



October PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, October 1, 2018 9:00AM

East Campus Cafeteria - 24 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois

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Introduction:

- Welcome and Roll Call - Present - Michele Berman - President; Cassie Brecunier - Vice President; Ashley Wisniewski - Treasurer; Jacki Wallace - Secretary
 - Guests:
 1. Friends of Ogden - Lisa Taylor gave an overview of Friends and its purpose as the primary fundraising body for Ogden. Friends recently funded such projects as: having the windows washed at both the Ogden and Jenner Campuses; helping the newly formed PTO with needed supplies; hiring 2 extra recess monitors at Jenner; the Fit Blast program at Ogden; and updates to the wall behind the security desk at Ogden. Anyone interested in supporting Friends should consider becoming an Ambassador, and can reach out to Lisa directly for additional information (lisa.andrea.taylor@gmail.com). Lisa also advised that the recent Fall Kickoff Event was well attended and a lot of fun! If you have any photos of the event, please consider sharing them on the Facebook page (Friends of Ogden).
 2. Diversity and Inclusion Committee - Senitra Griffin gave a brief overview of the committee, which was designed to acknowledge and address differences and build community. The committee serves as advisors to administration. There is no fee to join, and the group meets every other Thursday. The next meeting is October 11th at Jenner from 5:30-6:30. More information can be found here: <http://ogden.cps.edu/diversity--inclusion-committee.html>.
 3. PTA Committees:
 - **Appreciation** - Maureen Brusznicki gave an update on the appreciation committee (along with Nicole Simonds and Holly Blankstein). Their program to stock the teachers' lounge with goodies is well underway. 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.
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Upcoming events will include crossing guard appreciation, shuttle driver appreciation, as well as the week-long teacher appreciation celebration.

- **Fitness** - Tammy Roust gave an update on the various city running events we hope to participate in as a school, including Pumpkins in the Park (October 20th). She has negotiated a discount code for Pumpkins - PHGUPPGYDM. There will be a kids race at 1:00, with other activities, including trick-or-treating. The 5K will start at 4:00.
<https://www.pumpkins5k.com/>
- **Box Tops** - Next collection is date is October 26, 2018. Please also sign-up on the Box Top website to receive coupons and get the chance to win more Box Tops, [https://www.boxtops4education.com/!](https://www.boxtops4education.com/)

New Business:

1. Classroom Communicators - If you signed up to be a communicator for your classroom, Michele will be emailing around once a week with non-academic updates that should be circulated to your classroom. If you are not sure if your class has a communicator yet, please check in with your teacher.
2. Updated Volunteer Requirements -
 - To participate in regular volunteer activities involving students at Ogden, you must be a Level 1 volunteer, which requires a background check and TB test. To help out with one-off events, such as class parties, field trips, volunteering for PTA events, etc., you must register to be a Level 2 volunteer (this does not require a TB test or background check). We are encouraging all PTA members to become Level 1 volunteers if you can! Please visit the following website to start the volunteer registration process (which could take 2-5 weeks to complete for Level 1): <https://chicagopublicschools.civicore.com/index.php?action=userLogin>. Additional information is available here, including contact info for questions: <http://ogden.cps.edu/volunteer-opportunities.html>
 - Ogden will be hosting Accurate Biometrics for a fingerprinting event on October 10th. The event is already full, but depending on how the event goes, we may organize another date. Please stay tuned for more information.
3. Sock Hop Review - It was a great event with a great turnout. We had a blast and are looking forward to the next event!
4. Halloween -
 - **Costume Donations** - Gently used or new costumes to be collected in bins at the school entrance. Costumes will be donated to students in need, either through a

parent pick-up, teacher help, or PTA member assistance. Extras will be donated to a local police station.

- Candy/Treat Collection - Starting the week of October 22nd we will be collecting 2 bags of candy or other treats (stickers/tattoos/spiders/pencils/etc.) per student. Must be nut-free.
 - Parade/Trick or Treating - As usual, classes will walk in a parade around Washington Park, and will trick-or-treat along the way. PTA will provide small bags to all students this year in advance of the parade. We are still working out the schedule for the parade route. Parents and volunteers will meet at the Park. We will be looking for volunteers to pass out candy/treats, and will circulate a sign-up list. There will be at least two volunteers at each stop (to ensure volunteers can still walk with their child's class in the parade if they would like).
 - Party Guidelines - Like last year, parties will be held from 2:25 - 3:25, except for Kindergarten parties which will be held earlier in the afternoon/morning. Communicators should plan to be in touch with their teacher/class to identify parents to coordinate the party, or to coordinate the party themselves. Like last year, we recommend organizing several Halloween oriented stations for the party (especially for younger kids), such as Halloween bingo, estimation jars, freeze dance, mummy wrap, sensory bins, etc. Food for the party must be healthy options, such as fruit and veggies. Everything should be store bought or prepared in class by the kids as an activity. Please also check with teachers on allergies.
5. Membership Drive - Table to be set up everyday after school; sign-up sheets to be sent home to parents. The three classes with the highest membership will earn a \$100, \$75 or \$50 Amazon gift card for a classroom purchase.
 6. Treasurer's Report - Ashley: The August bank balance is \$4,640.98.
 7. Exhale Spa - Offering free class to PTA members. Please contact askogdenpta@gmail.com if interested.
 8. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)
 9. Request made for more spirit week events. PTA considering adding spirit days the week of Thanksgiving and before Christmas break.

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

Thank you for all your support!

Next Meeting: Monday, November 5th at 9:00 AM in the Cafeteria

Calendar of Events:

Event	Date	Notes:
Halloween Trick or Treating	Wednesday, October 31, 2018	This will also be the day of the first room party event.
Spelling Bee (2nd -4th Grade)	Tuesday, November 20, 2018 2:00PM	This will be a free event and held during school hours.
After School Movie	Friday, December 21, 2018 3:30PM	We have not yet chosen the movie, but hope to have a fun “summer in December” type theme. We also hope to incorporate a dress-up element for the students.
TBD	January	We are considering a talent show 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.