Old Post Alumni that will be graduating this year from OEHS or OHS.

Raise Money for Old Post Simply By Shopping

The next time you shop at Dominick's or Target you can be raising money for Old Post without even knowing it. Many major local retailers have programs to help you raise money for your school by donating a percentage of your purchases directly to the school of your choice. With Dominick's eScrip program, once enrolled, up to 4% of your qualifying purchases are credited to the school of your choice every time you shop with your Dominick's Fresh Values Card. Visit www.eScrip.com for details. With the Target REDcard Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target or Target.com to the K-12 school of your choice. Details for the REDcard can be found at www.Target.com. If it fits your usual spending habits, please consider signing up for these free programs to help Old Post while you shop!

Reflections Deadline

For all students planning on submitting for the Reflections contest please remember the deadline is November 23. The theme is "Beauty Is...". We wish you the best of luck!