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# October PTA Meeting Notes

Monday, October 7, 2019 9:00AM

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

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## Introduction:

- Roll Call - Present - Ashley Wisniewski - President; Cassie Brecunier - Vice President; Megan Sulok - Treasurer; Jacki Wallace - Secretary
  - Guests:
    1. Cara Kranz - Head of Campus
    2. Brendan Vaughan - Staff Liaison, Owl's Nest and MTSS Interventionist
    3. Michele Berman - PTO for Jenner campus
      - The next PTO meeting for the Jenner campus is on October 15th before the LSC meeting at East campus.
      - The PTO is looking for volunteers/members to assist with planning events.
      - Please reach out if interested, and let Michele know if you have a preference for a meeting time. [bermansm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bermansm@sbcglobal.net)
    4. Michelle Clark - School Climate Coordinator
      - Reminder - Volunteer Process - If you volunteered last year, just check in with Michelle to make sure you are approved for the current year. Level 1 volunteer status (TB shot and fingerprinting) is required for 10 or more hours of volunteering a week or direct activity with kids, including field trips with student responsibilities. Level 2 volunteer status required for class parties.
      - On Wednesday 10/9, Michelle will be hosting a fingerprinting event at Ogden. Please contact Michelle Clark if you would like to register for a slot - [mgclark1@cps.edu](mailto:mgclark1@cps.edu), and sign up to become an approved Level 1 volunteer here: [www.cpsvolunteers.org](http://www.cpsvolunteers.org). Even if you can't make it, let Michelle know you want to participate, and if there is enough interest she will try to schedule a second event.
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- If you are volunteering in school, you must make sure that the teacher, staff member or Ashley (for PTA jobs) has put you on the daily spreadsheet of volunteers.

5. PTA Committees:

- **Appreciation** - Maureen Brusznicki
  - Reminder - Sign-up to stock the teacher's lounge with snacks, treats and drinks:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094caec2da1ff2-stock1>
  - Custodian Appreciation day was last Wednesday. The committee made a giant thank you sign and gave staff members gift cards.
  - The committee would like to host a special lunch for staff on November 8th. The plan will be pizza, but they will be seeking contributions for paper products, salads, drinks, etc. Sign-up to be circulated.
  - Jose (security) will be running in the marathon next weekend, and the committee will be working on a poster for Jose on Friday.
  - November we will be celebrating crossing guard appreciation day. The committee will be looking for goodies to put in bags for each crossing guard (there are 4), as well as collecting thank you notes. If you are a room parent, please consider organizing a give-back during class halloween parties for making thank you cards.
  - Please reach out to Maureen if you would like to help with the Appreciation Committee: [maureens@smithe.com](mailto:maureens@smithe.com)
- **Fitness** - Tammy Roust (absent)
  - National bike/walk to school day was a hit, even in the rain! Thanks to all who participated! We will do another one in May.
  - Oct. 19 - Pumpkins in the Park 5K and Spooky Sprints for kids- Discount Code: OGDENPMKN5K19
  - Please reach out to Tammy if you would like to help with the Fitness Committee: [troust@yahoo.com](mailto:troust@yahoo.com)
- **Box Tops** - Sara Yaniga (absent) - Collecting both cut out and electronic Box Tops. For electronic Box Tops, just download the app and scan your receipts. Cut Box Tops can be dropped off in the box in the office. Next deadline is November 1, 2019.
  - Please reach out to Sara Yaniga if you would like to help with the Box Tops Committee: [syaniga7@gmail.com](mailto:syaniga7@gmail.com)

- **Diversity Committee** - Megan Sulok - Looking for volunteers to help get people interested and involved in diversity events, including celebrations, awareness months, etc. Please reach out to Megan Sulok if you would like to help with the Diversity Committee: [sulok@yahoo.com](mailto:sulok@yahoo.com)
- **Safety Committee** - Michele Berman - No update this month. Please reach out to Michele Berman if you would like to help with the Safety Committee: [bermansm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bermansm@sbcglobal.net).
- **Yearbook Committee** - Joanne Fox/Nicole Simonds (absent) - Just a repeat request for members to take pictures at events and submit them to Joanne: [jofox4@me.com](mailto:jofox4@me.com). Please reach out to Joanne if you would like to help with the Yearbook Committee.

## **New Business:**

1. Barn Dance - Huge success - we actually made money on the event! Families, teachers, students had a great time - thank you to all our fantastic volunteers for making this happen!
2. Membership Drive - 56 members so far, but we have a long way to go! There is a new way to pay online - visit <https://ogdeninternationalpta.memberhub.store/>. We will post our progress and goal in a poster in the school front window. Remember, the fees help fund our PTA events, and we encourage everyone to join to build our community. If you need further incentives, a list of discounts for members can be found here: <https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers> Consider asking other parents or family members to join, and donations are always welcome!
3. Room Parents - Room parent communications will be starting soon - please keep a lookout.
4. Halloween Parade and Parties
  - Parade - Students will walk around Washington Square Park as in past years. Students will be given a small bag and will be allowed to collect treats. We will be asking students to send in 1 bag of candy (nut free only) or 1 bag of other treats (pencils/stickers/etc.). All parents are welcome to join at the park and watch the parade.
  - Parties - To assist or attend halloween parties, all parents or volunteers must be Level 1 or 2. Parties will be held at 2:25, unless an alternate time is approved by Ms. Kranz. There will be no treats/candy/junk food at the parties. Room parents/teachers must have a list of all attendees to Michelle Clark by October 25, 2019.

- We will be collecting costume and other clothing donations. Please send in gently used or new costumes, and any other clothing items (including shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, pants, jackets, hats, gloves, etc.). Please drop all donations in the bins just inside the front doors of school.
5. Wintrust Bank has offered to partner with the PTA. More information to come soon.
  6. **Volunteer Request - Assistance with Kindergarten specials classes from 12:45-1:45 daily. Contact Michelle Clark - mgclark1@cps.edu**
  7. Treasurer's Report - Megan: The September bank balance was \$3,784.06. PTA is a not-for-profit. Please reach out to Megan if you would like a form to show for purposes of avoiding tax on purchases to be reimbursed by the PTA.
  8. Calendar of Events (*see* Calendar below)


**Questions - Please reach out to askogdenpta19.20@gmail.com.**

Thank you for all your support this year!

**\*Next Meeting: Monday, November 4th at 9:00 AM in the Owl's Nest at East Campus\***

### **Calendar of Events:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Halloween Parade	October 31, 2019
Spelling Bee	November 15, 2019
Service Night	December 6, 2019
Family Game Night	January 17, 2019
Valentine Grams	February 14, 2019
Fitness Night	March 13, 2019
Talent Show	April 3, 2019
No PTA Event - Assist with School Events	May



No PTA Event - Assist with School Events	June
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