

Greetings from the Oak Hill Parent-Teacher Organization

Dear Oak Hill Families,

Welcome to a new school-year at the Oak Hill Middle School. We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for another exciting 6th, 7th and 8th grade experience! The Oak Hill PTO is here to support all our families and, as an Oak Hill parent/guardian, you are a valued member of the PTO. Please visit us at oakhillpto.org to learn more about the initiatives we support and to volunteer!

The Oak Hill PTO Depends on Your Annual Contribution

The PTO does not receive any funding from NPS or the City of Newton. Instead, direct annual dues from Oak Hill families like you fund the majority of initiatives we have planned for the 2016-2017 school year. From community events to teacher support, educational enrichment programs, and student events, your donation helps improve the educational experience for all our students.

We need your Support, This Year More Than Ever

Last year, one third of families made their annual contribution and we had to pull from our reserve to ensure that 100% of our community received the Oak Hill PTO programs we promised. The full year 2016-2017 operating budget requires \$30,000.

• Creative Arts & Sciences	\$12,000
• Direct Support to Your Child's Classroom	\$4,800
• Principals Discretionary Fund	\$2,500
• Library Support	\$2,500
• Admin, Business, Communication	\$2,390
• Community Events	\$2,050
• Student Events	\$1,700
• Faculty Appreciation	\$1,300
• Fall/Spring Grounds Clean-up	\$500
• New Opportunities	<u>\$260</u>
	\$30,000

Impact Your Child's School Year with Your Donation to the PTO

To fund all of these initiatives **we are asking for \$50 per student/\$100 per family for the school year.** That's just \$5-\$10 per month to give your child better-funded classrooms, arts & science enrichment programs and exciting and memorable events. **Please make your annual dues contribution today.** Your dues are tax-deductible. And don't forget: Your company may offer matching funds! It's a great way to double your donation!

CHECK: Drop off your check to the "Oak Hill PTO" at the school office or mail to the Oak Hill PTO, 130 Wheeler St., Newton MA, 02459. Use the Form on the back

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD: Visit oakhillpto.org and click the DONATE button.

Remember, the earlier we receive your dues, the greater impact we can have on your student's year. Family contributions help make Oak Hill a world-class educational experience.

Our Students Count on Us, We Hope We Can Count on You!

We understand that not all families are able to contribute and every amount donated is greatly appreciated. If you are able to contribute a larger amount, you can help us cover the cost for every child! **Please consider an incremental donation of \$50, \$100, \$150 or more today!**

Thank you for your support. Every dollar donated counts. Every hour volunteered helps. We recognize that PTO dues are voluntary and we value the contribution of every family. We have a great community here at Oak Hill and look forward to a great year together.

Sincerely,

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Oak Hill PTO Programs: information on each of the budget line items in the PTO 2016-2017 Plan.

Creative Arts & Sciences is a city-wide program funded by PTOs bringing high-quality curriculum-related programs to our schools. Programs enrich student experiences in Art, English Language Arts, History and Social Sciences, Music, Theater, and the Sciences. This year, Oak Hill CAS will bring 3 programs to EACH grade. In addition, all Oak Hill students will enjoy an outstanding performing arts program selected by CAS as a Concert Series that tours all the Newton schools and allows students to experience performances by artists who have played at major national and international concert halls.

Direct Support to the Classroom: The PTO provides funds directly into our classrooms through teacher stipends, grants, gifts, and reimbursement for supplies.

Principal's Discretionary Fund: Each year, this fund pays for a range of items, including professional development, special events and financial assistance for families in need.

Library Supplies: The PTO contributes money towards the library's database subscriptions, new books and other materials.

Admin, Business, Communication Expenses: As with every organization there are fees such as IRS Filings, Council dues, website hosting, bank fees, software licensing, supplies, and permits.

Community Events: The PTO hosts events to bring our community together like the back-to-school picnic and parent coffees. We also organize social events for our parents and guardians.

Student Events: This covers the 8th grade tile project and graduation celebration as well as field day and a celebration of the Asian Lunar New Year!

Faculty Appreciation Events: The PTO provides a welcoming lunch for all the staff before the first day of school and several other times throughout the year. We host 2 wellness days for the staff. And we thank our teachers and specialists on your behalf.

PTO Membership 2016 – 2017: Payment by check

Oak Hill PTO membership dues are \$50 per student/\$100 per family. Additional donations are requested to help us reach our goals. Please make a check out to "Oak Hill PTO" and drop off at the Oak Hill Main Office with this form. Or pay online at www.oakhillpto.org. **Thank you!**

Parent's Name(s): _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Team: _____

Enclosed is our family contribution: **Contributions are tax-deductible**

\$ _____ (PTO Dues of \$50 per student/\$100 per family is suggested)
+ \$ _____ (Additional contribution to help fund all students)
= \$ _____ (Total Family Contribution)

To pay by credit or debit card, please visit www.oakhillpto.org and click the DONATE button.