



December PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, December 3, 2018 9:00AM

East Campus Owl's Nest - 24 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

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Introduction:

- Welcome and Roll Call - Present - Michele Berman - President; Ashley Wisniewski - Treasurer; Jacki Wallace - Secretary
 - Guests:
 1. Owl's Nest - Mr. Vaughan, gave an overview of the Owl's Nest, an innovative space created at Ogden East to help students learn tools for self-regulation. The space also includes a teacher resource center. Please contact Mr. Vaughan if you would like additional information regarding the space or the amazing things Ogden is doing for its students.
 2. PTA Committees:
 - **Appreciation** - Maureen Brusznicki/Nicole Simonds/Holly Blankstein
The crossing guards loved their goody bags and were to happy to be appreciated! The committee will be organizing a cookie exchange for the teachers on December 14th. See additional information below. The program to stock the teachers' lounge with goodies is ongoing. Please reach out to askogdenpta@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to stock the teacher's lounge or help support the appreciation committee.
 - **Fitness** - Tammy Roust gave an update on the Santa Hustle last weekend - it was cold and wet! We will check in next month on possible future running events.
 - **Box Tops** - Sara Yaniga will be helping with this committee going forward, and will be sending out updates. Please send your box-tops into class or drop them in the white drop box in the main office. Please also consider downloading the Box Tops app for coupons and special promos.
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New Business:

1. Cookies Exchange for Teachers - To be held on December 14th. Please consider sending in homemade or store bought treats. Items do not need to be nut free, but ingredient information is appreciated on homemade treats. Please make sure to label treats with your name so that teachers can reach out for recipes!
2. Spirit Week - To be held the week before winter break - December 17th through the 21st. We will be doing a pj day, favorite book character day, wacky holiday wednesday, animal day, and crazy hair day.
3. December movie will be Trolls at 3:30pm on the 21st. Entry tickets will be \$1, and concessions will be sold at the event. We will need lots of volunteers, so please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d44a9ad2fa6fe3-ptamovie>
4. Holiday decorating - We will need volunteers to help put up decorations. Please feel free to bring or send in items to decorate and help celebrate your holiday.
5. Class Holiday Parties - Additional information to follow.
6. Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags - The Salvation Army runs a program every year in which they print individual local Chicago children's holiday wish lists (clothes/toys/books) on tags called Angel Tree Tags. They then ask donors to select a tag, purchase some or all of the items, and return the items to the Salvation Army. We are going to collect some of these tags and display them on a tree in the office. Please consider helping us make the season a little brighter for some local kids by picking up a tag. Since this will be our first year running the program, we will be offering a limited number of tags, so please keep an eye out! We are also asking that all donations be returned directly to the Salvation Army offices at 1 North Ogden Street. Please reach out to Jacki Wallace directly with questions - jwallace@foley.com.
7. International Baccalaureate reauthorization visit will be occurring the week of December 10-12. Please reach out to Mrs. Kranz if you are interested in helping to secure Ogden's IB authorization this year.
8. Treasurer's Report - Ashley: The November bank balance is \$4,892.58.
9. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)

Old Business:

1. Talent Show - To be conducted in coordination with the Dance and Drama teachers and held on January 25th at 3:45. This event will be a fundraiser for Dance and Drama. More information to come as we get closer to the event.
2. Honor Society - This is actually an organization for 4th to 6th graders, so we will not be participating.

3. The Friends give-back event at Barnes & Noble was a huge success and items can still be purchased through Friday, December 7th.

Questions - Please reach out to askogdenpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your support!

Next Meeting: Monday, January 7th at 9:00 AM in the Cafeteria

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date	Notes:
Spirit Week	Monday, December 17, 2018 - Friday, December 21, 2018	PJ Day Favorite Book Character Day Wacky Holiday Wednesday Day Animal Day Crazy Hair Day - Trolls Movie Day
After School Movie	Friday, December 21, 2018 3:30PM	Trolls
Talent Show	Friday, January 25, 2019 3:45PM	Talent show to be conducted in coordination with the Drama and Dance teachers.
Valentine Grams	Thursday, February 14, 2019	There will also be a room party.
Spring Dance	Friday, March 22, 2019	This dance will be for the kids.
Spirit Week	Monday, April 8, 2019 - Friday, April 12, 2019	We are hoping to include an element to support Autism awareness month.
TBD	May	Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.
Lincoln Park Walk	TBD	This will not include a fundraiser component, but will be an outside activity close to the end of school.