

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year at Oakland Terrace ES!

The Oakland Terrace *Parent Teacher Association (PTA)* welcomes and encourages everyone to become involved in our school community by joining the PTA and taking part in PTA-sponsored activities and events.

The Mission of the PTA is designed to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of the nation.

Some of the ways our PTA can work for you!

- Brings parents together
- Provides parent training
- Sponsors workshops for parents
- Uses newsletters to inform parents
- Identifies volunteer tasks in school
- Works with schools on ways that parents can support school instruction at home with their children
- Has representatives on the school improvement team

It is hard to believe that at the end of the month our students will begin another year of learning and fun. 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 Open House and Ice Cream Social.

Following the Open House (2:00 pm) on *Thursday, August 27, 2009*, we invite all OTES families, students, and staff to join us for an Ice Cream Social. Ice cream will be served on the blacktop area next to the gym starting at 3pm. 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.)

Join the Oakland Terrace PTA!

The first PTA meeting for the 2009-2010 school year will be held the same evenings as Back to School nights. Back to school nights will be *Wednesday, September 9th* (grades K-2) and *Thursday, September 10th* (grades 3-5). Doors will open at 6:15 pm, with the business portion of the PTA meeting to begin at 6:45 pm. Before and during this brief introductory meeting, an activity fair will be set up for everyone to learn about the PTA fundraisers, activities, and events planned for this year. This will be a great opportunity to sign up to volunteer. The Back to School Night will begin after the PTA meeting.

All other PTA meetings will be held at 7:00pm in the school's All-Purpose room on the first Tuesday of the month. We are hoping to keep all meetings to one hour and dinner and drinks will be available at a nominal fee. Babysitting will be available at \$1 per child. All are encouraged to attend!

Stay Informed with our School Calendar and Student Directory.

A 2009-2010 school calendar is being prepared by the Oakland Terrace PTA and will be sent home to all Oakland Terrace families at the beginning of the school year.

In addition, the PTA student telephone directory for 2009-2010 will be available this fall. The PTA School Directory will not come out until October/November, once all registration activities are completed within the office and with MCPS. (Thanks for waiting so patiently!)

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. Also, anyone may join the PTA Listserv by sending a blank e-mail to oaklandterracepta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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

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