

OASIS CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



LEARNING TODAY
TO LEAD TOMORROW

OASIS ELEMENTARY PTO

PARENTS & TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN



ARE YOU AWARE OF THE CHANGES?

REMEMBER THAT CHANGE IS GOOD 😊

NEW THIS YEAR...

- We are an “A” School! So is CME, OMS & OHS
- We have a new Assistant Principal, Ms. MaryBeth Grecsek
- STEM & Art Specials now have their own classrooms!
- We have a new Art Teacher, Mrs. Calabrese.
- Students will walk to Math Class based on ability



HOW TO GET VOLUNTEER HOURS

REMEMBER...PARENTING IS NOT THE SAME AS
VOLUNTEERING.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

- 12 Volunteer hours PER family.
- You can volunteer at other schools in our system.
- Volunteer hours are NO LONGER provided for having lunch with your child(ren), attending sporting events, donations toward the school, or monetary donations.
- Volunteer hours WILL BE given for helping in cafeteria, attending PTO Meetings, volunteer to work PTO Events, helping teachers in classroom, attending Family Reading Night and other opportunities.

PTO SPONSORED EVENTS

- Attending PTO Meetings - up to 2 hours per family, per meeting
- Working Boosterthon - 2 hours for 2 hour shift
- Box Tops, Labels for Education Collection – 1 hour for every hour worked
- Watch Dogs & most PTO Events – 1 hour for every hour worked
- Trunk or Treat (designing/decorating a car/truck) – 1 hour for every hour worked – max 2 hours
- Fall Festival (working a booth, set-up, breakdown) - 2 hours for 2 hour shift
- Breakfast with Santa (working a table, set-up, breakdown) - 2 hours for 2 hour shift

SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

- Family Reading Nights - 1 hour per family (per event)
- Working the bookfair - 2 hours for 2 hour shift
- Coordinating a class party or working a craft/game - 1 hour for every hour worked – max 2 hours.
- Working in the cafeteria - 4 hours for a 2 hour shift
- Assisting teachers in classroom activity/project or at-home with cutting/sorting/ organizing, etc. - 2 hours for 2 hour shift
- Attending a class trip as a chaperone - 1 hour for every hour worked
- Parent helper for a club activity, play, choir, etc. - 1 hour for every hour worked
- Charter Authority Rally or similar system-wide event - 1 hour for every hour worked.



WHAT IS THE PTO?

Positive Parents + Talented Teachers = Outstanding Organization

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

- Our goal is to support our students, teachers, and staff.
- There are SIX (6) meetings all year....You can get all your volunteer hours by attending them!
- We only hold ONE (1) major fundraiser each year...Booster-A-thon Fun Run in September.
- We are open to new ideas and would love to hear them!
- There is NO MEMBERSHIP COSTS! All families are part of the PTO.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Sign up ONLINE at www.oasiselementary.org. Select “PTO ROCKS” on the bottom of the page. Follow the link to an online registration form.
- The online forms lets us know what skills you have, which events you are interested in and provides us contact information so we can connect.
- OR simply come to a PTO Meeting and let us know!

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY PTO

The PTO Board organizes the following events...

- Boosterthon
- Box Tops
- Chalk Walk
- Fall Festival
- Teacher Appreciation
- Watch D.O.G.S

Of course, we support all the events organized by the different Grade Levels!

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY GRADE LEVELS

Here's the concept....

- A committee is made up of parents from specific grade to work on ONE event.
- PTO Board Members will offer support but the committee is responsible for organizing the event.
- Parents can be involved multiple years but get the benefit of working on a different event each year.
- We have history on most of these events but new groups will bring new ideas.
- Committee members get the benefit of meeting other families in the same grade while organizing an event that the entire school can or grade level enjoy.

| Committee Leads | Grade Level | Last Name |
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| Family Fun Night (open to ideas) | Kinder | Committee |
| Kinder Welcome Committee & Boo Hoo Breakfast | 1st Grade | Committee |
| Family Dance | 2nd Grade | Committee |
| Breakfast with Santa | 3rd Grade | Committee |
| Trunk or Treat | 4th Grade | Committee |
| 5 th Grade Promotion Party | 5th Grade | Committee |



OES FAMILIES



THE ROLE OF THE PTO

It's more than just meetings!

OUR GOALS

The PTO is a diverse group of people who come together for the enrichment of the students, staff, and community.

Our Goals:

- Encourage staff and help create positive expectations and communication between school and home.
- Organize events to promote the concept of a school-family community through social interaction.
- Support children and teachers by assisting with funds that are used for instructional purposes.
- Promote the general welfare and safety of students.
- Offer the best possible learning environment for the children through a team effort of a parent teacher organization.
- Provide service learning opportunities for students, and promote business partnerships in the community.

PTO DOES...

- Support the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school
- Encourage parents' involvement in their individual children's lives, education, class, and school
- Provide feedback and suggestions for school programs
- Coordinate programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum
- Encourage/fund the increased exposure of students to technology
- Provide feedback/assist with increased awareness of school safety and security issues
- Organize fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget
- Support the educational goals of the school and assist with attaining those goals through parent and community volunteerism
- Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts to staff PTO functions and assist with school programs
- Stay aware of legislation and political issues that may impact education and schools
- A LOT !!!

PTO DOES NOT...

- Run the school
- Force parents to participate in PTO and/or school activities
- Set policy regarding school programs
- Define the school's curriculum
- Dictate the technology platforms and/or software used by the school
- Define or interfere with the school's security program and policies
- Control the school's budget
- Set the educational goals, testing requirements, or compliance factors
- Have jurisdiction or authority over school staff, teachers, and other employees
- Endorse a particular political candidate or commercial concern
- DO EVERYTHING !!!



REASONS TO BE INVOLVED

It only takes one but we'll give you three!

YOUR CHILD BENEFITS!

When parents and guardians get connected to the school, children do better.

Research shows children whose parents/guardians are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.

It makes a difference!

OUR TEACHERS BENEFIT!

We try create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work—and so can our children.

We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom. We provide resources they need. We help create learning opportunities for children. And we try to build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere that makes school fun.

YOU BENEFIT!

Joining PTO is another way to get to know school and support staff!

Plus you can meet great parents! Life long friendships have been made by parents getting involved and meeting new people outside of their children's classroom.



WHO ARE THE PTO BOARD MEMBERS?

YES, THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!

BOARD MEMBERS

Heather Dinkel, Co-President

- Has a 2nd & 4th grader at OES
- Works for Pet Angel Memorial Center, South Florida as the Operation Manager
- Has been the PTO Volunteer Coordinator for the past 3 years
- Currently on the City of Cape Coral Charter School Foundation

Jen-Hope Belis, Co-President

- Has a 3rd grader at OES and 6th & 8th grader OMS.
- Works as an Event Planner for Odyssey Media
- Has planned Oasis Fall Festival for 7 years
- Currently on the City of Cape Coral Charter School Foundation

BOARD MEMBERS

Jeanette Blaustien, Vice President

- Has a 2nd grader and VPK at OES.
- I currently stay at home but will eventually go back to work as a Chiropractor once my kids are older.

Janet Blanco, Treasurer

- Has 5 kids including a Kinder & 2nd grader at OES
- Works as a Real Estate Appraiser.
- Has worked a lot with the PTO at CME when her older children were there.

Ashley Faulk, Secretary

- Has a 4th grader at OES
- Works at Florida Cancer Specialists
- She's from Indianapolis, Indiana

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| Kinder-Family Fun Night Committe Lead | Open | |
| 1st Grade-Kinder Welcome/BooHoo Breakfast Committee Lead | Michele | Hildebrand |
| 2nd Grade-Family Dance Committee Lead | OPEN | |
| 3rd Grade-Breakfast with Santa Committee Lead | Jessica | Marshall |
| 4th Grade-Trunk or Treat Committee Lead | OPEN | |
| 5th Grade-Promotion Dance Committee Lead | Samantha | Richardson |

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| Box Tops | Stacey | Turasky |
| Bulletin Boards | Lisa | Marzonie |
| Candy for Soldiers | Maria | Penta |
| Facebook Updates | Samantha | Richardson |
| Fall Festival (PTO Vice President) | Jeannette | Blaustein |
| Teacher Appreciation | Michele | Hildebrand |
| Teacher Liason | Kacia | Murphy |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Brienne | Cherry |
| Watch D.O.G.S | Joey | Heuglin |
| Audit PTO Books | Amanda | Murphy |

YOU ARE INVITED TO GET INVOLVED!

- Although we have many positions filled, we can always use YOUR help! Talk to any of the board members about getting involved.
- Email us at OasisE.Pto@capecharterschools.org



2018-2019 PTO EVENTS

GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

AUGUST EVENTS

| AUGUST | EVENT |
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| August 7 - 30 | Restaurant Card Fundraiser |
| Tuesday, August 07, 2018 | Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast @ 8:00am |
| Tuesday, August 07, 2018 | Open House K-2nd grade from 5:00-6:00pm 3rd-5th grade from 6:00-7:00pm |
| Thursday, August 09, 2018 | Back to School Chalk Walk Surprise @ 5:30pm |
| Friday, August 10, 2018 | First Day of School |
| Tuesday, August 14, 2018 | Kindergarten Boo Hoo Breakfast @ 8:30am |
| Tuesday, August 14, 2018 | Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30pm |
| Thursday, August 16, 2018 | PTO Board & Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Friday, August 17, 2018 | Miracles Baseball Game @ 7:00pm |

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER EVENTS

| SEPTEMBER | EVENT |
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| September 5 -13, 2018 | Boosterathon Pep Rallys |
| Thursday, September 06, 2018 | PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Friday, September 07, 2018 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| Tuesday, September 11, 2018 | Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30pm |
| Friday, September 14, 2018 | Boosterthon GLOW Fun Run |
| September | Watch D.O.G.S Fall Meeting |
| OCTOBER | EVENT |
| Friday, October 05, 2018 | Drop Off Dance Party |
| Friday, October 05, 2018 | Yankee Candle Online Fundraiser Starts |
| Tuesday, October 09, 2018 | Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30pm |
| Thursday, October 11, 2018 | Box Top Fall Collection Deadline |
| Thursday, October 11, 2018 | PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Thursday, October 25, 2018 | Trunk or Treat @ 6:00-8:00pm |

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER EVENTS

| NOVEMBER | EVENT |
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| Friday, November 02, 2018 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| November 1-3, 2018 | Candy Collection for Soldiers |
| Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30pm |
| Wednesday, November 14, 2018 | PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Saturday, November 17, 2018 | Fall Festival @ 4:00-8:00pm |
| DECEMBER | EVENT |
| Dec 3- 7, 2018 | Holiday House |
| Friday, December 07, 2018 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| Saturday, December 08, 2018 | Breakfast with Santa @ 9:00-11:00am |
| Tuesday, December 11, 2018 | Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30pm |
| Friday, December 14, 2018 | Staff Appreciation Breakfast @ 7:30am |

JANUARY – MARCH EVENTS

| JANUARY | EVENT |
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| Friday, January 11, 2019 | Yankee Candle Online Fundraiser Ends |
| Tuesday, January 15, 2019 | PTO Board & Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Friday, January 25, 2019 | Family Fun Night |
| FEBRUARY | EVENT |
| Friday, February 01, 2019 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| Tuesday, February 05, 2019 | PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, February 05, 2019 | Box Top Spring Collection Deadline |
| Friday, February 08, 2019 | Have a Heart Family Dance @ 6:00-8:00pm |
| February | Watch D.O.G.S Spring Meeting |
| MARCH | EVENT |
| Friday, March 01, 2019 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| Monday, March 04, 2019 | PTO Board Nomination Open |
| Thursday, March 07, 2019 | PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm |

APRIL – MAY EVENTS

| APRIL | EVENT |
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| Friday, April 05, 2019 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| Wednesday, April 10, 2019 | PTO Board & Teacher Appreciation Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Friday, April 27, 2018 | School Supplies & Uniform Info Sent Home |
| MAY | EVENT |
| April 29-May 3, 2019 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| Friday, May 03, 2019 | Drop Off Dance Party @ 8:00am |
| Wednesday, May 08, 2019 | PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| Friday, May 10, 2019 | Publix Mothers Day Cake Fundraiser |
| early to mid May | Kinder Open House |
| Tuesday, May 28, 2019 | End of School Chalk Walk Surprise |
| Wednesday, May 29, 2019 | 5th Grade Moving Up Dance @ 6:00-9:00pm |
| Thursday, May 30, 2019 | Last Day of School |



DID YOU KNOW?

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, NOW YOU KNOW!

NOT ALL CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE THE SAME

We are a Municipal Charter School system.

Charter schools-in-a-municipality are sponsored by local school districts in partnership with a municipality.

In our case, we are part of the City of Cape Coral.

OUR SYSTEM CORE BELIEFS

The schools in the Cape Coral Charter School System believe:

- That a school should teach knowledge and cultural literacy within a rigorous curriculum that is relevant to students' needs, and stimulates their natural curiosity, imagination, and thinking skills.
- That student achievement is a result of high staff expectations, quality lessons, challenging curricula, and differentiation in teaching and learning.
- That our schools have created a unique environment and family atmosphere where a sense of community and citizenship are valued, and a collective responsibility is created to promote student success.
- That by focusing on our true customers – the students, we are able to infuse the character traits of love, kindness, respect, teamwork, compassion, and cooperation into their daily lives, making our schools the happy and positive environments for which they are recognized.

WE HAVE A GOVERNING BOARD

Our Governing Board is a city-appointed volunteer position. The public is welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

Learn more at: <http://www.capecharterschools.org>

Governing Board Members:

- Jennifer Nelson, City Council Member Liaison
- Michael Campbell, Chairperson
- Tami Traiger, Vice Chairperson
- Sam Fisher
- Russell Winstead
- Vanessa Metzger
- Angela Ticich
- Parent Representative from Elementary, Middle & High School (non-voting)

WE HAVE A FOUNDATION

The Cape Coral Municipal Charter Schools Foundation was established in October 2004 as the fundraising arm of the City of Cape Coral Municipal Charter Schools system.

"Our mission is to assist the City of Cape Coral Municipal Charter Schools in their quest to provide students with a unique learning experience in preparing them for success and participation in our community as responsible and productive citizens."

Learn more at: <http://www.capecharterfoundation.org>

FOUNDATION EVENTS & MEMBERS

Events & Programs

- Lighthouse Awards
- Charter Authority Rally
- High School Scholarships
- Mini Grants for Teachers

Board of Directors

- Gary Cerny, President
- Chris Porter, Vice President
- Jennifer Hoagland, Treasurer
- Kristina DeMoya, Secretary
- Frank Casida
- Heather Dinkel
- Jessica Cosden
- Jen-Hope Belis
- Jami DiMaria
- Robert A. Hicks

SHOP FOR SUPPORT

- Sign in to smile.amazon.com
- Go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page
- Select “Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation Inc” as your charity of choice
- AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all purchases to our Foundation!





**PTO MAKES THINGS
HAPPEN**

PARENTS & TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN