

# PTA News



## **HOLIDAY SHOP: DECEMBER 9-10**

It's that time again — the PTA will sponsor the Holiday Shop, which gives students in grades K-6 the opportunity to celebrate their independence by choosing gifts for their family members, teachers, friends and pets at prices ranging from one to five dollars. Please send your child with their money in an envelope labeled with their name, and a reusable shopping tote.

## **OTIS RIDGE SNOW SPORTS PROGRAM**

Winter is fast approaching, so don't miss out on this year's Snow Sports Program at Otis Ridge. Due to the generosity of a local business, the program will be free to all FRRSD students, K-6. The program runs for 6 weeks on Wednesday evenings, starting January 5. More information, including online sign up, is available at [otisridge.com/wednesday-night-program-frrsd](http://otisridge.com/wednesday-night-program-frrsd). (From the main menu, click on Ski School, then Wednesday Night School Programs and select FRRSD.) The deadline to sign up at the discounted rate is November 30. See you on the slopes!

## **FALL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!**

This year's fall pie and butter bread sales fundraiser was a great success, raising nearly \$3000 for the school, an increase of almost 5% over last year's fundraising. As a reminder, half of the money raised by each class follows that class to support exciting programs like the 6th grade class trip. Don't forget, pickup is Friday, November 19! Thank you to all of our students, parents, teachers, and community members who helped make this year's fundraiser a success!

## **GIVING BASKETS**

Once again, we are collecting food and needed items to help families within our community. Donations are due by November 18; suggestions by grade level are below.

**Preschool:** Paper products, sandwich bags, foil, etc.

**Kindergarten:** Snacks — popcorn, pretzels, dried fruit, nuts, etc.

**1 & 2:** Boxed goods — pancake mix, cereal, cake mix, pudding, etc.

**3 & 4:** Canned goods — soups, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, etc.

**5:** Drinks — juice, tea, coffee & hot chocolate

**6:** Pantry Staples — rice, pasta, flour, sugar, spices, ketchup, etc.

*Teachers and staff will be providing turkeys.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### ***Giving Baskets***

Donations are due Thursday, November 18

### ***Thanksgiving Break***

Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26

### ***Ski Program***

Sign up by November 30 at [otisridge.com](http://otisridge.com) to guarantee a spot  
Program starts January 5, 6-7:30pm

### ***PTA Meeting***

Wednesday, December 1 at 4:30 pm

### ***Holiday Shop***

Thursday & Friday, December 9-10

### ***Winter Break***

Thursday, December 23 through Friday, December 31  
*Wednesday, December 22 is a half day*

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## DINNER FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers and administrators were treated to pizza and salad from Vittorio's in Lee during the long day of Parent Teacher Conferences last month. Cookies, cupcakes and a seasonally-appropriate apple crisp, all baked with love by PTA parents, gave teachers a sugar boost to get through the evening.



*Pictured above, Brittany Mackbach & Cora Malbourn hold court at the PTA trunk.*

## TRUNK OR TREAT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Sponsored by the Recreation Commission, Otis' annual Trunk or Treat event brought out the spooky, the kooky and the fun.

Special thanks go to the Otis Police Department, who sponsored the prizes, and to our judges, Karen Amanti, Susan Ebitz and Charles Whiting (Officer Chip from the Otis PD).

### Costume Contest winners:

- Funniest - Lillian Wright - Alien Abduction!
- Scariest - Sydney Curtiss - Zombie Bride
- Most Original - Bradley Pustinger - Walkie Talkie
- Best Overall - Caden DeBellis - Demogorgon

### Best Trunk:

"Dead End Farm" - Patrick Stearns, Melissa Hamm, and Dawn Medeiros

***Make sure to check out photos of our winners on the PTA Facebook page!***



◆ **Collect Box Tops!** If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and send it to the school, making sure it has a valid expiration date. If your package has a new SCAN label, there's no need to clip: just use the NEW Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. See [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more information.

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◆ **Price Chopper Tools for Schools:** This program allows you to earn points to help our school get needed equipment, such as school supplies, musical instruments, and playground equipment. Our school code is 14062. Simply sign up at the store, or visit: [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com)

◆ **Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards** offers customers the opportunity to be rewarded by earning money for their designated school! Our school code is 05619.