August 30, 2018

Welcome to Oakridge Elementary! We are the Oakridge Parent Teacher Association. As a non-profit affiliate of the National PTA, we are parents and teachers working together to support Oakridge students, parents and staff. Our stated mission: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and our community to advocate for all children.

This means the PTA and our fantastic membership make things happen – at Oakridge and in our community:

* **We raise money for vital school programs.** Oakridge’s signature MOSAIC program and “books, books, and more books” are major focuses this year.
* **We help parents and teachers stay connected.** Throughmonthlydinners and meetings featuring speakers and events, school parents have every opportunity to connect with the teachers who help shape their children’s education. Please check the calendar for these regular PTA events on the first Tuesday of each month.
* **We keep you in the know**. Via social media, we are serious about delivering to you the latest news about events, opportunities and more. For instance, we plan to provide the latest information on the upcoming changes in school boundary lines that will affect so many Oakridge students and families.
* **We sponsor and host fun events.** Be sure to markyour calendars for the popular community-wide International Potluck in February and the Spring Fling carnival in May.
* **We support our teachers.** Teachers deserve to be pampered!We organize and cater lunches, dinners and other special occasions for teachers during their workdays and more.
* **We mobilize volunteers.** PTA volunteers are vital to our mission! Without them, programs such as school pictures, Spring Fling, yearbooks, or our popular after-school enrichment classes simply would not be possible.

This upcoming school year, we urge you to get involved by joining the Oakridge PTA. Membership costs $10, and adding any additional donation to boost our budget is very much appreciated. We even accept membership fees and donations by PayPal: [OakridgePTA@gmail.com](mailto:OakridgePTA@gmail.com)

For additional information, please visit our Oakridge PTA web site, contact our membership coordinators, or visit our table at the upcoming Back to School night. You are also encouraged to view our regular Facebook posts (@weareoakridge).

Finally, your input is very important to us. You are most welcome to contact us by email at [OakridgePTA@gmail.com](mailto:OakridgePTA@gmail.com) with any questions, issues or topics you wish to address in general or to direct to a specific board member.

Warm wishes for a cool school year!

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