

Volunteers Needed!

While it may not be measured in kilowatts, the PTA runs on volunteer power. Can you carry a tune? Do you want to pick the next, big talent at OHES? If so, the PTA needs you to help keep some great programs running this year. Currently we need to fill 2 key committee chair positions: (1) Kinderchor needs a chair person to lead 2nd-6th graders in German songs and performances; and (2) Variety Show needs a coordinator (or team) to run a January audition, rehearsals, and a March performance. Without your time, energy and enthusiasm, the PTA may not be able to offer these popular programs. We also need co-chairs to help organize Odyssey of the Mind and Fall Beautification Day. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, and becoming a PTA Board member, please contact **Nancy Thompson** at president@orangehuntpta.org.

German Club

Join us, Sunday, Oct. 9 from 2-5 pm for Grillfest at Burke Lake Park. All OHES families are welcome to enjoy grilled wurst, side dishes & games. Watch for a flyer in Friday folders.

To enjoy these and more events throughout the year, don't forget to join the OHES German Club. It's only \$10 for a family of one child and \$15 two or more children, and you don't have to be part of the immersion program to join.

You can also join the club's Yahoo Group and receive notices regarding club activities. Just send an e-mail to OHESGermanClub-subscribe@yahoo.com.

In the week of October 11 the German Liaison invites you to a "Themenabend" about the German Immersion Program at Orange Hunt ES. Come to school for an hour in the evening to hear the latest info about the program, the German Club activities this year, and other PTA-German activities like German Drama or the Lending Library. This will be a good chance to come on board, meet other parents, and explore the various possibilities to volunteer. Look out in the Friday Folder for more information or contact the German Liaison, **Katharina Fuerst** at germanliaison.ohes@gmail.com.

Innisbrook Fundraiser

Playground Update Committee now forming. If you would like to help out on this committee please e-mail **Cindi Rogers** at WRAPITUPOHES@aol.com. We hope to raise \$7,000 to put toward a playground update. Please send us your suggestions. Remember that the money we earn from Innisbrook sales is dedicated to this project. Thank you for your support!



ATTN: OHES Runners!

Pyramid Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at Washington Irving Middle School. Get your sneakers and LET'S GO OWLS!

Go to

www.pyramidchallenge.webs.com

for more info and to register.

Watch for the flyer in your Friday Folder as well.

Fall Fest

Come join us for our Fall Festival, Friday Oct. 21, from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$3/person (sold at the door). Food items sold separately.

Play pumpkin games and amaze your friends while you make fun crafts. Enjoy yummy treats, catch up with friends and bring your camera to take a photo with Hoot!

Come dressed as your favorite book character!

The PTA needs lots of hands to make this event a success. To volunteer, please contact **Ann Prentice** at prentice@comcor.net. We look forward to seeing you there.



Upcoming Dates

October 2011

5th	Innisbrook Order Deadline
5th	PTA Meeting 7-8:30pm
6th	OM Parent Meeting 7pm
9th	German Club Grillfest 2-5pm
10th	Columbus Day-No School
12th	PTA Coffee- 9am
13th	Picture Day
15th	Pyramid Challenge
21st	Reflections Deadline
21st	Fall Fest 5:30-7:30pm

It's time for FLEX!

The Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program is offered by FCPS to introduce foreign languages to elementary students through fun, enriching after school courses. This year the FLEX program at OHES will include French, Spanish, German and Sign languages. Classes are held once a week for 15 weeks starting October 25, 2011. For details on fees, schedule of classes, and registration, contact PTA FLEX representatives **Amy Michel** at amanitta@usa.com 571-275-1647 or **Marina Elsi** at marinamikhail@yahoo.com 703-644-7577.

\$\$Giant/Safeway\$\$



Welcome Families! You can earn CASH for Orange Hunt Elementary. It's easy. Register (or re-register) your Giant & Safeway grocery cards on-line. You *MUST* renew *EVERY YEAR* to earn credit for the school.

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? Please contact **Libby Showalter** at 703-503-8438 or theshowalters@cox.net.

Carpool Connections! Go green this year and make your commute to school easier! Carpool Connections is a list of families (primarily German Immersion) interested in carpooling to and/or from school. To add your name and browse for families in your area, please contact **Lisa Muras** at 703-352-4787 or lmuras@yahoo.com.

A Note From The Art Rooms!

We begin another exciting year at Orange Hunt in the art rooms! We will continue to create meaningful pieces of artwork that connect to general classroom subjects. Our lessons include a chance for students to learn about art history, art production, art criticism, and aesthetics. Drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, fibers, and architecture are all visited throughout the year in our lessons as well. Parent volunteers are important and very much appreciated in the art room. Thank you to everyone that signed up during Back to School Night. Parents are welcome to stop by their child's art class to help in the art room or to hang student artwork in the hallways - which is always enjoyable to see!

Please consider the art rooms before you recycle! Clean yogurt cups, large quart or gallon plastic ice cream tubs, plastic containers, and gallon size ziploc bags are all needed. Thank you so much for the time and energy spent supporting the arts at Orange Hunt. We look forward to seeing you this year!

-Mrs. Micari and Ms. Bowman

Please Join Orange Hunt PTA!!!

It's not too late, please join the OHES PTA and show your support for our school. Membership Form on Orange Hunt website or contact **Vanessa Parks** at **vanessaparks2@cox.net** or **703-569-8604**.

“Diversity Means...” It's Time for Reflections!

Encourage your student to be inspired by “Diversity Means...,” this year's theme for PTA Reflections. The most popular National PTA program conducted annually, Reflections recognizes student achievement in the areas of visual arts, photography, musical composition, and literature as well as film production and dance choreography. Students are challenged to create an original work of art that represents the annual theme in one or more of these six categories.

All participating students are recognized in their age category by the Orange Hunt PTA at a Reflections awards ceremony where their artwork is showcased and winners moving to the next level of judging are announced. Last year, Orange Hunt students were also recognized at a cluster level award ceremony at Lake Braddock Secondary School and one student's work went forward beyond the cluster for judging at the regional level. This is a great student project that builds student confidence and creativity.

The deadline for participation in this year's program is **October 21, 2011**. Entry forms and a tip sheet with a summary of participation requirements are available in the school office or an online student entry form can be found at ptareflections.org/cs/student_entry_form.

More questions about how to get your student involved? Please contact PTA Reflections Co-Chairs **Amy Poe** at **thepoes1@cox.net 703-493-9704** or **Cindy Agner** at **cindyagner@yahoo.com 703-455-4744**.

Teacher of the Year

We are looking for the teacher who went above & beyond last year to make your child's year a success!! Nominate a teacher for Orange Hunt's Teacher of the year by submitting a letter or emailing **Cindy Agner** at **cindyagner@yahoo.com**.

Some qualities to include in the letter are:

- How the teacher instills a desire to learn and achieve for students.
- How the teacher demonstrates understanding of the individual needs of students.
- How the teacher encourages talents and fosters self-esteem in students.
- How the teacher demonstrates a thorough knowledge of subject matter and the ability to teach it to students.

If you have questions call **Cindy Agner** at: **703-455-4744** or email at **cindyagner@yahoo.com**

Odyssey of the Mind



Organizational parent's meeting scheduled for **Thursday, October 6th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm** in the Orange Hunt Cafeteria. For more info please contact **erin.murphy27@yahoo.com**.

Add-A-Book

With the Orange Hunt Add-a-Book program, you can personally dedicate a new book to a child, teacher, staff member, relative, or someone special. Your dedicated book will be permanently added to the Orange Hunt School Library for all to enjoy. For more info go to: www.fcps.edu/OrangeHuntES/pta/forms.htm and select “Add-a-Book”. Flyers/order forms are also available in the school lobby. Questions? Contact: **Chris Bakonyi** at **Jonssponge@aol.com**.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Sept 30 Teacher of the Year Deadline!	1
2	3	4 Tomorrow is Innisbrook Order Deadline!! →	5 PTA Mtg 7pm	6 OM Parent Mtg 7pm	7 Spirit Wear Day!	8
9 German Club Grillfest 2-5pm	10 No School	11	12 PTA Coffee 9am	13 Picture Day! 	14 Spirit Wear Day!	15 Pyramid Challenge @ WIMS
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