

“Keep In Touch”

The PTA is changing the way we communicate to OHES families. One new tool is the KIT (Keep in Touch) system operated by FCPS which will send out reminders of PTA events. Also we are updating the PTA portion of the OHES web site by posting electronic copies of the paper flyers sent home in Friday Folders. To search for a flyer just go to: <http://www.fcps.edu/OrangeHuntES/pta/pta.htm> and select "Newsletter and Flyers." We hope that adding a running list of flyers will be an easy referral source for parents (and kids) on the go. Questions? Email me at president@orangehuntpta.org. Thanks- **Nancy Thompson**

Odyssey of the Mind!

In the past two years, our school has had an Odyssey of the Mind earn 1st and 2nd place in the regional competition. PLEASE help us encourage our students to think outside the box and consider coaching a team!! Please contact **Erin Murphy** at erin.murphy27@yahoo.com for more info!

Fall Fest Wrap-Up

The OH Fall Festival was a great success thanks to the outstanding support of volunteers who helped bake, organize, and prepare the snacks, games, and activities for the kids to enjoy. A highlight of the evening was the friendly competition between Mr. Pensler and students. They played four different "Minute to Win It" type games in front of a packed crowd in the cafeteria. Congrats to our winners of the "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin", (Zoe Gill and Emily Cramer), the Hula Hoop Contest and the Giant Pumpkin (Carrie Morrison). Afterward, Hoot led the costume parade around the school grounds, where we saw LOTS of great costumes both from the kids and the parents! Thank you to all the families who came out to enjoy this fun family night!

Ann Prentice- Fall Fest Chair

Innisbrook Product Pick-up!

Friday, November 11
(Veteran's Day)
3:30—7:00PM
OHES Cafeteria

Upcoming Dates

November 2011

2nd	PTA Meeting 7pm
7/8th	Teacher Work Days- No School
10th	Lanternfest
11th	Innisbrook Pick-up
12th	School Beautification Day
16th	Staff Treats- 5th & 1st Grades
17th	German Club Game Day
20th	GOTR 5K
23rd	Early Release 1:15 pm
24/25th	Thanksgiving Holidays- No School

December 2011

8th	Reflections Reception 7pm
23rd - Jan 2	Winter Holidays- No School

“ADD-A-BOOK”

<i>From:</i>	<i>Dedicated to:</i>
Grandma	Sarah Marsch

Contact: **Chris Bakonyi** at Jonssponge@aol.com to Add-A-Book to our library for you!

German Club



All OHES families are invited to join us for “Lanternfest” on November 10th. We will create our lanterns and walk around the school to commemorate St. Martin, following with hot chocolate and homemade German cookies. To make this event successful, we will need parents to sign up their children prior to the event. Be sure to look for the flyer in the Friday Folders. To sign up please contact: **SonSeri Armstrong-Kennedy** at limenwa@googlemail.com.

Coat Drive: In the spirit of generosity, the German Club sponsors its annual coat drive. We will accept gently used coats of all sizes in the school lobby. This event will take place from Oct 31 to Nov 11. For more info, please contact **Susan Guthrie** at sbbag4@yahoo.com or **Amy Michel** at amanita@usa.com.

Our first **Game Day** will be Thurs Nov 17 from 3:20 to 4:20pm in the OHES cafeteria. We will be playing German games that require a knowledge of the German language. To sign your child up for this event, please contact **Melinda Fortunato** at melindafortunato@gmail.com. To volunteer that day, please contact **Marina Elsis** at marinamikhail@yahoo.com.

More events to follow in the new year! To volunteer, please contact **Marina Elsis** at marinamikhail@yahoo.com or **Amy Michel** at amanita@usa.com. Volunteers do not need to speak German!

School Beautification Day

Our bi-annual school grounds clean up day will be November 12th from 8am to noon. This is a great opportunity for the children and their families to show their pride and community spirit. We will clear leaves, weed, mulch and plant along with any other necessary landscape tasks.

Please consider donating Hostas, Lithrope, Garden Mums, Daylilies, or any plant or shrub that does not require a lot of sun, water or care. Splits from your garden are welcome!

We are always in need of borrowed rakes, shovels, and wheel barrels. If you are not attending, donations may be dropped off at 8:am and picked up at 12:00 in front of the school. **Please put names on all tools or garden equipment.**

If you know of any middle school children who need community service credits, they are welcome to attend, please have them sign in for credit.

Hope to see you there!
Lydia Tavares

Restaurant Nights Are Coming!! OHES PTA will be hosting a restaurant night in November. Bring the family out for a meal at a selected restaurant and a portion of your bill will be given back to Orange Hunt. Check upcoming Friday Folders for more info. Questions? Restaurant Suggestions? Contact **Carol Lovan** at lovanfour@yahoo.com.

\$\$Safeway/Giant\$\$

The holidays are coming so PLEASE make sure your renew and/or register your Giant & Safeway cards. Last year we earned over \$4,000 just by registering our grocery cards and shopping at Giant & Safeway stores.

For **Giant** go to www.giantfood.com/aplus and click on “Register Your Card.” Enter school id# **02089** or **Orange Hunt Elem.**

For **Safeway** go to www.escrip.com and either click on the check mark to renew or click on “Sign Up It’s Free” to register. Select **Orange Hunt Elem.** or group id# **6547037**.

Questions? Contact **Libby Showalter** at theshowalters@cox.net.

\$\$Amazon/Target\$\$

Now you can shop at Amazon.com and Target to raise money for OHES! Shop at Amazon.com by using the new link on the PTA website at:

<http://www.fcps.edu/OrangeHuntES/pta/pta.htm>, and Orange Hunt will receive at least 4%, and up to 10%, of your purchases (including third party vendors!) Please note: do not put items in your cart to be bought later. OHES will only get credit for items placed in the cart which are bought within 24 hours.

If you have a Target REDcard® please designate Orange Hunt Elementary, id#**103691**, through Target’s *Take Charge of Education* program. Our school can earn 1% of all purchases made with your REDcard®. You must register the card by calling **1-800-316-6142**.

Look for a flyer soon in Friday Folders! Questions? Contact **Libby Showalter** at theshowalters@cox.net.

The orange hunt PTA is proud to announce **Mrs. Wagoner** as Teacher of the Year. She is currently in her 8th year as the Lead ESOL. She models best the teaching practices and strategies that not only support English language learners, but all students, as they access the curriculum. It is an honor to have Mrs. Wagoner as the OHES teacher of the year!

Congratulations!

Congrats to those who participated in the Pyramid

Challenge! OHES was 1 point away from 3rd place!



BOX TOPS


Get ready to send in your Box Tops. The PTA will announce its new, classroom contest in November! Questions?

Contact

Kim Karlinchak at

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November 2011

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 PTA Mtg 7pm	3	4	5
6	7 No School	8 No School	9	10 Lantern-fest	11 Innisbrook!!	12 FALL Clean-Up 8-noon
13	14	15	16 Staff Treats!	17 German Game Day	18	19
20 GOTR 5K	21	22	23 Early Release	24 	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30			

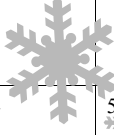



OHES “Girls on the Run”

The Fall 2011 season of Orange Hunt’s Girls on the Run is in full swing! 30 Girls in grades 3-6 are working towards the goal to compete in the New Balance 5k at Jiffy Lube Live on Sunday, Nov 20th. If you are interested in learning more about Girls on the Run, please check out their website <http://www.gotrnova.org/> or contact coach **Juliet Neal** at julietneal@yahoo.com. Also, keep an eye out for Spring 2012 Registration information in January.

Science Volunteers

Each year, every class at OHES receives a science presentation. We are looking for volunteers to do these presentations over the next few months, it will take only a couple hours and all the supplies and instructions will be provided. Please let us know if you are interested and what specific class you are interested in working with (or grade level). Contact Tamara Ellassal: TLElassal@fcps.edu

December 2011

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8 7PM Reflections Reception	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 No School	24
		27	28	29	30	31

Staff Treats

Staff Treats is underway! Every day we appreciate the dedication and hard work from our teachers and staff at Orange Hunt. During the year, we offer a “Staff Treat” day. On these days, we ask that families from each grade help us by donating requested food items. Below is the schedule and themes for this school year. A reminder will be sent home each month as well as an email with a sign up link.

Nov 16	5th & 1st graders	Mr. Potato Head
Feb 8	2nd & 3rd graders	Taco Bar
Mar 14	4th & K-gartners	Pizza Pizazz
May 2	PTA	Apprec. Lunch

If you have any questions, please contact the PTA Hospitality Committee:

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