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Welcome to the first issue of the Otsego PTA Newsletter! We hope that you find it informative. We appreciate any feedback/comments/suggestions that you may have to improve it.

September was a busy month for the PTA. Our Executive Board helped the children get to their classes during the 1st week of school. We sponsored a successful Welcome Back Picnic. Mrs. Schutte and Mr. Kuschel were kind enough to volunteer their time and serve as “dunkees” in our dunk tank. Abe Kaplan from The Big Bounce Theory donated the dunk tank, cotton candy and popcorn machines. Picture Day and Novelty Sale ran smoothly and raised funds to support our events.

We had our Book Fair in October. It is so wonderful to watch the children search for their favorite book series and authors. The PTA receives Scholastic dollars which can be used to purchase items for the school. In the past we helped supply the classrooms with Smart Boards. Recently, we purchased robots that are used to teach the children how to use coding to program the robots to perform tasks.



On October 24, the PTA sponsored our annual blood drive. Otsego is the only school in the district to sponsor an annual drive.

Our Website

Have you visited our website, otsegopta.org lately? We have added some new items: *Arts in Education* page which summarizes all of the PTA sponsored programs. There is a *Community Awareness* page which contains the minutes of the meetings. Community Awareness is always a favorite of our parents because it informs everyone of the activities (business openings and closings, i.e.) in our neighborhoods. We have also added a *Suggestions Box*. The website is a useful tool for our families.

School Directory

The school directory is completed and will be printed soon for distribution. Please note that the information contained in the directory is for informational use and should not be used for personal marketing.

Arts In Education

The PTA sponsors many of the residencies and assemblies that the children experience during the school year.

In September, Andy Wasserman taught a week-long residency in the music room. Andy brings in and demonstrates some very rare and interesting musical instruments from around the world. The children were able to play the instruments and learn about their history.

October was anti-bullying month. There was an assembly from the J-Line Dance Crew promoting positive messages using song and dance. There was an anti-bullying residency in the classrooms with the theme of Friends and Choices.

What's Coming Up?

November 1—PTA General Meeting 9:30am

November 1—Thanksgiving Pie Sale begins (you can purchase items online by clicking on the Turkey on the upper right side of our website).

November 3—Picture Day Make-up and club photos

November 10—Veterans' Day—no school

November 14,16—Evening Conferences

November 17—Daytime Conferences—no school

November 21—Thanksgiving Pie pick-up 3:30 – 6:30

November 23,24—Thanksgiving Recess –no school



Happy Thanksgiving!

Stacey Levinson and Lenny Patella