

Owen PTA News: It's "Owl" Good



Wow, what a busy start to the school year! There are several exciting events and programs to highlight this month, so let get right to it!

Hoot Hoot Horray!

A HUGE thank you to our [Resale Committee](#) who worked tirelessly to run our biggest fundraiser, making over \$5000! Thanks again, Shelly Green, Kristin McDonald, Sue McGuire, Chris Moore and Molly Seago. We are beginning the search for 4 new resale committee members who would shadow the current crew for the Spring Sale and then run the Fall 2018 sale with their support. Let us know if this sounds like the job for you!

Thank you Michelle Paukstis for coordinating the delicious treats for Muffins with Mom!

PTA Membership & Student Directory App

It isn't too late to become an Owen PTA member! Download the membership form from the PTA tab on the Owen website and return to school. \$20 per family helps us fund educational and social programs, field trips, classroom subscriptions, teacher appreciation events and more!

We expect the DirectorySpot App to be updated with 2017-18 class lists and student contact information from the district this month. Only PTA members receive an access code to the directory, so sign up today! Also, ad spots are still available!

Scrip Manna

Owen PTA is excited to offer a new program this year, Manna Scrip. You order gift cards through Scrip, and Owen PTA gets an automatic rebate. Rebate amounts range from 2 to 20%! Scrip is a great option to use for family budgeting, teacher gifts, and birthday gifts! You can also purchase Scrip cards for our dining for dollars restaurants, to earn even more for Owen PTA!

GETTING STARTED

Step 1: Create a Scrip account

Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com and enter enrollment code 28ELF41D56476

Step 2: Select the gift cards and or ScripNow electronic gift cards (eCards) you would like to purchase or re-load.

Step 3: Pay via PrestoPay (link your Scrip account to your bank account for immediate online payment) OR send a check via backpack mail to Owen PTA Manna Scrip Fundraiser before the 15th of the month in which you are ordering.

Be WISE about Upcoming Events

October 5: PTA General Meeting- 7:00 in the LMC

October 6: Doughnuts with Dad- 8:00-8:50 MPR- PTA members come enjoy coffee, doughnuts and muffins with your students before school. RSVP on Sign-up Genius.

October 10: Walk to School Day. Students turn in their activity logs to earn individual and class prizes.

October 15: Scrip Manna orders due (details page 1).

October 15: Box Tops due (details page 2).

October 16: Dining for \$\$ at Chipotle 4:00-8:00 22 E Chicago Ave Naperville. Mention Owen and PTA gets 50% of the proceeds!

October 20: Halloween RSVP and payment due (details page 3).

October 20: Reflections art projects due (details pg 3).

October 22: Team IPEF ½ marathon (details page 2).

October 27: Halloween Spooktacular (page 2 &3).

RECEIVING YOUR CARDS

- We will submit Owen's order for processing on the 15th of each month. When you make a selection online, Scrip holds it in a "cart" until our entire order is ready to submit.
- If you are paying by check, we must have received and been able to deposit your check before we will order your gift cards or authorize the release of your ScripNow eCard orders.
- The gift cards will be shipped to Owen and delivered to your child's class, usually within a few days of Owen's order being submitted for processing (which is typically the 15th).
- We will send an e-mail the day the gift cards are distributed so you know they are coming home.
- Happy shopping!

Naperville ½ Marathon- Team IPEF

Help Ms. Taylor and Mrs. Short reach their goal of raising \$204 each for Team IPEF. The Indian Prairie Educational Foundation (IPEF) supports classrooms and schools throughout **OUR** district. That's right - your donations would be helping our students, past and present! **Half of funds raised go to OWEN!!!!** and the other half helps support district initiatives funded by the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation.

To donate

1) Visit the link below

<https://www.ipef204.org/get-involved/teamipef/>

2) Click the green "Donate to Team IPEF" button at the top of the page

3) Fill out your own info and then scroll to Additional Info

4) Select Owen under 2017 Team IPEF - School Donation

5) In the comments section, copy and paste "Split donation between Victoria Taylor and Mary Ann Short please!" - this way your donation goes to both of us!

6) Submit and be forever appreciated by Ms. Taylor and Mrs. Short as they run a quick 13.1 miles for Owen Elementary!



Check out the complete 2017-18 PTA calendar on the PTA tab of the Owen website.

Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education program pays \$.10 for every Box Top turned in! Please clip these Box Tops labels and send them to school in ziploc bag with your child's name and classroom marked clearly on the outside. Last year our PTA earned \$600 through this program. Turn them into the bin in the LMC by **October 15th** then keep saving them, there will be another collection in the spring!



Halloween Spooktacular!

Friday, **October 27th** 6:30-8:00pm at Owen. Admission is \$10 per family in advance, \$15 at the door. Cash, checks (to Owen PTA) or Credit (https://owen.memberhub.com/payment_requests/188).

****IF YOU PAY THROUGH MEMBERHUB, YOU STILL NEED TO TURN IN AN RSVP FORM TO THE OFFICE****

All RSVP's are due by Friday, **October 20th**. All families are expected to either volunteer for beforehand set up, a 30 minute time slot during the event or clean up afterwards AND/OR donate prizes for carnival games or money so we can provide treats. Visit the OWEN PTA website to access the Sign-up Genius link and to download the RSVP form under upcoming events.

Reflections

Reflections is a district wide art contest sponsored by the PTA for students K-12. This year's theme is "Within Reach." Applications are available in the LMC and the art room, submissions are due **October 20**. Find more details in the Reflections tab of the Owen PTA website. <http://owen.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx?id=683>

A+ Teacher Award

The Indian Prairie Educational Foundation is partnering with District 204 to recognize staff members who go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of our students. During the school year, one staff member a month is selected to receive the A+ Award. Recipients of the A+ award will get \$500 to spend in their classroom or school. Parents and students can nominate and nominations are kept until the end of the school year.

Visit <http://www.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx/APlus> for details.

Randi Blasutti & Nickie Wohlfahrt Owen PTA Co Presidents
