

Dear 5th Grade Parents:

It is so hard to believe that our children are now 5th graders, embarking on their last year at Oak Street School. This year we plan to have several fun events that will help commemorate and celebrate your child's time at OSS, and together with all of you we look forwards to creating some more amazing memories. But, in order to make this year a huge success, we need your help! Here is a brief overview of what to expect this year.

In the next couple of months, you will have the opportunity to order a **special OSS 5th grade T-shirt** that will have all the students' names listed on the back. These T-shirts will be worn on the last day of school for the clap out. Ordering will take place online so please keep a lookout for these details.

We will be creating a **5th Grade Yearbook** to commemorate our children's time at OSS. These yearbooks can be ordered online (specific date and instructions will follow) and will be distributed to the students in June. But, over the next few months, we will be asking all of you to sort through your photos from the past 5 years and send us those special "moments" that you would like included. We will be also using these photos for a slideshow to play for the children at their class party.

In order to cover the costs for some of our events, we will have a few small fundraisers. The first will be a bake sale at Family Pizza Night **on Friday September 14th**. Please consider supporting our 5th graders by offering to sell, bake or simply by purchasing some yummy treats. Please keep a lookout for information on future fundraisers.

As an additional fundraiser, we will be organizing a **5th grade Raffle**. We will be selling raffle tickets in May and the winners be announced at the 5th grade party in June. Some of the money raised will be put towards a departing Class Gift to OSS. This tradition of leaving something behind as our children "move on" is one we would like to continue. Any suggestions on a gift would be appreciated.

Our biggest event (and most memorable) will be the **5th Grade Party**, which will take place for the students on **Friday, June 14th** at Oak Street School. It is a day filled with fun activities, including an interactive game show and games/competitions. Students will receive their yearbooks at this time and will have the opportunity to have them signed by their teachers and friends. They will also watch a slideshow created for them, highlighting some our class' favorite memories/events. **We will need many volunteers to make this party a huge success so please consider offering up your time to be a part of this special day.**

As a final Oak Street tradition, the 5th graders will be "clapped out" by the rest of the student body on **Thursday, June 20th**. Parents are invited to attend, so mark your calendar! This honored OSS tradition will begin with a brief indoor ceremony where parents will view the slide show and hear a few speeches from the students.

Attached please find a **Opt Out Form**; this form gives you the option to opt out your child from being included on the t-shirt, yearbook and slideshow. Please return the form to us by October 1st. You can return it to your class parent, sign and leave it at Back to School Night or send in via back pack to Stephanie Caesar-PTO 5th grade activities. If a form is not received by October 1st, it will be our understanding that you are allowing your child to be included on the t-shirt, yearbook and slideshow.

If you interested in volunteering, please see link below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/191QAKyF55iSfDbHeAUh6j2GiVGDCpRGJy_NAiN9Rk7c/edit?usp=sharing

If there is a chairperson role that you would like to sign up for and the spot is already filled in, please reach out to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Tania Duly at taniaduly@yahoo.com or Stephanie Caesar at sb_caesar@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for supporting all the activities that will make this last year at OSS memorable for your 5th Grader!

Best wishes for a memorable school year!

Oak Street School PTO

Tania Duly and Stephanie Caesar
Chairs for 5th Grade Activities

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5th Grade T-Shirt, Slideshow and Yearbook Non-Consent Form

Each year the 5th grade class parent committee creates, distributes and/or offers for sale to the 5th grade students and parents the following items:

- A T-shirt with each 5th grade student's name listed
- A 5th Grade Yearbook which includes a picture of each child, the child's name and group photographs
- A slideshow of photos of the 5th grade students

If you **DO NOT** want your child's name, or pictures thereof to be included in any or all of these items, please complete the form below and return to school via backpack in an envelope addressed to Stephanie Caesar (PTO – 5th Grade Activities Committee) by **October 1st, 2018**.

I, _____, do hereby WITHHOLD MY CONSENT to include my child's name or photograph on or in the following: (check all that apply)

____ 5th Grade T-shirt

____ 5th Grade yearbook

____ 5th Grade slideshow.

I hereby certify that I am the parent and/or guardian of this student and am legally empowered to withhold consent for this minor.

Student's Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

