

## **Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year at Oakland Terrace ES**

It is hard to believe that at the end of the month our students will begin another year of learning and fun. The ***Oakland Terrace Parent Teacher Association (PTA)*** encourages everyone to become involved in our school community by joining the PTA and taking part in PTA-sponsored activities and events. It's a great way to show how much you respect our teachers and staff and participate in your child's education. We look forward to you becoming active participants via the PTA in support of your children's academic and social success.

### **Start the School Year at the Ice Cream Social!**

On **Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, OTES families, students, and staff are invited to join the PTA for an **Ice Cream Social** following both the OTES Kindergarten and Main Campus Open Houses. Ice cream will be served for Kindergarten families **by the Kindergarten playground** starting at **1:30 pm** and **at the front of the OTES main campus building** starting at **3:30 pm**. ***If you have kids at the Kindergarten campus, please feel free to also come to the main campus ice cream social where we will have music and additional festivities.*** This is a great way to meet OTES staff and teachers, new and returning families, and your child's friends (old and soon to be).

### **Feeling Confused? Get Oriented to OTES at the Newcomers' Meeting and Activity Fair**

On **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, the PTA will be hosting a **Newcomers' Meeting** followed by an **Activity Fair** at 7:30 in the school's All-Purpose Room (cafeteria). The Newcomer's Meeting will provide an opportunity to meet other new parents, ask the PTA the questions you have, and learn more about OTES, after-school activities, and special events planned for this year. This will also be a great opportunity to sign up to participate!. ***Returning parents can also attend the Activity Fair or can sign up for various activities and events at the PTA table at the Ice Cream Social, or via flyers sent home in your children's backpacks ("backpack mail").***

### **Join the PTA and attend PTA meetings**

The first official PTA meeting for the school year will be on **October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. All PTA meetings will be held at 7:00pm in the school's All-Purpose Room on the ***first Tuesday of the month***. PTA meetings are informal and will help you stay informed of school happenings. Agendas include interesting speakers, PTA business, and discussion time. Babysitting is available at \$1 per child. Pizza and water is available for \$1 each. ***Whether mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa, or friend, whether it's your first meeting or not, if you are an important adult to a child at OTES, please come! Bring an OTES neighbor and get to know other parents!***

### **Stay Connected with our PTA newsletter, School Calendar, and PTA Listservs**

This year's school calendar will be sent home to all Oakland Terrace families at the beginning of the school year. It explains the various events throughout the year and will help you keep informed. Throughout the year you will receive PTA newsletters and PTA flyers via backpack mail. Any parent may also join the PTA Announcement and Discussion Listservs by sending

blank e-mails to [oaklandterracepta-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:oaklandterracepta-subscribe@yahogroups.com) for the announcement listserv and [otespta\\_discussion-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:otespta_discussion-subscribe@yahogroups.com) for the discussion listserv.

If you have questions about the Oakland Terrace PTA, or to find out how to get involved, we invite you to contact any of the officers listed below.

**We look forward to working together to make this a great school year for all of our students!**

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