

## Olson Elementary PTA Packet 2018 – 2019

We have so many things planned for the 2018-2019 school year, and we are so excited to share them with you! We're attaching some useful information to help you plan for the new year:

- A list of PTA events for the 2018 – 2019 school year
- A list of upcoming volunteer opportunities with descriptions and a volunteer form (below)
- A list of our planned fundraisers and information about our "No Fuss Fundraiser"

We look forward to an exciting year! Don't forget to join us on our journey by going to [www.joinpta.org](http://www.joinpta.org). Membership for each school year is \$10.00 per person.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Olson Elementary PTA Board

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## Olson Elementary PTA Events

### SEPTEMBER

09/03/18 – No School  
09/05/18 – Watch D.O.G.S Meeting, 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
09/16/18 – Grif's Sammie Shop Spirit Event  
09/18/18 – Kelly Farms Spirit Event  
09/25/18 – Raising Cane's Spirit Event  
09/26/18 – Fall Picture Day  
09/26/18 – Student Led See You at the Pole Event  
09/27/18 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
09/28/18 – Donuts with Dads, 7:15 – 8:00 AM

### OCTOBER

10/05/18 – Fall Ball  
10/08/18 – 10/09/18 – No School  
10/10/18 – National Walk/Bike to School Day  
10/15/18 – PTA Association Meeting, 6:00 PM  
10/15/18 – 10/19/18 – Decorate for Book Fair  
10/15/18 – 10/20/18 – Nothing Bundt Cakes Spirit Event  
10/18/18 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
10/21/18 – Grif's Sammie Shop Spirit Event  
10/22/18 – No School / Parent Conferences  
10/24/18 – Health Hustle, 4:30 – 8:30 PM  
10/29/18 – 11/02/18 – Fall Book Fair  
10/29/18 – Chipotle Spirit Event

### NOVEMBER

11/01/18 – Chili Cook-Off  
11/05/18 – Picture Retake Day  
11/13/18 – Kelly Farms Spirit Event  
11/15/18 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
11/18/18 – Grif's Sammie Shop Spirit Event  
11/19/18 – 11/23/18 – No School

### DECEMBER

12/1/18 – Rudolph Run  
12/3/18 – 12/7/18 – Decorate for Peppermint Village  
12/10/18 – 12/14/18 – Peppermint Village (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser)  
12/11/18 – Raising Cane's Spirit Event  
12/16/18 – Grif's Sammie Shop Spirit Event  
12/21/18 – Early Release  
12/24/18 – 01/07/19 – No School

### JANUARY

01/14/19 – Math Night, 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
01/17/19 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
01/21/19 – No School

### FEBRUARY

02/04/19 – 2/13/19 – Val-o-gram Sale  
02/05/19 – Chris Barton Author Visit  
02/14/19 – Val-o-gram Delivery  
02/18/19 – Weather Make-Up Day  
02/19/19 – 02/22/19 – Decorate for Book Fair  
02/21/19 – Otterific Otter Ceremony

### MARCH

03/04/19 – 03/08/19 – Spring Book Fair  
03/08/19 – Early Release  
03/11/19 – 03/15/19 – No School  
03/21/19 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
03/25/19 – PTA Association Meeting, 6:00 PM

### APRIL

04/18/19 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
04/19/19 – Weather Make-Up Day

### MAY

05/10/19 – Muffins with Moms, 7:15 – 8:00 AM  
05/13/19 – PTA Association Meeting, 6:00 PM  
05/16/19 – Otterific Otter Ceremony  
05/23/19 – End of Year Parties  
05/24/19 – Last Day of School

# VOLUNTEER

*all that's missing is U!*

We have lots of opportunities to get involved with PTA events! The list below gives some specific examples of how you can be involved this year. Dates for specific events are included so you can decide what works best for you! Remember that you must fill out the volunteer background screen application from Allen ISD before you can participate in these events.

- **Book Fair** – Celebrate reading with us as we have our Scholastic Book Fairs! We need volunteers to help with the set-up, manning the book fair, and clean-up. The fall book fair is scheduled for the week of October 29, 2018, and the spring book fair is scheduled for the week of March 4, 2019.
- **Chili Cook Off** – Each class is asked to have a parent volunteer make their “award winning chili”. There are awards for the best chili, and all Olson families are invited to join in the tasting! There will be a need for chili makers and servers for each class. Watch for more information on this from your teacher as the event approaches. Chili Cook Off is held on November 1, 2018 during our fall book fair week.
- **Classroom Copies** – Our teachers need lots of help with copying for their classrooms. This is a weekly commitment of approximately 1 – 2 hours.
- **Donuts with Dads** – Calling all ladies to help us celebrate our wonderful dads, granddads, father figures and their kids! We need help serving donuts and juice. Donuts with Dads will be held on September 28, 2018.
- **Fall Ball** – Fall Ball is a fun school festival for all Olson families and will be held on October 5, 2018. We need volunteers to help with the final planning and to serve at various stations.
- **Field Day Concessions** – Toward the end of the school year during Field Day, we need volunteers to help us sell goodies to the kids.
- **Peppermint Village** – Are you the parent of a 6<sup>th</sup> grader? Peppermint Village is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser, and we need your help to raise money for 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation! Peppermint village is a holiday store for students to purchase gifts for friends and family. We need volunteers to help with setting up and helping to run the store during school hours. It will be held the week of December 10, 2018.
- **Picture Days** – We need volunteers to help make sure our Otters have everything “just so” for their pictures. Our fall picture day is scheduled for September 26, 2018. There will be another picture day in the spring as well.
- **Splash the Otter** – Celebrate our school mascot with us! At certain events throughout the school year, we need a volunteer to dress up like Splash the Otter. If you are interested in being a Splash helper, we will add you to a list to be informed each time the need arises.
- **Teacher Appreciation** – Throughout the year, we have times to celebrate our teachers with luncheons, dinners, or other special events. Help for these events usually involves bring something yummy to share!
- **Val-o-grams** – Calling all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents! Val-o-grams are another 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser, and we need help with val-o-gram sales in the mornings and to help with putting the val-o-grams together. Val-o-grams will be sold starting February 4, 2019 and will be delivered on Valentine’s day.
- **Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)** – Come be a Watch D.O.G. and have the opportunity to come to school for the day, patrol the halls, and get involved in your child’s class activities. Watch D.O.G.S. are also called upon to serve in other ways at the school as the need arises (such as serving at Muffins for Moms or cooking hot dogs for Field Day). A Watch D.O.G.S. meeting will be held on September 5, 2018.

## Sign-Up to be a PTA Volunteer

If you know that you are interested in volunteering in one of these areas, let us know! A PTA coordinator will contact you prior to the event with more information. If you are not sure what you want to volunteer for now, don't worry! We will communicate volunteer opportunities as they arise.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the event(s) you want to volunteer for:

Book Fair

Fall Ball

Splash the Otter

Classroom Copies

Picture Days

Donuts with Dads (volunteers should be ladies)

If you have any questions, email our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@olsonpta.org](mailto:volunteers@olsonpta.org).

## Olson Elementary PTA Fundraising

Our PTA cannot do the things we do for our children each year without fundraising. We need money to support programs for our children, events for our teachers, and resources for our school. Help us meet our budget for the school year by participating in our fundraisers!

Our planned fundraisers for this year include:

- Book Fair
- Box Tops
- Chili Cook-Off
- Fall Ball
- Field Day Concessions
- Spirit Nights and Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Spirit Wear and School Supplies



Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraisers help pay for 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Those fundraisers include:

- Peppermint Village
- Val-o-grams

Help the PTA raise funds without spending any extra money yourself! Participate in these rewards programs:

- AmazonSmile – Instead of using the regular Amazon website, shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) using your existing Amazon account. Indicate that your purchase supports Olson Elementary PTA, and 0.5% of the purchase price comes to us!
- BBVA – Open an account at BBVA with at least \$100 and mention Olson Elementary PTA. If you make 10 debit card transactions of at least \$10, we will receive \$50. For any debit card transaction you make from that point on, we receive 0.25% of the transaction amount.
- Kroger – Stop by the customer service desk or go online and link your Kroger Plus Card to Olson Elementary PTA. Our code is PG221.

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We know not everyone thinks fundraising is “fun”, so we have another option for you! By donating to our “No Fuss Fundraiser”, you can ensure we meet our budget and don’t have to add any fundraisers that involve selling door to door, baking, or delivering merchandise to your neighbors. It’s the easiest way to help us achieve our goals as a PTA with very little time from you!

### No Fuss Fundraiser

- \_\_\_ \$15 I’m not a baker, so this is the money I would have spent buying cupcakes for a bake sale.
- \_\_\_ \$25 I don’t want to spend time standing in the hot sun while my child washes cars for other people and mine is still dirty. This money is worth a good car wash.
- \_\_\_ \$50 I don’t want to ask my family, friends or co-workers to buy popcorn and wrapping paper, so this is the money I would have spent on that.
- \_\_\_ \$75 I don’t want to ask for donations from businesses to do an auction, so this is the money I would have spent on that basket full of gift cards.
- \_\_\_ \$100 I wouldn’t have participated in any of these events, so this money is so you will forget to ask me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I’m making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to sell door to door, bake, or deliver. I think it’s awesome that all I have to do is fill out this form.