

From: Chrissy Skurbe <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent time: 11/18/2022 11:15:23 AM
To: Dawn Graziano <dawn.graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Patty Dinsmore <patricia.dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Melissa Storey <[REDACTED]@optonline.net>
Cc: Sharon Roseboro-gmail <sroseboro@njpta.org>; Lisa Falco <lfalco@njpta.org>; Chari Chanley <chari.chanley@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: [External Email]Re: 3rd Grade Celebration

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Monroe Township IT Department

Good morning -

I am reaching out because I have given it a few months since the start of school in hopes that the Oak Tree PTA would improve under new leadership. However, this Fall has been met with the same challenges as the last several years. The same people are asked to chair events and certain parents, who have been targeted, are being excluded. There are volunteers at these events that DO NOT even have children in our schools - how is that even allowed given school safety concerns. I have asked to chair several events and have been excluded on each one from being a chairperson. I am hearing from parents that calls are being made and only certain parents are being begged to chair events simply to stop those of us who are asking to chair an event. By this email, I am letting you know my desire to be the Chairperson for the 3rd grade event - it is an event I created when I was at Oak Tree with my older children and it is something that I think I can do successfully for the benefit of the students as they prepare to leave Oak Tree.

I would also like to bring to your attention that students are very upset with the email that there will not be a holiday shop during the school day. This is something that the students absolutely love. Not only does it allow them to shop for their family for the holidays, but it has a real education piece to it with budgeting and money. It is not ok that our schools will be the only elementary schools not doing this for our students while the other INCLUSIVE parent groups in our other elementary schools find a way to allow ALL parents the opportunity to volunteer.

Before an event is canceled, it would be nice to give parents the opportunity to reply and sign up to volunteer. I am wondering if the school would allow holiday shop during the school day and if it needs to be run as a school event rather than a PTA event, I am sure you can find parents willing to step up....and then all of the proceeds can go directly into student activities account for you to spend back on the students directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Skurbe
3rd Grade Parent.

On Friday, November 4, 2022, 08:45:18 PM EDT, Oak Tree-Applegarth PTA <user@memberhub.com> wrote:

Hello pta members ,

You are receiving this email because you have signed up to volunteer for the 3rd Grade celebration. If you are still interested in helping out, please respond to this email. You may respond with whether you are interested in helping out and/or interested in chairing this event. A chairman will be chosen from those who have responded. Once a chairman has been chosen, they will then reach out to this committee list with more information pertaining to the 3rd grade celebration.

Thank you,

OT-AE VP2

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Kids First!

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Sent time: 12/07/2022 10:30:55 AM
To: mpascal2@monroe.k12.nj.us; Michelle.Ferguson@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: FW: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Re: holiday shop

Kindest regards,

Patricia J, Dinsmore
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From: Melissa Storey <vpotaapta@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:15 AM
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Also I may have left out a few names for tomorrow because I just received a few more interested volunteers
Amrita Shrivastava
Melissa Colella 9-11

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From: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
Sent time: 12/06/2022 02:05:40 PM
To: vpotaapta@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: holiday shop

I understand. Do you want me to ask if she can volunteer in the afternoon? It looks like you might be light after 1:00.

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To: presidentotaepta@gmail.com
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From: President PTA <presidentotaepta@gmail.com>

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Mrs. Dinsmore said you plan to come in at 2:00 but if you have more time during the day I will add you to the list of volunteers. If you plan to come earlier you can download the kids Kastle app on your phone because we will be using that app for checkout. I will have the pin code written for everyone to sign into the app at the sale.

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To: Patricia.Jendras@monroe.k12.nj.us
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From: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
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From: Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US
Sent time: 12/01/2022 11:58:32 AM
To: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: FW: [External Email]Re: Holiday Shop and other committees

FYI

From: Roshni Shah <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 11:25 AM
To: President PTA <presidentotaapta@gmail.com>
Cc: Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Dawn Graziano <Dawn.Graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Lisa Falco <lfalco@njpta.org>
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Melissa - I have absolutely no idea what you are referring to regarding giving items away to children at the book fair. I would never say that. Nor would I ever mention that we could give things away to children since the PTA has so much money because that is extremely inappropriate. First of all - the PTA does not make physical money off the book fair, they receive credit from Scholastic. The money actually goes to them. I know this and therefore would never say what you are blatantly lying about below. You were at the book fair with me - did you hear me say this? In fact, the budget came out on October 27th and the book fair was on October 7th - so I didn't even know how much money was in the PTA budget the day of the book fair. Don't ever accuse a parent of something when you have absolutely no proof and are clearly making things up to cover up that you actually chose another chair because you didn't want to choose me. It's insulting and beneath you. What I did do is cover 1 child who was short a few dollars. I hardly think there is anything wrong with that.

All of the items you mentioned below are listed in the current budget and there is still a surplus of \$20,000 at the end of the year. So yes, there is definitely money being held on to.

Finally - I had no idea you worked for the district. In fact, I know nothing about you. I don't know why Chrissy Skurbe is sending emails - perhaps you should ask her. Many parents are noticing the lack of events by the PTA.

The superintendent and principals have every right to be copied if the PTA is discriminating against parents and excluding them. I have followed the chain of command by first going to the principal and then the Superintendent. They also have every right to be copied when the PTA is not holding events for the children as per the general guidelines and primarily running fundraisers. This email has nothing to do with you being a district employee. It has to do with the fact that the PTA is being discriminatory and holding fundraiser after fundraiser without giving back in kind.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2022, at 10:21 AM, President PTA <presidentotaapta@gmail.com> wrote:

To answer your question, there was a large carry over of money because when Covid shut everything down we were unable to have events and assemblies for almost three school years. There were no bills to pay when we did not have students in the schools and until last May we were not allowed to even send in an assembly or hold an event. Now that things have finally been open and we are allowed to get back to normal, there has been a lot going on since September. We did have the free trunk or treat event and yes, we had a school store, snack sale and book fair to name a few, none of which are huge fundraisers since the cost for supply is high. However we have also booked and paid for four assemblies totaling over \$11,000, paid for the agenda notebooks and folders we provide each year for students, filled our book vending machines, provided pumpkins for the kindergarten so they can once again have parents come and enjoy a pumpkin decorating project. We have also sent our first payment in to hold the Eagles Landing camp for the fifth grade. I assure you we are not "holding onto" money for anything other than the items and events that are in the budget and planned. If you look at the budget you will see that there are more things planned that will need to be paid for as the school year progresses, such as t shirts for fifth grade and third grade for example.

To answer your question about why you weren't chosen to chair the holiday shop, our board was not comfortable asking you to chair this event because at the book fair you repeatedly told us we should just give the students the items they want when they didn't have enough money to pay. I believe you said since we have so much money in our account, the PTA can afford it. (This was said in front of students to hear which was in our opinion, not

acceptable) Unfortunately, we can not give away inventory that does not belong to us and it is not our right to pay for items that a student wants if that student's parents did not give them the money to buy those things. Of course we all feel bad if a child wants to buy a cute pen or a poster and wasn't given money for those things by his/her parents, however it is not our place to decide that child can have those things. And again, the items belong to Scholastic, not us, so we cannot just give them away. We can not have someone chairing an event if we fear they will be giving merchandise away for free when we are responsible for accounting for all the inventory and paying the bill for that inventory.

When we sent out the follow up email to all membership about helping at the holiday shop so we could have one, we received enough interest in helping that we were able to move forward with planning and holding the event and a chair was chose from the general membership.

Next, we have tried to send out emails to most of the committee lists to get a general idea of who is still interested in helping and who is interested in chairing. It will take time to go through all of these committees and decide who we think will be a good fit to chair each event. We have not chosen chairs for events that are many months away as we want to make sure we can first have the membership meet and vote on the updated budget. We are working on scheduling this meeting, but with all the days off the last few months, holidays and sickness it keeps having to be pushed. Once scheduled we will be giving the required notice to all of our membership.

Finally, I have a question. Why, all of a sudden, are you and Chrissy Skurbe including the superintendent in these emails to me? I'm sure you are aware that the PTA is not in any way run by the district so I'm wondering if this is an attempt at some kind of intimidation because I am a district employee now? I consider this to be very unethical behavior.

Sincerely,
Melissa

On Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 11:30 PM Roshni Shah <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Melissa - I'm sorry to hear you are not feeling well.

However, sickness and cold and flu is not related to the lack of events being planned between September - December other than Trunk or Treat. If events were pre-planned, they would be in the budget, and they are not.

Who is Dave? What is his last name? Based on the **attached**, the original email asking for help went out to 14 recipients and no one named Dave was listed. I was **one of the 3 people** that responded to volunteer and chair the Holiday Shop. So when I volunteered to be chair, why was I not chosen?

Your email did not address the other questions I asked.

- 1) Why are there 7 fundraisers to 1 event?
- 2) Why is there such a huge balance carried over from last year (\$35,000) and also ending this current year (\$20,000)? What is the purpose of holding on to all this money?
- 3) When is the next PTA meeting? Given all the "viruses and colds" we can also have a virtual or hybrid meeting in December. I am more than happy to set that up if needed.
- 4) Can I chair the Family Event? (I responded to that email indicating I would like to chair on October 27th and haven't heard anything back)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
Roshni

On Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 5:03 PM President PTA <presidentotaapta@gmail.com> wrote:

This time of year is rough because of all the viruses and colds going around so we've all been doing what we can. As I write this I am dealing with a severe sinus infection that is making it hard to take care of all life's demands.

I have been helping the chair, who's name is Dave, by trying to follow up and set up volunteers for the holiday shop. We sent out to all members for help because after the original email went out we only had three people respond to help.

I apologize if I missed it but I did not see an email from you about the dates and times you are available to volunteer when this last email asking for this info went out to all the membership. I have spent the last week getting back to every person who has responded with their availability and added them to a schedule for the sales. If you would like to be added to the schedule please let me know what days and times you are available.

Thank you
Melissa

On Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 4:43 PM Roshni Shah <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

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I am reaching out because I am told the Holiday Shop is tomorrow and Friday at Applegarth Schools. However, I have not seen a flyer go home to the parents.

I signed up to be the chair of Holiday Shop several weeks ago when the communication was sent out. Who is the chair? Why have those who have signed up to volunteer not receive a follow up email about volunteering at our child's school with a sign up sheet?

There was also an email sent on October 27th to ask for either volunteers or chair of the Family Event and I have not seen any follow up emails on that either. I volunteered to be the chair for that event also and have not heard back. There is also no information of when the event will be.

Memberhub is not a platform where you simply send out 1 email asking for volunteers. You need to send out several email follow ups and communicate with those that have offered their help. The e-mails sent are extremely vague and have no information (date, time, # of volunteers needed).

At this point we have had multiple fundraisers (Back to School Goody Bags, Oak Tree Snack Sale, Applegarth Pizza Sale, Fall Fundraiser, Scholastic Book Fair, Spiritwear sale and the upcoming Holiday Shop. We have only had 1 event (Trunk or Treat). Based on the budget we started the year with \$35k and are ending the year with \$20k. My understanding is we should have approximately 1 fundraiser to 3 events so I am unclear as to why more events are not being planned and why the PTA is holding onto so much money?

Finally - when is the next PTA meeting? If we have events we would like to introduce to the general membership for a vote and amend the budget when will we have an opportunity to do that? Since our last meeting was in September, it would be ideal to have a meeting in December so we can add new activities/events for the kids and amend the budget to start planning for them.

Thanks,
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From: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
Sent time: 11/30/2022 12:41:34 PM
To: Michelle.Ferguson@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: RE: Holiday Shop

Looks great, thank you! Let's plan for today, December 4 and 6

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From: Michelle Ferguson <Michelle.Ferguson@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: Holiday Shop

Hi Patty,

Attached is the final flyer. You originally had me send it on Dec. 2 and 5 - please advise if you would like to schedule for the same dates.

Thanks!
Michelle

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Complete, thank you!

From: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Michelle Ferguson <Michelle.Ferguson@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: RE: Holiday Shop

Looks great, thank you! Let's plan for today, December 4 and 6

Patty Dinsmore

Principal
Oak Tree School
(609) 655-7642

From: Michelle Ferguson <Michelle.Ferguson@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
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Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: Holiday Shop and other committees

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Attachments: Oak Tree Holiday Shop.pdf

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Cc: otaepta@gmail.com; Christine Lester <thirdvpotaeta@gmail.com>; Dawn Graziano <dawn.graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Mona Goyal <treasurerotaeta@gmail.com>
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The email we sent out to the whole membership was not in any way canceling the event. It said we are adding an evening sale so parents who cannot be there during school hours would have a chance to help out. The email clearly stated there would still be a daytime sale. We are hoping if we add the nighttime sale the daytime won't be as busy therefore we would be okay with the limited help we have.

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From: Dawn.Graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us
Sent time: 11/29/2022 08:19:59 AM
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Cc: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us; Sandra.Barravecchio@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: Holiday Shop

Hi Melissa,

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Thank you,
Dawn



From: Oak Tree-Applegarth PTA <user@memberhub.com>
Sent time: 11/17/2022 06:21:58 PM
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: [External Email]Holiday shop -Applegarth & Oak Tree

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Thank you ,
OT-AE PTA VP2

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To: Chrissy Skurbe <[REDACTED]yahoo.com>; Patty Dinsmore <patricia.dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
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I'm sorry if I missed your response about time availability for the holiday shop this Thursday at oak tree. I have put a list of volunteers together but am not scheduling specific times as I just told each person the sale was 9-3 and we could use any time they could offer. The holiday shop is a very busy sale and we need a lot of hands on deck so to speak.

Mrs. Dinsmore said you plan to come in at 2:00 but if you have more time during the day I will add you to the list of volunteers.

If you plan to come earlier you can download the kids Kastle app on your phone because we will be using that app for checkout. I will have the pin code written for everyone to sign into the app at the sale.

Thank you,

Melissa

From:

Patricia.Dinsmore@morroca.k12.nj.us

Sent date:

12/04/2023 01:41:34 PM

To:

[REDACTED]

Subject:

Re: [External Email] Holiday Shop

Hi Christine,

The holiday shop is being run by the PTA. I believe the flyers were generated by the company (Kastle Kreative) as it is a standard letter. To my knowledge there are not grandparent volunteers. There is shopping both tomorrow night and Thursday in the school. I am requesting a list of the volunteers from the PTA. You may always come into the building. I believe Ms. Quabir will be visiting the holiday shop at 2:15 on December 8. I hope you find this response helpful.

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From: Christine Dinsmore [mailto:[REDACTED]@morroca.k12.nj.us]
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Good afternoon Mrs. Dinsmore-

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Thank you.

Christine Skaffel
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Let's Start Shopping

The Holiday Gift Shop Is Coming To Our School

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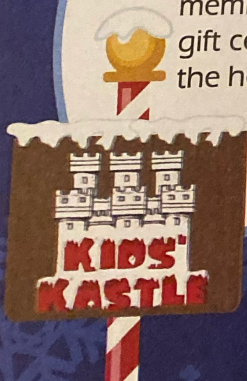
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Sent time: 12/06/2022 05:00:44 PM
To: pdinsmor@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: [External Email]PTA Holiday Shop

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Thank you!

File attachments:

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From:

Patricia.Dinsmore@morris.k12.nj.us

Sent Date:

12/26/2023 12:06:38 PM

To:

[REDACTED]

Subject:

Re: [Internal Email] Holiday Shop

I spoke with Mrs. Storey and she said that she emailed everyone who sent her an email with dates and times of availability. She will be reaching out to you.

Patty Dinsmore

Principal
Oak Tree School
(908) 685-1942

From: Chrissy Skurka [mailto:[REDACTED]@kwp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@morris.k12.nj.us>
Subject: [Internal Email] Holiday Shop

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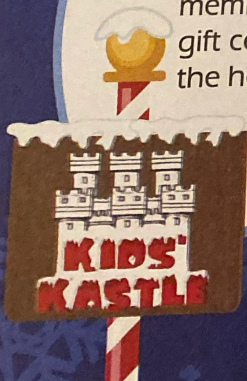
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From: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
Sent time: 12/07/2022 10:30:42 AM
To: vpotaapta@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Re: holiday shop

Thanks for the update

Kindest regards,

Patricia J, Dinsmore
Principal
Oak Tree School

From: Melissa Storey <vpotaapta@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
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Subject: [External Email]Holiday Shop
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From: Chrissy Sklarke [mailto:chrissy.sklarke@morris.k12.nj.us]
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To: Patricia Dismore [mailto:Patricia.Dismore@morris.k12.nj.us]
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Thank you Mrs Dismore:

On Dec 6, 2022, at 1:45 PM, Patricia Dismore <Patricia.Dismore@morris.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Hi Chrissy,
The holiday shop is being run by the PTA. I believe the flyers were generated by the company (Kastle Kreative) so it is a standard letter. To my knowledge there are not grandparent volunteers. There is shopping both tomorrow night and Thursday in the school. I am requesting a lot of the volunteers from the PTA. You may always come into the building. I believe Mr. Quilor will be visiting the holiday shop at 2:25 on December 8. I hope you find this response helpful.

Patty Dismore

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From: Chrissy Sklarke [mailto:chrissy.sklarke@morris.k12.nj.us]
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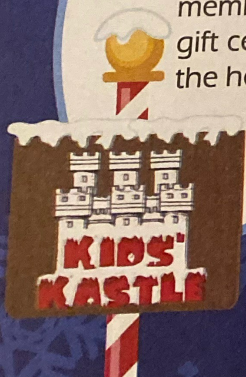
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Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Re: holiday shop

The tables are set up but I don't see much merchandise

From: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
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To: Chrissy Skurbe <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
BCc: patricia.dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: [External Email]Re: Parent Teacher Association

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Sent time: 10/08/2022 12:01:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Subject: Automatic reply: [External Email]Re: Trunk or Treat volunteers

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From: Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us
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Sent time: 10/08/2022 12:01:39 PM
To: Chrissy Skurbe <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
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Hi Jen,

I agree with Chrissy's thoughts below. As a best practice, each committee should have a planning meeting so we can collaborate and share ideas on how the event should take place. While some may just want to show up the day of the event and volunteer (which is totally fine), there are others that want to be involved in the logistics to ensure the event is the best it could possibly be for children. I know in the past the expectation for the committee is just to volunteer their time the day of but this should be a collaborative and inclusive process.

The Trunk or Treat this year can be more than just the children going around in circles numerous times. We should also consider an ice cream truck and/or food truck in addition to Chrissy's ideas below.

I know you have been the chair for multiple years and are just following the same protocol as prior years, so just want to make sure you know we appreciate you getting the ball rolling on this.

I am happy to send out a "when is good" so we can align on calendars and schedule a Zoom call this week so we can ensure we plan the very best event for the kids.

Thank you!

Roshni

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Jennifer -

Just reaching out again. I am sure everyone is so busy and maybe you won't be having a planning meeting for the trunk or treat. I think it is great the PTA isn't charging the kids this year - considering there was \$34,000 left over last year.

A few thoughts I wanted to share to consider.

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2. Can we add some cool things for the kids after they trunk or treat. I had offered to arrange for a DJ before the committee was set up. I think it would be so much fun for the kids to have a dance party away from the parking lot after they walk through - this way they are not going to the same cars 20 times. Even if we do not do a DJ, could we have a sound system set up and play music and give out giveaways like glow-sticks etc. It would be fun to do a costume contest by grade as well - with the kids being the judges..... loudest clapping wins. Silly little prize that doesn't cost much but makes it fun and exciting for the kids.

3. Does the PTA still have the popcorn and cotton candy maker? The kids loved that years ago.

These are just a few ideas I came up with that I wanted to share. Halloween is so much fun.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Chrissy Skurbe
3rd Grade Mom

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That is great news!

Kindest Regards,

Patricia J. Dinsmore

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Trunk-or-Treat update:

We are setting up between 5-6, event 6-7, then clean up time. We have a snack sale planned and prizes for the best decorated cars. I have heard from various volunteers to help with all of this. Chrissy is taking care of music and glow sticks. Let me know how much the PTA should be reimbursing and if you need any help with this. As of over the weekend, we had 20 trunks volunteered. Keep spreading the word! Looking forward to a fun event!

On Oct 18, 2022, at 9:18 AM, Chrissy Skurbe <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Aimee -

My apologizes for not being able to help tomorrow at the Oak Tree snack sale. I have to be at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Can someone confirm what is taking place Friday night for trunk or treat? The committee never met to plan the event.

Thanks.

Have a great day.

Chrissy

On Oct 18, 2022, at 8:09 AM, Aimee Benner <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hey everyone,

I'm loving all of this effort for this one event. It's so exciting to see the help of volunteers for the pta. I do want to mention that we still need at least 4 or more volunteers for Wednesday and Friday half day snack sale at oak tree and Applegarth pizza sale on Friday. So far I only have 2 volunteers for

Friday at both oak tree and Applegarth and none for Wednesday. Let me know who is available to help. I would need help on Wednesday from 9:30-11:30am and Friday same times at oak tree. For Applegarth I need volunteers 11:30-12:15 at

Thanks

Aimee Benner

On Oct 12, 2022, at 8:44 AM, Roshni Shah <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Melissa - my apologies for inadvertently adding the incorrect email address.

Please understand this is the first year chairs have reached out to members and created a committee. You have asked the PTA members to "give you a chance" and "time to get up to speed in your new role". I certainly hope you extend that same courtesy to PTA members that have never been part of a committee. Perhaps you should consider creating a Roles and Responsibilities document that outlines what a chairperson is responsible for. My understanding is that the chairperson is the liaison between the principal and the committee and also the person that facilitates communication within the committee to ensure that tasks are delegated appropriately. We have requested but were not granted a planning meeting so perhaps you should clarify from the NJ PTA what the expectation is. I was under the impression the committee makes decisions together to plan the event.

There is no vendor contract - no portion of the sales would go to the PTA, but they have agreed to come without a minimum, similar to how they would visit a neighborhood. I agree with you, an Ice Cream truck is "not necessary". To that end, neither is a snack sale or a Trunk or Treat. The point is, many of us have seen gaps from last year's event and have been brainstorming ways to make it better. It's clear that our ideas are not wanted and the only people losing out are the kids.

On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 8:52 PM Melissa Storey <[REDACTED]@optonline.net> wrote:

I'm sorry, first this is my personal email account, which is being deleted so please use my pta email to contact about pta events. Second, this is a PTA sponsored event, after school so the chair person and pta board need to approve any vendors entering the event.

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As of now we have 7 cars that plan to come and decorate their car and hand out candy. Since this is a trunk or treat event we need more people to decorate a car not sell ice cream.

Melissa

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I spoke with Mrs. Graziano before she responded. We both agreed.

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On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 4:18 PM Dawn Graziano <Dawn.Graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

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I assume all the logistics are covered (class order/communication to teachers, delivery of pizza, etc.). Please let me know if you need anything else.

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I'm sorry, first this is my personal email account, which is being deleted so please use my pta email to contact about pta events. Second, this is a PTA sponsored event, after school so the chair person and pta board need to approve any vendors entering the event.

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As of now we have 7 cars that plan to come and decorate their car and hand out candy. Since this is a trunk or treat event we need more people to decorate a car not sell ice cream.

Melissa

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 11, 2022, at 5:06 PM, Roshni Shah <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Mrs. Dinsmore! Appreciate both of you being open to this. I think the kids will love it!

@Melissa any concerns from a PTA perspective? Can you confirm we can secure the ice cream truck?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 11, 2022, at 4:34 PM, Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

I spoke with Mrs. Graziano before she responded. We both agreed.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Roshni Shah <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
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Thanks Mrs. Graziano! Appreciate the super quick response :) I will let Mrs. Dinsmore and Melissa weigh in as well. Goldy's is holding a spot for us and I don't want to lose it!

Best,
Roshni

On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 4:18 PM Dawn Graziano <Dawn.Graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

No problem on my end, Mrs. Shah, as long as the PTA approves. Thank you for arranging this at no charge!

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Can you also address the Facebook page please. Why was I blocked.

Thank you

Chrissy Skurbe
3rd Grade Parent

> On Sep 19, 2022, at 4:09 PM, Melissa Storey wrote:
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Great thank you.

I look forward to hearing back about volunteering at back to school night and if you'd like to maybe do something fun for the meeting.

On Sep 16, 2022, at 3:46 PM, Melissa Storey <vpotaapta@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Patty.

You can use this new link instead of PayPal and your information will be put directly into the state MemberHub and you can pay there directly.

On Fri, Sep 16, 2022 at 3:43 PM Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:
<https://ota.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

Kindest Regards,

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Hi Melissa -

There was no link. I saved the screenshot of the page. Can you email me the link- I will gladly pay as I have always done each year.

As next week is Back to School Night, I'd love to offer my help that night. I saw that the PTA is handing out water - was a little confused to see that as I thought the MTEA was doing it but happy to help in any way. I know it's a busy night selling stuff for the parents to buy for their child's desk as a surprise the next day so I'm more than willing

to participate.

A lot of parents I've spoken to don't know there's a meeting next week and what's taking place as far as voting on a budget and committees.

I'd love to see a great showing at the meeting as we know that studies show parents who are involved have students who succeed. To that end, I'd like to offer to donate something that you can advertise as a free raffle. Maybe send home an announcement saying come to the PTA meeting and everyone who attends will get a free ticket to enter to win whatever it is that you decide you would want to give away. I am open to donating a few hundred dollars that. I think it will get parents excited to come out and join. Back in the day we used to have raffles at almost every meeting and parents love coming out and maybe winning a little something and it was just a happy fun collaboration of ideas and parents getting together to do good things for kids. I'd really like to see our PTA grow back to its full potential.

Have a great weekend!

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> Hello,

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> Thank You,

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I am not sure that person is the right person

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This is absurd. Do you think we should involve Chari? Maybe she can talk to Chrissy? The tone of the PTA representative is definitely going to set her off, in my opinion.

From: Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Dawn Graziano <Dawn.Graziano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Pam Amendola <Pam.Amendola@monroe.k12.nj.us>
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Good morning -

I am sure it is a lot of work to get up to speed on everything. A good place to start is the Standing Rules. I am more than happy to sit down with you also and share all of my knowledge from founding and then running the PTA for 6 years. What I do remember from the Oak Tree Standing Rules was that the President did select the chairs for the committees. It is correct that that general members must approve the budget but the committee chairs are at the discretion of the President - unless you voted previously to change that. It would be helpful if you could send a copy of the standing rules to me so I can see what has changed in the last few years, if anything at all.

Maybe Lisa can help weigh in on the best way to approach this as there are events in less than a month that parents want to run and organize.

Also, in case you are not aware, Applegarth is advertising dates already for the Trunk or Treat. A parent sent me a copy of the Principals newsletter and asked if that was the date since we had proposed a different date to you. I said I knew nothing about it being earlier in Oct but I do not understand how they could be giving out dates to parents if as you said, no committees were formed yet. I took a look online today and there isn't even building use approved for a trunk or treat in the community use calendar. In fact, there is already an event approved at Oak Tree School in the parking lot for k-3 students only on the date that Applegarth is saying there is a Trunk or Treat. It is very confusing to the parents at both schools. Applegarth is already advertising dates for a PTA Book Fair - which is great that we are having it, but it begs the question as to what is going on. The optic is not very good as it looks like this is the same thing going on as the last several years and I am sure you do not want that. Myself and many other parents are here to help make this the best year possible.

Again, I am happy to take the lead and Chair the trunk or treat with the understanding that I can not spend any money until the budget is approved. I would like to get planning though so we do not lose opportunities for donations that some of us would like to secure.

All the best,

Chrissy Skurbe
Parent of 3rd grade Oak Tree Student

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Good morning,

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Subject: Re: Pre-Order Your Yearbook for a Discount

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All the best

Chrissy Skurbe
3rd Grade Tree Parent

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Follow the directions on the attached flyer to order your book (you can customize it later!).

We're looking forward to a year full of great memories - and capturing them in the yearbook! If you have trouble, you can contact TreeRing at support@treering.com or 877-755-8733, or contact me directly.

Thank you for your support,

Jen Hellstern

Yearbook Advisor

otaememorybook@gmail.com

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I believe this is the new form. I will verify the QR code in the morning.

Kindest Regards,

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Thanks Patty

I guess the question was why use an old form. The pta should have a new form.

On Sep 13, 2022, at 5:17 PM, Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

When I went on to the website and clicked on the member ship link, the correct form came up.

https://www.otaapta.com/_files/ugd/155f97_6dfe8f6e1bda4da28d5fb1ead3cf5209.pdf

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Have a great night!
Chrissy

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 04:23:56 PM EDT, Patricia Dinsmore <patricia.dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Hi Chrissy,

Hope all is well as we begin a new year! Yes, I am handling the room parents and a Connect 5 should be going out today and 2-3x in the next week. Information about joining the PTA is on our Oak Tree At a Glance which has been shared with parents in numerous ways (Connect 5, packets mailed home, etc...), on the PTA website/Facebook page, given out at Kindergarten Orientation, and will also be shared at Back To School Night. I believe the PTA will also have a table at that event. I am doing a full recruiting of staff here at Oak Tree to join. Mrs. Graziano and I are meeting with Mrs. Storey tomorrow to discuss future communication and events. We had discussed October 14 for the Trunk or Treat when we met before school started, but the MTEA put in for a Movie Night for the same date. I am not sure what the new date will be at this moment. Have a nice evening.

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Can you please direct me to the information that Mrs. Storey said was sent out about joining the PTA. I am not clear how to join the PTA this year. Also, their website still has information about Room Parents - is the PTA handling that? Nothing came home about Room Parents yet.

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Parent of Oak Tree 3rd Grade Student

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The state's bylaws are available on their website and our standing rules are being reworked to abide by those new rules. This is in process now.

As I mentioned before a committee interest list is available online and we are working on making an electronic sign up so people who can not be at the meeting are still included in the committees they'd like to work with. Many of the committees are one time events, later in the year so members have time before those start. I assure you that everyone who wants to be involved will get the opportunity at one or more of the activities and events throughout the year.

This is all a process that has a lot of moving parts and requires more than just me therefore it is getting worked on by everyone as they are able so we will have answers to everyone's questions when we meet. Our new standing rules will also be addressed at the meeting as will committees and budgets.

Unfortunately we have not been able to get all officers and state available at the same time to appoint the new officers so that too is being worked on as I write this.

Dates were chosen with administrators, not by me, and I just became aware of another event being added on that same day. This is out of my control and unfortunate but our trunk or treat usually coincides with the book fair so parents can shop with their children for books if they'd like.

PTA forms have been available on the website for sign up and this info has gone out through the school emails. Paper forms were given out to kindergarten at the orientation and will be available at back to school night.

I'm sorry my responses don't seem to be answering your concerns but we are working hard to make sure all concerns can be addressed by our general meeting which is why we have invited the state representative to be there to help explain how it all works.

I really wish I had more information at this time but I don't so we can address these issues at our general meeting.

Thank you,

Melissa

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Hi again -

I am sorry to keep asking questions but why is a date out there for trunk or treat when there is already a different event only for Oak Tree students?

So if I am understanding correctly, the NJPTA set a new rule that a general membership vote needs to take place to assign committee chairs? Did that take place at the NJPTA convention? I must have missed that update from them. Can you forward the new NJ PTA bylaws? Also, can you send the standing rules and OT/AE Bylaws too - I am interested to see the changes.

Can you please walk me through the process that will take place at the meeting because I know parents can not attend but want to chair events. Will you be sending out a form for parents to list events they want to chair and then be voting on that list? Or are you mandating parents have to be present at the meeting in order to chair a committee? Will you provide a virtual link to the meeting if it is mandatory this way parents don't miss out on being a chair if they have a conflict that night? I am not sure if you know but the Sept 29th meeting is not in the building use approval calendar that is online.

If I could make a recommendation - maybe send home information as early as possible and reminders as well. Use social media too. No one knows anything that I have spoken to because the last PTA email was in the summer asking for people to send a letter to run for an open position. No one knows who was elected to those positions at the meeting you said was taking place early Sept. Normally PTA information comes home the first day of school. Nothing has come home yet and we are on week 2 of school.

Chrissy Skurbe

Parent of Oak Tree 3rd grader

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 10:22:48 AM EDT, Melissa Storey <vpotaepa@gmail.com> wrote:

Dates were set up with principals so calendars can be made and school use can be set up. That is all that has been done because committees are not formed yet. We have the date that scholastic is available and the school schedule allows for book fair however volunteers to run/work it have not been established because that will happen at our general meeting.

New state bylaws need to be abided by and as we have been working on aligning our rules with these state rules we have learned that now, committees are set up and they vote with board to decide who will chair an event. As I said, a lot has changed in the last year or two and the shut downs due to COVID had left us all a little behind fading we are working hard with Lisa and the other state officers to make sure we are following all new procedures.

Our general meeting should help everyone get up to speed on how the PTA will run this year. We are planning to have our state officers there as well to help explain all of the changes and procedures so everyone can feel comfortable that things are being done as they should be.

Thank you,

Melissa

On Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 10:10 AM Chrissy Skurbe <[\[REDACTED\]@yahoo.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Good morning -

I am sure it is a lot of work to get up to speed on everything. A good place to start is the Standing Rules. I am more than happy to sit down with you also and share all of my knowledge from founding and then running the PTA for 6 years. What I do remember from the Oak Tree Standing Rules was that the President did select the chairs for the committees. It is correct that that general members must approve the budget but the committee chairs are at the discretion of the President - unless you voted previously to change that. It would be helpful if you could send a copy of the standing rules to me so I can see what has changed in the last few years, if anything at all.

Maybe Lisa can help weigh in on the best way to approach this as there are events in less than a month that parents want to run and organize.

Also, in case you are not aware, Applegarth is advertising dates already for the Trunk or Treat. A parent sent me a copy of the Principals newsletter and asked if that was the date since we had proposed a different date to you. I said I knew nothing about it being earlier in Oct but I do not understand how they could be giving out dates to parents if as you said, no committees were formed yet. I took a look online today and there isn't even building use approved for a trunk or treat in the community use calendar. In fact, there is already an event approved at Oak Tree School in the parking lot for k-3 students only on the date that Applegarth is saying there is a Trunk or Treat. It is very confusing to the parents at both schools. Applegarth is already advertising dates for a PTA Book Fair - which is great that we are having it, but it begs the question as to what is going on. The optic is not very good as it looks like this is the same thing going on as the last several years and I am sure you do not want that. Myself and many other parents are here to help make this the best year possible.

Again, I am happy to take the lead and Chair the trunk or treat with the understanding that I can not spend any money until the budget is approved. I would like to get planning though so we do not lose opportunities for donations that some of us would like to secure.

All the best,

Chrissy Skurbe

Parent of 3rd grade Oak Tree Student

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Oops = sorry I meant pumpkin patch – kids loved it

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So if I am understanding correctly, the NJPTA set a new rule that a general membership vote needs to take place to assign committee chairs? Did that take place at the NJPTA convention? I must have missed that update from them. Can you forward the new NJ PTA bylaws? Also, can you send the standing rules and OT/AE Bylaws too - I am interested to see the changes.

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3rd Grade Tree Parent

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Thank you for your support,

Jen Hellstern

Yearbook Advisor

otaemorybook@gmail.com

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Sent time: 09/13/2022 05:13:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: [External Email]Fw: Following up again.....

Mrs. Amendola created the document. I will check with her in the morning. I was going to send it out Connect 5 again tomorrow but will double check everything before I do. I will also share this information with Mrs. Storey. I can send home a form with [REDACTED] if you like.

Kindest Regards,

Patricia J. Dinsmore

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Principal

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Hi Patty -

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Have a great night!
Chrissy

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 04:23:56 PM EDT, Patricia Dinsmore <patricia.dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Hi Chrissy,

Hope all is well as we begin a new year! Yes, I am handling the room parents and a Connect 5 should be going out today and 2-3x in the next week. Information about joining the PTA is on our Oak Tree At a Glance which has been shared with parents in numerous ways (Connect 5, packets mailed home, etc...), on the PTA website/Facebook page, given out at Kindergarten Orientation, and will also be shared at Back To School Night. I believe the PTA will also have a table at that event. I am doing a full recruiting of staff here at Oak Tree to join. Mrs. Graziano and I are meeting with Mrs. Storey tomorrow to discuss future communication and events. We had discussed October 14 for the Trunk or Treat when we met before school started, but the MTEA put in for a Movie Night for the same date. I am not sure what the new date will be at this moment. Have a nice evening.

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Hi Patty -

Can you please direct me to the information that Mrs. Storey said was sent out about joining the PTA. I am not clear how to join the PTA this year. Also, their website still has information about Room Parents - is the PTA handling that? Nothing came home about Room Parents yet.

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Subject: Re: Following up again.....

The state's bylaws are available on their website and our standing rules are being reworked to abide by those new rules. This is in process now.

As I mentioned before a committee interest list is available online and we are working on making an electronic sign up so people who can not be at the meeting are still included in the committees they'd like to work with. Many of the committees are one time events, later in the year so members have time before those start. I assure you that everyone who wants to be involved will get the opportunity at one or more of the activities and events throughout the year.

This is all a process that has a lot of moving parts and requires more than just me therefore it is getting worked on by everyone as they are able so we will have answers to everyone's questions when we meet. Our new standing rules will also be addressed at the meeting as will committees and budgets.

Unfortunately we have not been able to get all officers and state available at the same time to appoint the new officers so that too is being worked on as I write this.

Dates were chosen with administrators, not by me, and I just became aware of another event being added on that same day. This is out of my control and unfortunate but our trunk or treat usually coincides with the book fair so parents can shop with their children for books if they'd like.

PTA forms have been available on the website for sign up and this info has gone out through the school emails. Paper forms were given out to kindergarten at the orientation and will be available at back to school night.

I'm sorry my responses don't seem to be answering your concerns but we are working hard to make sure all concerns can be addressed by our general meeting which is why we have invited the state representative to be there to help explain how it all works.

I really wish I had more information at this time but I don't so we can address these issues at our general meeting.

Thank you,

Melissa

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I am sorry to keep asking questions but why is a date out there for trunk or treat when there is already a different event only for Oak Tree students?

So if I am understanding correctly, the NJPTA set a new rule that a general membership vote needs to take place to assign committee chairs? Did that take place at the NJPTA convention? I must have missed that update from them. Can you forward the new NJ PTA bylaws? Also, can you send the standing rules and OT/AE Bylaws too - I am interested to see the changes.

Can you please walk me through the process that will take place at the meeting because I know parents can not attend but want to chair events. Will you be sending out a form for parents to list events they want to chair and then be voting on that list? Or are you mandating parents have to be present at the meeting in order to chair a committee? Will you provide a virtual link to the meeting if it is mandatory this way parents don't miss out on being a chair if they have a conflict that night? I am not sure if you know but the Sept 29th meeting is not in the building use approval calendar that is online.

If I could make a recommendation - maybe send home information as early as possible and reminders as well. Use social media too. No one knows anything that I have spoken to because the last PTA email was in the summer asking for people to send a letter to run for an open position. No one knows who was elected to those positions at the meeting you said was taking place early Sept. Normally PTA information comes home the first day of school. Nothing has come home yet and we are on week 2 of school.

Chrissy Skurbe

Parent of Oak Tree 3rd grader

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Dates were set up with principals so calendars can be made and school use can be set up. That is all that has been done because committees are not formed yet. We have the date that scholastic is available and the school schedule allows for book fair however volunteers to run/work it have not been established because that will happen at our general meeting.

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Our general meeting should help everyone get up to speed on how the PTA will run this year. We are planning to have our state officers there as well to help explain all of the changes and procedures so everyone can feel comfortable that things are being done as they should be.

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On Sep 13, 2022, at 5:26 PM, Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

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On Sep 13, 2022, at 5:17 PM, Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

When I went on to the website and clicked on the member ship link, the correct form came up.

https://www.otaepta.com/_files/ugd/155f97_6dfe8f6e1bda4da28d5fb1ead3cf5209.pdf

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Have a great night!
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Hope all is well as we begin a new year! Yes, I am handling the room parents and a Connect 5 should be going out today and 2-3x in the next week. Information about joining the PTA is on our Oak Tree At a Glance which has been shared with parents in numerous ways (Connect 5, packets mailed home, etc...), on the PTA website/Facebook page, given out at Kindergarten Orientation, and will also be shared at Back To School Night. I believe the PTA will also have a table at that event. I am doing a full recruiting of staff here at Oak Tree to join. Mrs. Graziano and I are meeting with Mrs. Storey tomorrow to discuss future communication and events. We had discussed October 14 for the Trunk or Treat when we met before school started, but the MTEA put in for a Movie Night for the same date. I am not sure what the new date will be at this moment. Have a nice evening.

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The state's bylaws are available on their website and our standing rules are being reworked to abide by those new rules. This is in process now.

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Unfortunately we have not been able to get all officers and state available at the same time to appoint the new officers so that too is being worked on as I write this.

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Kids First!

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Subject: Re: Pre-Order Your Yearbook for a Discount

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3rd Grade Tree Parent

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Sent time: 09/13/2022 04:23:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External Email]Fw: Following up again.....
Attachments: 2022-2023 OT at a glance.pdf

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Kindest Regards,

Patricia J. Dinsmore

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Thank you for your support,

Jen Hellstern

Yearbook Advisor

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I am sorry to keep asking questions but why is a date out there for trunk or treat when there is already a different event only for Oak Tree students?

So if I am understanding correctly, the NJPTA set a new rule that a general membership vote needs to take place to assign committee chairs? Did that take place at the NJPTA convention? I must have missed that update from them. Can you forward the new NJ PTA bylaws? Also, can you send the standing rules and OT/AE Bylaws too - I am interested to see the changes.

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If I could make a recommendation - maybe send home information as early as possible and reminders as well. Use social media too. No one knows anything that I have spoken to because the last PTA email was in the summer asking for people to send a letter to run for an open position. No one knows who was elected to those positions at the meeting you said was taking place early Sept. Normally PTA information comes home the first day of school. Nothing has come home yet and we are on week 2 of school.

Chrissy Skurbe

Parent of Oak Tree 3rd grader

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 10:22:48 AM EDT, Melissa Storey <vpotaeppta@gmail.com> wrote:

Dates were set up with principals so calendars can be made and school use can be set up. That is all that has been done because committees are not formed yet. We have the date that scholastic is available and the school schedule allows for book fair however volunteers to run/work it have not been established because that will happen at our general meeting.

New state bylaws need to be abided by and as we have been working on aligning our rules with these state rules we have learned that now, committees are set up and they vote with board to decide who will chair an event. As I said, a lot has changed in the last year or two and the shut downs due to COVID had left us all a little behind fading we are working hard with Lisa and the other state officers to make sure we are following all new procedures.

Our general meeting should help everyone get up to speed on how the PTA will run this year. We are planning to have our state officers there as well to help explain all of the changes and procedures so everyone can feel comfortable that things are being done as they should be.

Thank you,

Melissa

On Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 10:10 AM Chrissy Skurbe <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good morning -

I am sure it is a lot of work to get up to speed on everything. A good place to start is the Standing Rules. I am more than happy to sit down with you also and share all of my knowledge from founding and then running the PTA for 6 years. What I do remember from the Oak Tree Standing Rules was that the President did select the chairs for the committees. It is correct that that general members must approve the budget but the committee chairs are at the discretion of the President - unless you voted previously to change that. It would be helpful if you could send a copy of the standing rules to me so I can see what has changed in the last few years, if anything at all.

Maybe Lisa can help weigh in on the best way to approach this as there are events in less than a month that parents want to run and organize.

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Again, I am happy to take the lead and Chair the trunk or treat with the understanding that I can not spend any money until the budget is approved. I would like to get planning though so we do not lose opportunities for donations that some of us would like to secure.

All the best,

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Parent of 3rd grade Oak Tree Student

On Sep 13, 2022, at 7:23 AM, Melissa Storey <vpotaapta@gmail.com> wrote:

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3rd Grade Parent at Oak Tree School.

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Kids First!

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A message from OAK TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Teachers,

From all of us at the PTA, we want to welcome everyone back to school!
We are already working on collecting memories for the Oak Tree/Applegarth 2022-2023 yearbook. **If you purchase your yearbook during the month of September, you will receive a 10% discount!** Additionally, TreeRing has given us a promotional discount (this year only) reducing our price to only \$35 (including tax and ship to home).

Our book is hardcover, full color, and 160+ pages (including 2 free custom pages). Some highlights about the yearbook are:

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[Order Your Book Here](#)

Please be careful to order the 2022-2023 yearbook, as past year's books are available for purchase.

Follow the directions on the attached flyer to order your book (you can customize it later!).

We're looking forward to a year full of great memories - and capturing them in the yearbook! If you have trouble, you can contact TreeRing at support@treering.com or 877-755-8733, or contact me directly.

Thank you for your support,

Jen Hellstern

Yearbook Advisor

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Additionally, can you please share when the first meeting of the PTA will be? I would imagine that is the meeting where you will present the budget and vote on what committees you will actually have this year.

All the best

Chrissy Skurbe

3rd Grade Tree Parent

Begin forwarded message:

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<email@blackboard.com>
Date: September 8, 2022 at 12:01:02 PM EDT
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Subject: Pre-Order Your Yearbook for a Discount
Reply-To: email@blackboard.com

A message from OAK TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Teachers,

From all of us at the PTA, we want to welcome everyone back to school! We are already working on collecting memories for the Oak Tree/Applegarth 2022-2023 yearbook. **If you purchase your yearbook during the month of September, you will receive a 10% discount!** Additionally, TreeRing has given us a promotional discount (this year only) reducing our price to only \$35 (including tax and ship to home).

Our book is hardcover, full color, and 160+ pages (including 2 free custom pages). Some highlights about the yearbook are:

- **2022-2023 Theme:** [This Year was "Out of this World"](#)
- **Custom Pages:** Every student gets a one-of-a-kind printed copy of the yearbook, containing two free pages that can be customized with personal photos (printed only in their book). Boosters will also be available for purchase and now will be customizable with pictures, fonts, and more!
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Please be careful to order the 2022-2023 yearbook, as past year's books are available for purchase.

Follow the directions on the attached flyer to order your book (you can customize it later!).

We're looking forward to a year full of great memories - and capturing them in the yearbook! If you have trouble, you can contact TreeRing at support@treering.com or 877-755-8733, or contact me directly.

Thank you for your support,

Jen Hellstern

Yearbook Advisor

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It is alarming the obsession of few people over the funds we have in the account which is by the way all accounted for. The pandemic robbed us of doing events and activities for the students but we raised funds minimally for the benefit of students. I do not recall any of these parents who have complained to step up and do the minimum during the pandemic yet they question the balance we carry.

When lies are fed and believed, it is wise to bow out.

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A letter stating that all the signatories will be off the account will be sent to all of you.

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These concerns are not just with volunteers/parents. Many who work in the district have stepped away from helping, or speaking out, because of the hostile undercurrent of abuse that happens behind closed doors with phone calls and emails. They are worried about being slandered. Concerned about retribution towards themselves, their families, and their livelihoods. All because they want to volunteer and do things for their children. PTA Members are being emailed (w/district officials cc'd) on private emails in regard to volunteering and our PTA. It's like they are trying to intimidate known district employees by cc'ing their boss(es), their superintendent, and the BoE. While the BoE vote on their contracts. This is a gross misuse of authority and power, where a superintendent and president of the BoE can intervene and interfere with a separate non-profit organization. They are telling district employees, like school administrators, to 'Fix this PTA problem now' and to essentially 'handle it'. What happens if they don't handle it?

Like other district employees, they can't speak out against what their boss is telling them to do. No one wants to lose their jobs. They are all afraid. Tenure means nothing here in Monroe. They are being strong-armed to do & say, what they are being told. It's a given, and we all know they can be reprimanded if they don't do what they are told by their superiors, or by those who vote on their contracts. It's also concerning as an organization that parents who are friendly with these two on the top are being allowed to do events that puts the district at risk for fines. People look the other way when they break protocol, or cause a security issue. Things like this would never be entertained if it were other parents without connections to their bosses. The narrative being pushed out just isn't even remotely true. Yet, no one can speak out honestly.

After our Dec. 2nd meeting it was clear that no matter what, it wasn't about the kids anymore. Or even about preserving the organization anymore. It was just abuse of power, lies, petty politics and personal vendettas. We all give so much of our hearts to our students, staff and community. But frankly, it's just not worth the abuse anymore.

Our own children are begging us to walk away, because they see the mistreatment and bullying. They get dirty looks. They see that no one ever does anything to stop it. 'See something, say something doesn't apply here.' THEY are subjected to the harassment by grown adults. Adults who should model good behavior. Even the younger ones are not immune to the mistreatment. BoE member Chrissy Skurbe yells "Trash" at you and your young child while walking with another BoE member, Adi Nitinsky, and you have to ignore and push on because you're a volunteer working a PTA event and you have 200 other children to support and keep safe. Then your child wants to know why these grown ups are allowed to continuously misbehave. Especially since these are the same people who make decisions about education, contracts, handle all the HIB's and create policies for the district to enforce with others. Yet, they are immune. They will also be the ones who will smile when the camera's on them and shake hands with your child, hand out awards while posing for pictures.

In closing, I want to personally thank the officers who have dedicated time to this organization over the years. We've seen you give more hours a week than a full time job to our little community. You are seen and appreciated. Even when the narrative is loud and untrue, know that people see the good that is being done and how it's helping our students. Fun fact-Narcissist will always deflect and gaslight. Stay above it.

Thank you to those who are considering staying on and will try to save this organization from disbanding. I apologize that the toxicity is allowed to persist. I pray that you can weather this storm, and if you can't, we understand. No one should have to tolerate this type of abuse, let alone as a VOLUNTEER. We know it's all uphill battle from here and it won't be an easy task. We will support you no matter what.

Lastly, this organization was founded for the kids.

Read that again.

For-The-Kids.

So, for the sake of my children and the children the PTA represents; I regretfully resign. I ask that someone steps up and actually puts the KIDS first.

Christine Lester

"When a toxic person can no longer control you, they will try to control how others see you. The misinformation will feel unfair, but stay above it, trusting that the other people will eventually see the truth, just like you did." - Jill Blakeway

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Thank you,
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Mona -

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Kids First!

Lisa

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Jenan -

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Kids First!

Lisa

On Fri, Dec 16, 2022 at 8:13 PM Jenan Grant <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

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Melissa -

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To: Kristine.Christie@monroe.k12.nj.us
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Patty Dinsmore

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Thanks.

Kristine Christie

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These concerns are not just with volunteers/parents. Many who work in the district have stepped away from helping, or speaking out, because of the hostile undercurrent of abuse that happens behind closed doors with phone calls and emails. They are worried about being slandered. Concerned about retribution towards themselves, their families, and their livelihoods. All because they want to volunteer and do things for their children. PTA Members are being emailed (w/district officials cc'd) on private emails in regard to volunteering and our PTA. It's like they are trying to intimidate known district employees by cc'ing their boss(es), their superintendent, and the BoE. While the BoE vote on their contracts. This is a gross misuse of authority and power, where a superintendent and president of the BoE can intervene and interfere with a separate non-profit organization. They are telling district employees, like school administrators, to 'Fix this PTA problem now' and to essentially 'handle it'. What happens if they don't handle

it?

Like other district employees, they can't speak out against what their boss is telling them to do. No one wants to lose their jobs. They are all afraid. Tenure means nothing here in Monroe. They are being strong-armed to do & say, what they are being told. It's a given, and we all know they can be reprimanded if they don't do what they are told by their superiors, or by those who vote on their contracts. It's also concerning as an organization that parents who are friendly with these two on the top are being allowed to do events that puts the district at risk for fines. People look the other way when they break protocol, or cause a security issue. Things like this would never be entertained if it were other parents without connections to their bosses. The narrative being pushed out just isn't even remotely true. Yet, no one can speak out honestly.

After our Dec. 2nd meeting it was clear that no matter what, it wasn't about the kids anymore. Or even about preserving the organization anymore. It was just abuse of power, lies, petty politics and personal vendettas. We all give so much of our hearts to our students, staff and community. But frankly, it's just not worth the abuse anymore.

Our own children are begging us to walk away, because they see the mistreatment and bullying. They get dirty looks. They see that no one ever does anything to stop it. 'See something, say something doesn't apply here.' THEY are subjected to the harassment by grown adults. Adults who should model good behavior. Even the younger ones are not immune to the mistreatment. BoE member Chrissy Skurbe yells "Trash" at you and your young child while walking with another BoE member, Adi Nitinsky, and you have to ignore and push on because you're a volunteer working a PTA event and you have 200 other children to support and keep safe. Then your child wants to know why these grown ups are allowed to continuously misbehave. Especially since these are the same people who make decisions about education, contracts, handle all the HIB's and create policies for the district to enforce with others. Yet, they are immune. They will also be the ones who will smile when the camera's on them and shake hands with your child, hand out awards while posing for pictures.

In closing, I want to personally thank the officers who have dedicated time to this organization over the years. We've seen you give more hours a week than a full time job to our little community. You are seen and appreciated. Even when the narrative is loud and untrue, know that people see the good that is being done and how it's helping our students. Fun fact-Narcissist will always deflect and gaslight. Stay above it.

Thank you to those who are considering staying on and will try to save this organization from disbanding. I apologize that the toxicity is allowed to persist. I pray that you can weather this storm, and if you can't, we understand. No one should have to tolerate this type of abuse, let alone as a VOLUNTEER. We know it's all uphill battle from here and it won't be an easy task. We will support you no matter what.

Lastly, this organization was founded for the kids.

Read that again.

For-The-Kids.

So, for the sake of my children and the children the PTA represents; I regretfully resign. I ask that someone steps up and actually puts the KIDS first.

Christine Lester

"When a toxic person can no longer control you, they will try to control how others see you. The misinformation will feel unfair, but stay above it, trusting that the other people will eventually see the truth, just like you did." - Jill Blakeway

PS- We were also told this morning at 8:27am that if we were resigning, to do so before 5:00pm. I would just remind you that we are all unpaid volunteers trying to balance work, children and volunteering- during the holiday season. All the while trying to complete PTA duties and obligations, so the children/staff do not suffer with our resignation. I suspect my resignation still works after 5pm.