



OTTER LAKE NEWS



September 2022

Important Numbers

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Leah Erickson Dean Of Students

651-407-7500 ext-2100

Main Office- 651-653-2831

Attendance Line -651-653-2832

Health Office- 651-653-2846

Nurse 651-653-2845

Kitchen 651-653-2839

Extended Day- 651-653-2834

Fax 651-653-2833

Parent Tech Help - 651-407-7637

Transportation 651-407-7538

Emergency School Closing-

651-407-7540

Upcoming Dates

September

Sept. 20 - Picture Day

Sept. 21 - Deep Portage 5th Gr.

Sept. 21 - Tamarack - Kinder.

Sept. 22 - Tamarack - Kinder.

Sept. 26 - PTA Kinder. Social

Sept. 29 - PTA 2nd Gr. Social

Oct. 3 - PTA 1st Gr. Social

Oct. 6 - PTA 3rd Gr. Social

Oct. 10 - PTA 4th Gr. Social

Oct. 11 - PTA Meeting

Oct. 12 - Tamarack - 4th Gr.

Oct. 13 - PTA 5th Gr. Social

Oct. 19-21 - No School - MEA

Oct. 26 - Picture Retakes

Oct. 27 - 3rd Gr. Orchestra Hall

Oct. 29 - Bear Scare Run

Oct. 31 - No School

Reminder

Please use the blue button in ParentVUE to report an absence or call the attendance line listed to the left.



September 20th is Picture Day at Otter Lake

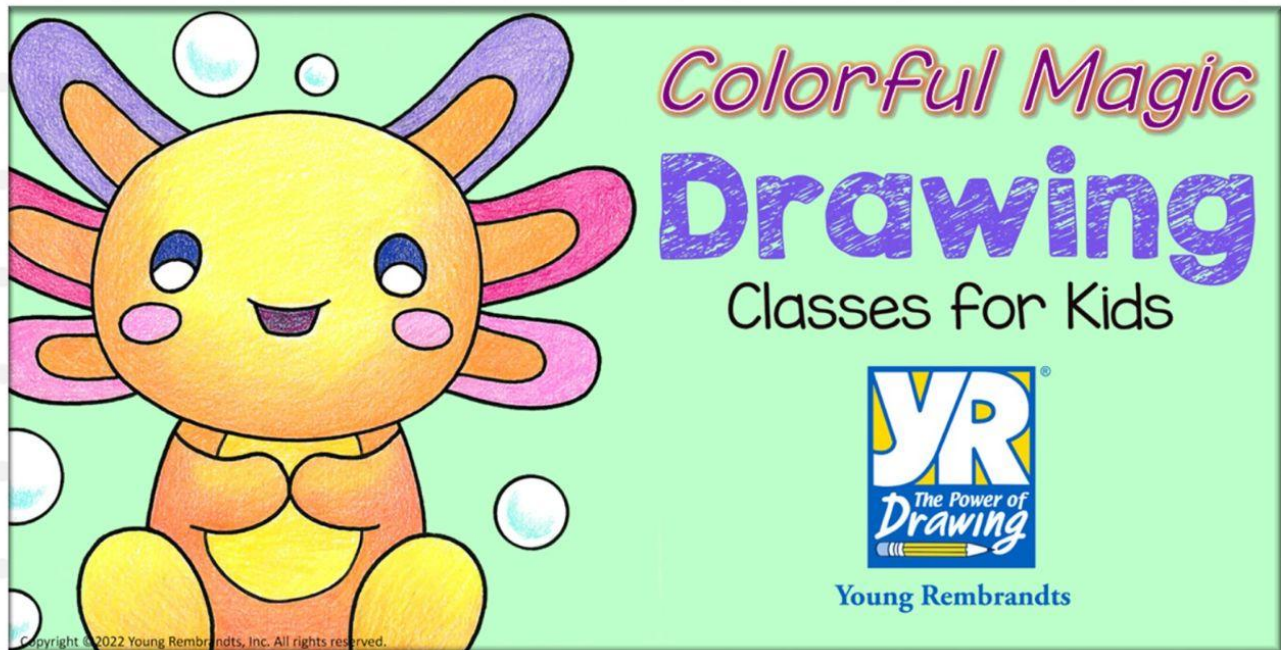
Please use the link below to access order information. Kids, remember to smile!

<http://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/pictureDayId/EVTJBRVZD>

Please be aware the transportation department has informed us students will no longer be able to ride the bus with a friend. You are welcome to pick up children who need to travel together, but please make sure each child has a note stating your wishes. Thank you for your assistance in keeping all our students safe.



Grades K-5th



Experience the colorful magic of fall in the Young Rembrandts afterschool classroom. Kick off the season with an interesting Iguana, a video game favorite Pixel Block Character and the geometrical world of architecture as we draw the Notre Dame Cathedral. We'll draw these (and many more exciting lessons!) while we improve creative and critical thinking skills today's students need. So what are you waiting for?

Sign up now!



• **NORTH STAR**

Mondays 9/19 - 10/17

2:20/3:20

• **BIRCH LAKE**

Tuesdays 9/20 - 10/18

2:20/3:20

• **OTTER LAKE**

Thursdays 9/22 - 10/27 (NO CLASS 10/20)

2:20/3:20



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Register online:

<https://bit.ly/wblcolor22>



New Drawings Every Session

September/October PTA Corner

The 2022-2023 PTA Board is so excited for all the great things we have planned for this year!

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our first PTA meeting, either in person or virtually. Your time, talents and dedication to the OLE students mean so much. We couldn't do this without you!

Did you know we have a handy calendar of all of our events right on our website?
[Check it out](#) and set a reminder for our upcoming events.

Hope to see you soon!



PTA Board Members (Left to right as pictured)
Anna Smith- Secretary, Kim Lee - Vice President,
Sarah Feipel- President, Angela Sjostrom- Treasurer,
Laura Diedrich - Deputy Treasurer

OLE Fall Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser runs September 26th through October 10th

Students have the option of participating in our Fall Fundraiser this year!

We are selling Butter Braids, Luige's Pizza and Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough.

All orders will be collection ONLINE ONLY this year.

Fundraiser Pick Up is at OLE on Wednesday, November 2nd,
from 2:30 - 6:00 pm.

Watch for information to come home with your student(s) soon!





Kick off your Halloween weekend with a costume fun run to raise money for Lincoln and Otter Lake Elementary Schools!

Saturday, October 29th, 2022

9:00 - 9:30 am - Registration

10:00 am - Skeleton Skip

10:15 am - Freaky 4 mile and Terrifying 2 mile

COME OUT IN COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR A VERY FUN FALL RUN/WALK!

Enjoy the ½ mile “**Skeleton Skip**” around Otter Lake Elementary, try your luck at the “**Terrifying 2 Mile**” course from Otter Lake Elementary to Lincoln Elementary, or go all in for the “**Freaky 4 Mile**” course from Otter Lake Elementary to Lincoln Elementary and back to Otter Lake Elementary!

All registrations include a Bear Scare Fun Run tee shirt. Early registration ends on Thursday, October 13th, so sign up today!

Register for Bear Scare



September Staff Appreciation



The amazing OLE staff was treated to a much-deserved breakfast today to celebrate the first week of school. THANK YOU to all the teachers and staff for all you do. Here's to a great year!

****NEW** OLE Spirit Wear**

It's time to gear up for a new school year and show your OLE spirit!



Shop the NEW [OLE Spirit Wear Store](#). We have a new design available in several different shirt and sweatshirt styles for kids and adults to show our OLE pride!



OLE ART



OLE Art is back and we need your help! This is an amazing opportunity for OLE students to learn about and create art, but we can't do it without you.

OLE Art will begin in November. We are looking for grade level coordinators and classroom volunteers. Please email otterlakeart@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out!

OLE Grade Level Socials

New this year, we are hosting Grade Level Socials for OLE students and families! Come join other children and families in your student's grade for a fun social event. Dates are listed below. More details will be sent home with students in the near future!

Kindergarten - Tuesday, September 27th
6:00-7:00 pm at the OLE Playground

1st Grade - Tuesday, October 4th

2nd Grade - Thursday, September 29th

3rd Grade - Thursday, October 6th

4th Grade - Monday, October 10th

5th Grade - Thursday, October 13th



PTA Committee Chairs Needed

We are in need of several committee chairs this school year.

We have the funds raised to cover all of these events this school year, but we can't do that without committee chairs. If these positions are not filled, these experiences and opportunities will not happen for students this school year.

Please consider donating your time and talents!

All committee chairs for the 2022-2023 school year will be entered into a drawing for amazon gifts cards!

Email the OLE PTA



Staff Appreciation

The committee chair is responsible for coordinating staff appreciation once a month and each day of Teacher Appreciation Week in May. This position could be split between two people.

BINGO

The Bingo chair is in charge of OLE BINGO, which is scheduled for February 3rd, 2023. The planning begins in December for the event. The committee chair is responsible for creating a flyer for the event, coordinating volunteers and securing items needed for the event.



OLE Carnival

The OLE Carnival is in need of a co-chair for the largest OLE event of the year! The Carnival co-chair will assist in the planning and running of the OLE Carnival, which is tentatively scheduled to take place outdoors on May 19th. Planning for the carnival begins in January.





Ashland Musical

The Ashland Musical is an exciting opportunity for OLE students, and it can't happen without a committee chair! This position would be great to split between co-chairs. The musical planning begins in September, with registration opening in November. The committee chair is responsible for communication regarding the musical and the registration process.

Rehearsals begin in December and run through March. The committee chair needs to be present at all rehearsals, or create a sign up for volunteers to be present at the rehearsals. They will also promote ticket sales for the musical.

Performances take place in April. The chair is responsible for finding volunteers to help at the performances. The chair also plans the cast party after the musical is complete. This is a big commitment, but extremely fun and rewarding!



Read·A·Thon

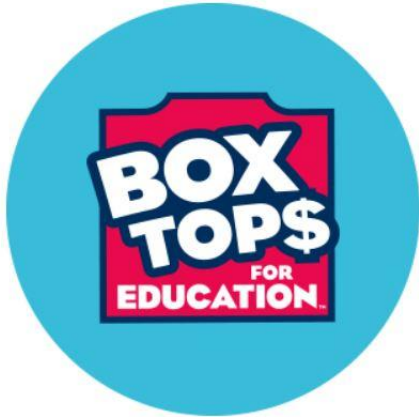
Read A Thon

The Read A Thon committee chair is responsible for all things Read A Thon! The event typically takes place in February during I love to read month. The chair comes up with the theme for the Read A Thon, coordinates activities and events with the teacher liaison, decides on and secures prizes for the Read A Thon, tracks the reading minutes and provides updates during the event. The commitment for this position begins in November or December and runs through the end of the event in February. This position could be shared between two people.

Box Tops for Education



Did you know that all Box Tops for Education are now collected digitally? The Otter Lake Elementary Student Council encourages you to continue collecting Box Tops using the app. It's easy, quick, and rewards OLE!



BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo! Be sure to check the full list of **participating products**, as some are not labeled.



SCAN

YOUR RECEIPT

Tap the scan button to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN

CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

The Student Council has seen their budget significantly decline since Box Tops went to digital only. We would love to help build that back up again! Downloading the app and scanning your receipts will make an impact! Thank you for helping!

Student Council uses the funds for a variety of things such as:

- Providing mints to students for MCAs
- Donating money to the PTA for the carnival
- Adding donation funds or providing materials (t-shirts, color for color run, etc) for some of the fundraisers at OLE
- And many more!

[Click here](#) to get the app
from Google Play

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from the App Store

Support the OLE PTA when you Shop on Amazon!



You shop. Amazon gives.

Supporting the OLE PTA when you shop on Amazon is easy, and it makes a huge impact! All you have to do is click the button below and sign in to your Amazon account. From there, select Otter Lake PTA as your charity. When you shop, make sure you are shopping on smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a percentage of the price of your purchase to the OLE PTA each and every time! It's a win-win!

[Click here](#) to get started with
Amazon Smile

Have an Idea or talent to share? Join the PTA!

Become a PTA volunteer!

The purpose of our PTA is to enrich the experiences of all students and the Otter Lake Community by sharing our time, talents, and treasure. You help make all this possible! If you are interested in joining the PTA, would like to volunteer, or have an exciting idea to share with us, please fill out the [volunteer form](#). We look forward to connecting with you!



Meeting Dates for 2022/2023

Meet with us in person or virtually!

Meetings will take place in the OLE Learning Commons (formerly known as the Media Center) from 6:30-8:00pm. Child care is provided for all meetings with the exception of September.

In addition to attending in person, we welcome you to attend the meeting virtually via Google Meet if that is a better option for you. Just click on the meeting date below to access the Google Meet. We hope to see you there!

Have a question for Principal Mueller to answer live at the meeting?

[Click here](#) to add your question to the agenda.

[September 13, 2022](#)

[October 11, 2022](#)

[November 15, 2022](#)

[December - NO MEETING](#)

[January 10, 2023](#)

[February 21, 2023](#)

[March 14, 2023](#)

[April 11, 2023](#)

[May 9, 2023](#)

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