



SEPTEMBER 2017

Where are they coming from?

We have many new faces at OTES this school year and have started to really get into the groove in the second week of school. Managing 580 students can be tricky, but I have relied on so many staff members to make this school year start in a positive way. Special thanks should go to Angela Porter, our school's enrollment manager in the Superintendent's office. Enrolling, entering data information, and making sure she communicates with a variety of school personnel is critical. She does this job with great care and professionalism.

Next, the school staff at OTES really focuses on the importance of getting to each student and building the relationship of respect, dignity, and trust. This bond will sustain the students and the teacher throughout the school year. Many of our staff conducted open house activities prior to the start of school or reached out to new families and agreed to meet with the students/families prior to September 5th in order for anxiety to be elevated.

Our Kitchen Staff really had a challenge at the start of the school year with the development of breakfast in the classroom and a fairly new Kitchen Crew managing all those meals. We started the Breakfast in the

classroom challenge on Day 1 and without too many tangles, we were able to start building a routine and getting those students fed without too many errors. We are very fortunate to have so many people working as a team to support every aspect of our students' lives.

Finally, we couldn't open this school without the dedication and hard work of our custodians. We were pleased to have a few extra hands this summer to lighten our load and help our school shine on the first day of school. We are lucky to have such hard workers in all areas of OTES. **Here's the current enrollment: 581**

Pre K	33	One teacher + Aide
K	85	5 Teachers
1	77	4 Teachers
2	81	4 Teachers + Aide
3	97	5 Teachers
4	102	5 Teachers
5	106	5 Teachers



Color Days at OTES

Students in Kindergarten sponsor our color days at OTES and we all enjoy getting involved in the color themes, even our parents get into the fun!!!

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OT Field Hockey Gives Back

Students on the Old Town Field Hockey Team donated school supplies to our school. GREAT KIDS!

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Open House at OTES

Each year we put a lot of effort into getting our OPEN HOUSE event ready for parents. This is a great way to connect with families and make sure we have contact information to support our work together for the school year. This year many of our teachers had Open Houses before school, but that didn't stop them for pulling out all the stops to meet and greet our parents again.

We were proud to have served our annual Spaghetti dinner with this Open House in order to support the After School Program. The PTC sponsors this event and really helps to develop a "homey" feeling with the meal. We even used vegetables from our school learning garden to add to the salad!! Each grade level team pulls together a basket to



One of the many baskets raffled at our OPEN HOUSE in September.

raffle to support this fun night and the After School Program. In total, we raised \$1300 for ongoing after school activities. We couldn't be more proud of our community supports our school and students.

This year at OPEN HOUSE, we introduced our school's resource center and asked for donations the food pantry located at OTES. Parents dropped off items to help stock our shelves. We were pleased with so much support for this new initiative.

The YMCA and Recreation Department each had a booth at the school to connect our families with community resources and activities for their children. This was very successful and helpful to families, especially our new families.

In general, it's great to see our families and laugh and giggle with them all. Over the years we have established a wonderful sense of family in our school and it really shows when we gather together to celebrate with such events.



OPEN HOUSE 2017

We had a great time at OPEN HOUSE and our Photo Booth....Even our teachers were getting into the fun!

#OTESOpenHouse

Upcoming Events AT OTES

September 22: Fall Fundraiser Starts

September 26: School Picture Day

September 28: 1st Grade Field Trip to Treworgy Orchard

October 4: PTC meeting 6 pm

October 6: Ice Cream Social

Each Friday we have Parent Helpers to support the clerical work in our school. The Teachers provide lots of projects and photocopying and our Parent Helper Group works to complete those tasks between 8:00 and 10:00am. This is a wonderful way to support our school and get involved!!!