

2026-27

SEPTEMBER PTO NEWS

**OLD BRIDGE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TURNS 31 YEARS
OLD ON SEP 5TH!**



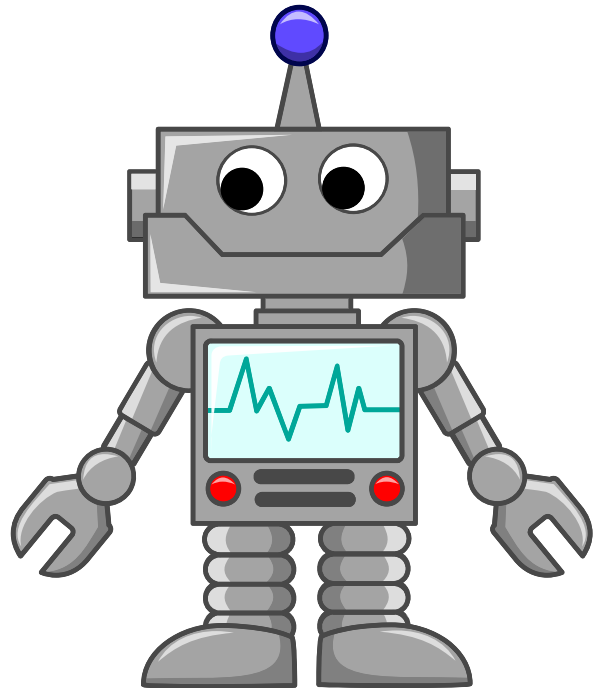
Sonar Says...Save the Dates!

September

- 4 & 7: No School: Teacher Workdays
- 9-18: Fun Run fundraising
- 12: Pastries on the Playground
- 14: PTO Open Meeting
- 14-18: Fun Run Spirit Week
- 16: IHOP Spirit Night
- 18: Fun Run: The Dolphin Dash
- 21: No School: Yom Kippur
- 25: Fall Picture Day
- 31: PTO Membership Raffle

October

- 2: Fall Spirit Wear Opens
- 12: No School: Teacher Workday
- 16: Monster Bash Dance
- 21: Chipotle Spirit Night
- 23: Teacher & Staff Appreciation:
Chili Cookoff 4th & 5th Grades

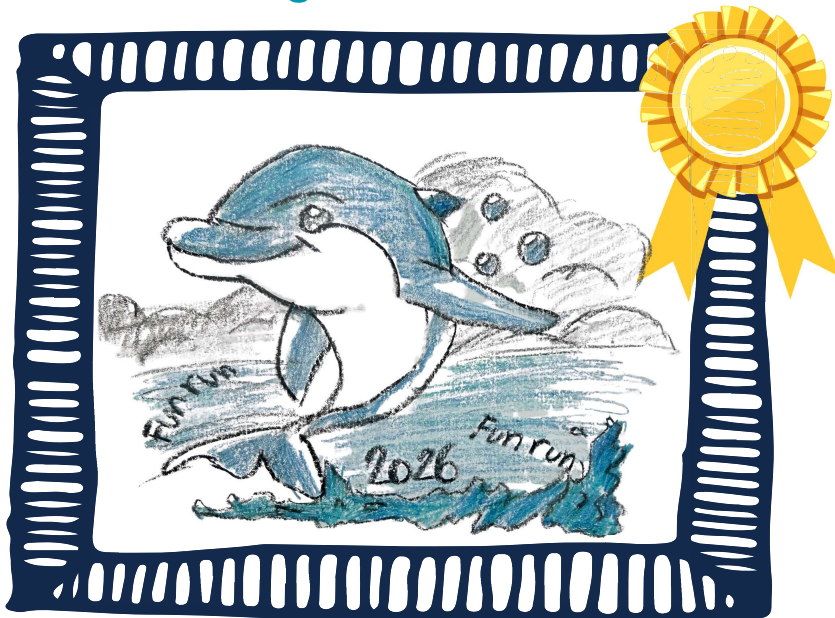


Fun Run: The Dolphin Dash- SEP 18th

It's time for our biggest fundraising event of the year- Fun Run: The Dolphin Dash! The Fun Run is truly a school-wide event with every staff member and student involved. **The PTO organizes and executes the entire event which allows us to keep 100% of the donations graciously gifted by our community.**



We need your help to make it a success! Please follow the instructions from your student's Friday Folder to set up their fundraising pages in the free **99 Pledges App**. Once their page is ready- send their link to family, friends, co-workers and beyond! We have a BIG goal of raising **\$50,000** and if we succeed, **students will have an epic assembly, and Principal Francisco has agreed to be DUCT TAPE TO THE WALL!**



**STICKER DESIGN
CONTEST WINNER:
CONGRATULATIONS
HOLLIS HAYES,
4TH GRADE!!!**



Fun Run: The Dolphin Dash Spirit Week & Character Building: SEP 14-18th

MON
SEP 14

MAKE WAVES!
WEAR TIE DYE OR BRIGHT COLORS

TUE
SEP 15

BEACH DAY!
TROPICAL ATTIRE- NO SWIMSUITS!

WED
SEP 16

UNDER THE SEA!
OCEAN THEME & SEA CREATURE CLOTHING

THU
SEP 17

POD PRIDE!
WEAR OBE SPIRIT WEAR & SPIRIT SOCKS

FRI
SEP 18

DOLPHIN DASH!
SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY
HOMEROOM TEACHERS

Our incredible Homeroom and Encore Teachers have agreed to partner with the PTO and engage students in various **Character-Building Week** activities such as:

- designing and creating class **flags** with art
- setting personal **goals** to be displayed in the hallways
- writing **chants and cheers** with music
- using **STEM principles** to plan how to logistically get Mrs. Francisco to stick to the wall with the tape
- completing **team building** activities with relays in PE

Together we will celebrate principles of teamwork, kindness, respect and all the ways to be at OBE!



IHOP Spirit Night- SEP 16th

This month we are headed to IHOP! Join us for a “breakfast for dinner” meal with all the Dolphins. Spirit Night flyers are attached to this Newsletter will be issued in Friday Folders on SEP 11th to present to the location.

IHOP: 13718 Smoketown Rd, 4:00-8:00 PM

THANK YOU CORPORATE SPONSORS

We are so grateful to have you as part of our school community! You make it possible for us to host such events and create lasting memories for our students, teachers and staff!

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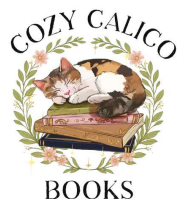
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FREE EVENT!

SAVE THE DATE

Pastries on the Playground



ALL OBE STUDENTS & FAMILIES WELCOME!
SATURDAY, SEP 12TH 9:00-11:00 AM

RSVP HERE!

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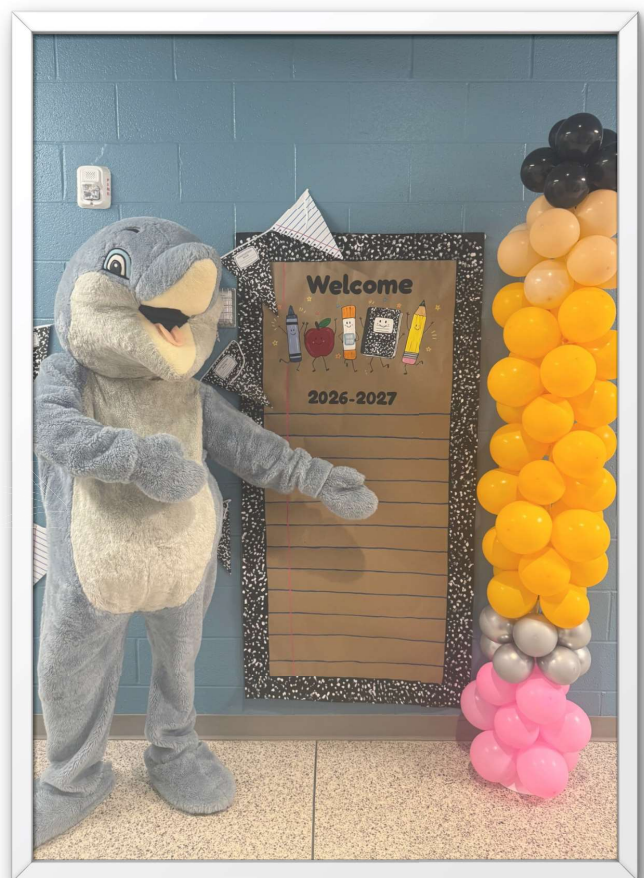
FAMILIES,

CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASSROOM'S ROOM PARENT!

Please complete the following contact form so you can stay connected to your classroom's Room Parent!

Information like class celebrations, classroom supply needs, teacher appreciation ideas and volunteer opportunities will be important for you to know throughout the year.

[Complete the Parent/Guardian Contact Information Form here](#)
as soon as possible and stay informed!



MAKE A SPLASH & JOIN

TEAM PTO

2026-27 MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP PERKS

- Access to the monthly PTO Zoom meetings to learn first-hand about the PTO's upcoming activities and projects
- Access to volunteer opportunities before the rest of the school families
- Receive a FREE PTO reusable bag
- Invitation to a Coffee with the Principal Event (NEW!)
- Receive one FREE admission to one dance (one adult and one student)
- A chance to win prizes in our monthly Membership Raffle

Support the PTO with your
Membership [HERE!](#)

August PTO Membership

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
RAFFLE
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
WINNERS
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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CHRISTIAN BONGARD
VIVIAN ANDERSON
JONATHAN DOBBINS
BELLA JOHNSON
ANDREW & PHILICIA SMITH

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Splashin' Around

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Staff Raffle Winner!



Splash loves pizza
& dessert



Popsicles on the
Playground



Staff Lounge Decor Setup

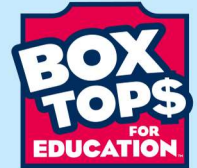
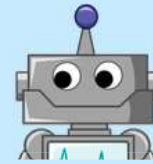
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COMING UP NEXT MONTH...
MONSTER BASH DANCE, CHILI
COOKOFF & FALL SPIRIT WEAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

BOX TOPS

BRING ON THE BACK TO SCHOOL
EARNING OPPORTUNITIES!



Monthly Bonus Offers

Offers are valid on a single transaction from 9/1/26–9/30/26.
Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.



Buy 3, Earn 5
on Betty Crocker products



Buy 3, Earn 5
on Annie's products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Nature Valley products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Old El Paso products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Chex & Chex Mix products



Find offers near you
Check out the Box Tops app!



Rotating feature

Refer more friends to Box Tops!

This month, earn 50 Bonus Box Tops for every friend you refer to Box Tops. When they scan their first receipt, they'll earn 50 Bonus Box Tops — and so will you! That's a total of 100 Bonus Box Tops (or \$10) for your school. Ends 9/30.

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TRIPLE the GOOD BOX TOPS X3 FOR EDUCATION

Earn triple at Walmart

Participating products earn triple at Walmart from 6/1 to 9/20. Stock up on your favorites this summer and add a little oomph to your earnings!

Learn more at [BTFE.com/Walmart](https://www.btfte.com/Walmart)

Ends 9/30!



3 easy ways to earn for our school



Scan

Qualifying receipts
in the app



Submit

Qualifying digital
receipts in the app



Connect

Your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts



Earnings goal

\$108.40

Goal: \$650



Referral Code: P619748

Start making a difference!

Don't have the
Box Tops app?
Download now.



Join IHOP in a fundraiser for:

OLD BRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO

Join us for an awesome fundraising event at IHOP on the date and time listed below! IHOP will contribute **20%** of your order to support our community.

WHEN

September 16, 2026
4-8pm

WHERE

13718 Smoketown Rd
WOODBIDGE, VA 22192-4236

Offer valid only on select date(s). Only approved non-profit organizations and tax-exempt organizations are eligible to participate in the fundraising program. Restaurant will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, catering, delivery, and alcohol are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://ihop.force4good.com>.

An illustration of a child's back and shoulders, wearing a backpack. The child has dark skin and is wearing a yellow shirt. The backpack is blue and orange. The background is a light gray gradient.

PACKING SMARTER BACKPACKS

Overloaded and improperly-worn backpacks can cause temporary back pain in children so it's important to ensure you are packing a smarter backpack.

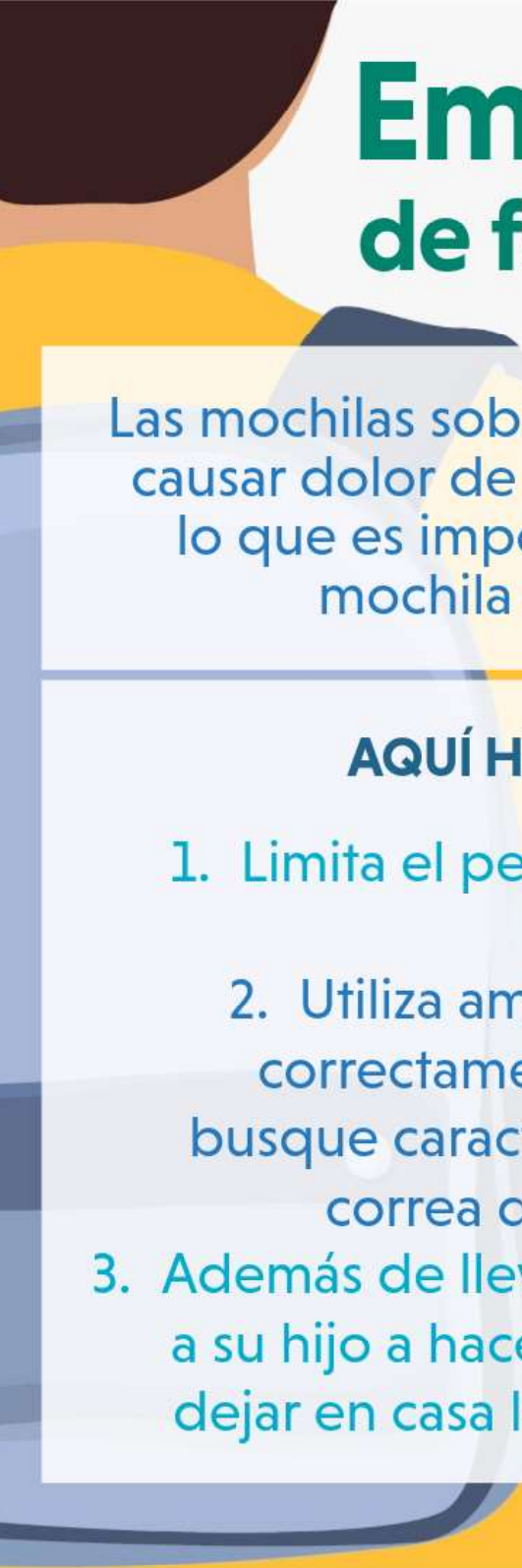
HERE ARE 3 THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Limit backpack weight to 15% of child's total body weight.
2. Use both straps and adjust the backpack properly.
3. Look for key features like wide straps, a waist strap, and lightweight material when selecting a backpack.

In addition to wearing backpacks properly, you can also encourage your child to make frequent trips to their locker to avoid unnecessary weight and to leave non-essentials at home.

(Source: Mayo Clinic)

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Empacar mochilas de forma más inteligente

Las mochilas sobrecargadas y mal colocadas pueden causar dolor de espalda temporal en los niños, por lo que es importante asegurarse de preparar la mochila de manera más inteligente.

AQUÍ HAY 3 COSAS QUE RECORDAR

1. Limita el peso de la mochila al 15% del peso corporal del niño.
2. Utiliza ambas correas y ajuste la mochila correctamente. Al seleccionar una mochila, busque características como correas anchas, una correa de cintura y materiales ligeros.
3. Además de llevar la mochila correctamente, anime a su hijo a hacer visitas frecuentes a su casillero y a dejar en casa los artículos que no sean esenciales.

(Source: Mayo Clinic)

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