

ogden school ptc



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Good Morning Ogden Families!

It's hard to believe this will be our last Presidents' letter for the year. Our kids are ready to shift into "summer" mode, and have 8 weeks ahead of them to enjoy just being a kid. We look back at the year and feel a mixture of pride and gratitude. Pride because together we have accomplished so much, and gratitude because we couldn't have done any of it without all of you. Ogden teachers and staff also want you to know how much they appreciate the efforts of the PTC (you), and have expressed their gratitude throughout the year.

We actually exceeded our financial goal for the year thanks to every one of you on the other end of this email. We know; the financials aren't the warm and fuzzy part of what the PTC does. But it's the engine that lets us deliver materials and experiences our school wouldn't otherwise have. The unfortunate fact is that public schools don't always have the resources they need to give students the learning experience they deserve, and that is why the Ogden PTC exists. That is why when we say "thank you" for buying something or for volunteering at a seemingly minor event, we couldn't mean it more; because it all comes together to deliver a full year of education and experiences for Ogden students that is better than that year would have been without those efforts, and we have YOU to thank for that.

Below is a summary of the year's spending. Remember, detailed copies of the budget are handed out at every PTC meeting. We encourage you to attend future PTC meetings so you can learn more about where PTC dollars go and have a voice in the process.

Curriculum - \$15,000

This includes things like assemblies (an assembly for each grade bringing the classroom curriculum to life), subscriptions for teachers and kids, grade level support and the LRC.

Charitable Contributions - \$2,600

This includes things like the Ogden Scholarship (given to an Ogden alumni graduating from LTHS), PIMA (band and orchestra), PCN (Parent Community Network) and the Science Center.

Student Activities - \$28,000

This includes things like Art Enrichment, Classroom/Room Parent activities, Field Days, Green Bagel Day, Hot Lunch (pizza), New Family Picnic, Ice Cream Social/Hot Cocoa during Success Night, Curriculum Night, Lunch Clubs, Positive School Culture events and our new Climbing Wall.

It has truly been a pleasure serving as your PTC Co-Presidents this year, and we are thankful for your commitment and support.

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Happy Summer!

Suzanne Taylor & Heather Vitell
PTC Co-Presidents

We Collect



Field Day - June 2nd

FIELD DAY is today! We still have some parent volunteer slots still open, **please sign up to help**. This event can't run without all of you, our parent volunteers. This fun celebration day is for ALL students at Ogden, YES, that includes the Kindergarteners through 6th grade!



DATE: Friday, June 2, 2017 (rain date Monday June 5th)

MORNING: 8:50-11am: Grades 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Morning Volunteers check-in in the gym at 8:15, shift ends at 11:20am.

AFTERNOON: 12:45-2:55pm: Kindergarten, Grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Afternoon volunteers check-in in the gym at 12:15, shift ends at 3pm.

Questions? Contact **Laura Hannon** or **Kate Orsinger**.

Volunteer Positions for 2017-2018 School Year

We have a number of open Committee Chair or Co-Chair volunteer positions for the 2017-2018 school year! **CLICK HERE** to see the list of open positions.

Reach out to **Katherine Hausserman** or **Amy Bloedorn** if you are interested in volunteering!



Yearbook Update!



Yearbook Ordering:

Last chance to order a beautiful 80-page color yearbook for your student. We have a few extra yearbooks that are available for sale (\$15 each) on a first come, first serve basis. Don't miss out on this fun keepsake.

Click here for the order form and instructions.

Yearbook Distribution:

The yearbooks have arrived and look great! The yearbook committee is hard at work sorting the books by teacher so they are ready to pass out to students. All students who ordered a yearbook will receive their copy before the end of the school year in time to get signatures of their classmates.

Questions - please email **Katie Weems**.

PSC Program - Boys' Programs Coming Next Year!

The **Positive School Climate Program** is pleased to announce several new programs for

2017-2018 below. Please note these offerings are for next year's grade levels.

- **Boys' Workshop** called **HEROES for incoming 4th and 5th grade boys**. Run by male facilitators and male volunteers, **HEROES** addresses important issues boys deal with in a fun, "guy-centric" way. Boys will have a unique opportunity to grow and learn about owning one's feelings and developing a positive identity. We are thrilled to bring this program to Ogden and have been working toward it for a long time.
- **6th Grade Boys' Movie Nite** will bring boys together in mid-fall to view a movie that addresses the identity, choices and self-esteem issues boys face as they prepare for junior high.
- **3rd Grade Mother-Daughter Workshop** will be presented in the second half of the school year. In a typically pivotal year of social-intellectual emergence and identity changes, girls and their primary female caregiver can receive guidance and establish positive communication from **skilled speaker and psychologist, Anne Guinta, Psy.D.**

It has been an honor to serve as chair of the Positive School Climate Program for the past 2 years. Thank you is owed to Grace Hou-Ovnik and Liz Cornell who conceptualized the idea for this program in 2014. I'd like to extend my gratitude to the many parents and community members who have worked to advance the importance and impact of these new Positive School Climate programs in our beloved Ogden school community. It is my hope that they will continue to build and remain strong.

~ Kerry Forsythe

La Grange STEM Advisory Council

Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are fast becoming critical skills for our kids to have as they prepare for the future. When your kids will graduate? The National Science Foundation estimates that 80 percent of jobs created in this decade will require math and science skills. The 20 fastest growing professions require significant math and science ability. To succeed in this new information-based, data-driven and technological society; students need to develop their capabilities in STEM to levels much beyond what was considered acceptable in the past.

To address this growing need, the La Grange STEM Advisory Council was formed in February 2017 to be an advocacy resource for both school districts and our community on STEM-related matters. By forming a single group to span the K thru 12 lifecycle of our community kids, we can take a broader view in developing activities which will cultivate a natural progression of student STEM-related skills supporting a trajectory of self-determination, identity and achievement.

[Click Here](#) for more information.

End of the Year Dance Party - June 7th

Ogden Students can cap off a great school year by coming to the End of the Year Dance Party!! The Party will be on Wednesday, June 7th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the LT Corral. A rocking DJ will be spinning the tunes again this year, and there will be water, lemonade, pretzels and popcorn for everyone. The party is open to all Ogden students, (K-6) and this year there will be no cost to attend! [Click Here](#) to sign up to attend.



[Click Here](#) to sign up to volunteer. There are various shifts and roles that need filling!

This is NOT a drop-off event - each student must come with a responsible adult who will stay at the party and provide transportation home.

Camp Galileo

Make this the summer of risk-taking, change-making & crazy amounts of fun. At Camp Galileo, pre-K-5th graders unleash their inner innovators by exploring art, science and the brave outdoors. Campers develop the courage to create, celebrate mistakes and boldly innovate through 4 fun-filled, weekly themes:



- Galileo Amusement Park-The Art & Engineering of Circuses and Carnival Rides
- Galileo Makers: Move It-The Art & Science of Motion
- Medieval Adventure-Royal Art & Inventions of the Middle Ages
- African Safari-The Art & Science of the Serengeti

June 19 to July 28: Camp Galileo comes to Ogden Avenue School in LaGrange. Extended care from 8am to 6pm. Optional healthy lunch program. 1 week programs. Financial Assistance Available. [Click here for Refer-a-Friend Discount!](#)

Support Ogden Avenue Elementary School: Use code 2017OGDEN when you sign up at Camp Galileo La Grange by 5/24/17, and for every family that enrolls, Galileo will donate \$20 to Ogden Avenue Elementary's PTO. Plus, you'll receive a \$20 discount off your camp enrollment. *Discount is valid through the 2017 camp season, at Camp Galileo La Grange.*

Visit us at www.galileo-camps.com or call 1-800-854-3684

Ogden Avenue to Host Legacy Summer Sports Camp

It's time to think warm thoughts! This June, Legacy Sports Camp will be coming to Ogden Avenue for 2 weeks of exciting summer sports camp action!



Legacy will lead the kids in dozens of exciting games from their Multi-Sport Madness program Monday - Thursday on June 12-15 and June 19-22. The co-ed camp is open to students currently in grades 1-6. Grades 1-3 will run 9:00AM-12:00PM and Grades 4-6 will run 12:15PM-3:15PM. Camps have limited capacity so first come, first serve! Register today at www.legacysportscamp.com and select 'Summer Camps'. [Click here](#) for more details.

Questions? Please [email us](#) or call/text (312) 969-0215.

Ogden PTC is on Facebook!



The Ogden PTC Facebook page is a way to get updates, connect with other Ogden Parents and share comments and ideas. Let us know what you would like to see on the Facebook page, and how often you want to see updates. Share your enthusiasm or just let us know that you "like" us! [CLICK HERE](#) to join the group!

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