

Welcome to the Beacon!

Parent Express

June 23rd - Extra Updates

Dear OCE Parents,

We're rounding third and racing toward the finish of the 2016 - 2017 school year! While we will send out our last Beacon of this school year over the weekend, we have a few updates that we wanted to share now. Please read on to learn more about closing out this year and opening up next school year.

As always, thank you!

OCE PTA

Meet the Teacher Event

Teacher assignments for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be included in your child's report card, which comes home on the last day of this school year, Friday, June 30th.

Join us for "Meet The Teacher" for the 2017 - 2018 school year:

- **Date** : Friday, **July** 7th, 2017
- **Location** : OCE
- **Time** :
 - 2 - 3 p.m. (if your last name starts with A - L)
 - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (if your last name starts with M - Z)
- **NOTE** : This event is for parents and students. Please be respectful of assigned time slots as we do have limited parking and need to accommodate all parents.

[Clopening Breakfast](#)

We're closing out the 2016 - 2017 school year and opening up the 2017 - 2018 year with a "Clopening" breakfast for teachers and staff. The breakfast will take place on the morning of **July 5th**, and we could use your help. **Please click this link** to learn more and sign up to bring a dish!

[Open PTA Positions](#)

Looking to get even more involved with OCE? We have a number of open spots on the PTA and would love your help. Please see the open positions below, along with a description of each. If you are interested in any of them, please email us at oce.pta@gmail.com. Thank you!

- **Carnival** - Organize a committee to plan games, activities, prizes, food, ticket sales, map, volunteers, and raffle baskets for the Spring Carnival. We can provide information and games from previous years!
- **Teacher Grants** - Survey all teachers who join the PTA for grant requests (gift cards for teaching supplies from their choice of 3 places), purchase with PTA funds, and distribute to teachers. This is done just once a year.
- **Welcome Committee** - Email families who join OCE mid-year to welcome them and provide information about the school and PTA. This can be the same (or very similar) email for each family, and contact info for new families is provided by the OCE front office staff.
- **Spirit Wear** - Create an order form to distribute to all students, order Spirit Wear, fulfill orders, sell Spirit Wear at school events like Open House, Carnival, Kindergarten Orientation, etc. This role will have support from a previous Spirit Wear PTA member, so this role will be an assistant position this year, moving into a lead role over time.
- **Grant Writer** - Research and apply for any grants for which the school may qualify. We have one person doing this, but would love to have added support
- **Loyalty Cards** - Provide families with information on linking loyalty cards from Lowes, Harris Teeter, Publix, Target, etc. to help our school earn money back.
- **Agendas & School Kits** - Order agendas and school kits for the following year. This role will have guidance on learning the position

from a previous agenda & school kit lead. Ordering starts in the Spring for the following year and distribution takes place during Meet-the-Teacher and the first week of school.

- **Spirit Nights** - Schedule and advertise monthly Spirit Nights for OCE families.
- **Book Fair** - Help the Media Specialist plan, set-up, run, and clean-up two book fairs per school year.
- **PTA Website** - Design a new website for the PTA and update it throughout the school year.