



# PAINT THE OTTER ROCKS!



Help support OPE with its newest fundraiser!

The Otter Rocks are a great way to send a message for all to see! For a reservation of \$30 per day, you can congratulate your favorite student, wish them a happy birthday (or happy "half" birthday), show appreciation to your favorite teacher or staff member, or let everyone know how much you love Ocean Palms Elementary School!

## **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

All reservations are made online via SignUp Genius link. *Please select carefully as we have two rocks available - one at the Bus Loop and one at the Car Loop.* Some school dates are not listed as the rocks will be decorated for school events. Payment can be made through SignUp Genius or by sending in a check to Ocean Palms Elementary PTO. Please keep in mind that your date is not confirmed unless we have received your payment.

Reservations are processed on a first come, first served basis. The earlier you make your reservation, the more likely you are to secure your desired date(s). Additionally, remember that there are approximately 180 school days per year, and that OPE has over 470 students registered. Please understand if the date you requested is unavailable.

## **HOW MANY TIMES CAN I SIGN UP?**

Any individual, team, or event may be the subject of an Otter Rock for a limit of three days (in succession or not in succession) per calendar month. Anyone not abiding by this rule will have their reservation cancelled and their payment refunded (less the SignUp Genius fees).

## **HOW SOON CAN I PAINT THE ROCKS?**

You may start painting your designated rock at 3:30 p.m. on the day before your reserved date(s). For example, if you reserved the rock for a Tuesday, you may start painting at 3:30 p.m. on Monday. You will need to paint the rock between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. the day prior to your reservation. Rocks reserved for Monday should be painted the prior Friday between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

## **ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON DECORATIONS?**

What is painted on an Otter Rock MUST be in good taste and MAY NOT contain any foul language, discriminatory, religious, and/or political statements/symbols. Profanity and obscenities are not permitted. You may only promote a business if they are a Corporate Partner with OPE.

Character Counts here in St. Johns County. All messages should be affirming! Designs should have a caring and nurturing message. All wording and symbols must be positive.

The rocks run on the honor system, with the hope that everyone will respect these guidelines.

### **WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED TO PAINT THE ROCK?**

Suggested supplies include latex paint (exterior) - one to two quarts for the background color; a "rough" roller to cover the background; a secondary paint color (exterior) for coloring the wording/symbols (see update below); and small (1") brushes or sponges for lettering. Painting tip: Bring a piece of chalk to write any letters/words before painting!

***UPDATE! An Otter Rock Borrow Bin is now located in the front office with small cans of paint for letters and accents, as well as a drop cloth. Paint colors are limited! Help yourself to what's in the bin or feel free to donate any leftover paint you may have for the next person. You will still need to bring 1 quart of paint to for the background and your own brushes. All brushes will need to be washed at home.***

Families, groups or organizations must furnish their own labor, paint and supplies to paint a rock. NO SPRAY PAINT IS ALLOWED ON CAMPUS PER ADMINISTRATION. Please use only "standard" latex or water-based paint on the rock...no puffy paint, no glue, no chemicals, no oil-based paint, etc. You will be painting over the previous day's message when it is your turn, so make sure your paint will provide good coverage.

ONLY the rock can be painted. Painting on sidewalks, lamp posts or buildings is prohibited. Any damage or destruction to the surrounding areas or buildings will deem the family, group or organization financially responsible for cleaning and repair costs. This means that ALL PAINT SUPPLIES MUST STAY NEAR THE OTTER ROCKS. We recommend using plastic drop cloths to protect the mulch, stones, driveway and curb while you are painting.

Bring a large trash bag to take home all items/supplies after the painting is complete. You will not have access to water on site to rinse off brushes/rollers. You will need to properly discard all painting supplies at home and not on school grounds. Used paint cans are not to be placed in campus trash bins or dumpsters. Please dispose of paint cans properly off campus.

### **WHAT IF IT'S RAINING WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PAINT?**

In the event of inclement weather, plan on painting with an umbrella in your

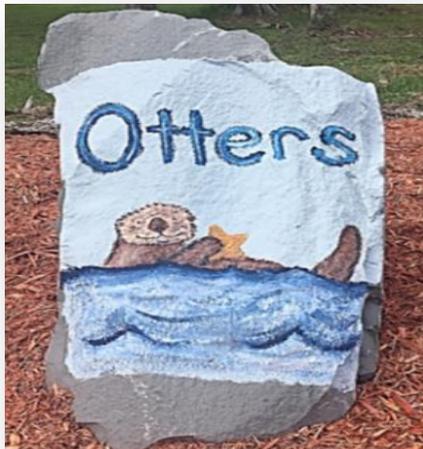
hand. There will be no refunds, even due to the weather. If you are unable to paint the rock on schedule according to your reservation (due to a conflict in your schedule, or forgetfulness, etc.), please try to trade with another family at the school. The PTO will not give refunds on rock reservations. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **SHOW OFF YOUR ARTWORK!**

Make sure to email a picture of your painted rock art to [shmorse@yahoo.com](mailto:shmorse@yahoo.com). Your photo will be added to our "Rock Collection" gallery, and it may become one of our featured rocks! ***By emailing a photo that includes children, parents must understand that they are giving their permission for the photo to be posted on the PTO website and/or on social media sites.***

We look forward to seeing all the creative Otter Rock decorating, and we thank you for your support of the OPE PTO!

For any questions, please email Stephanie Marciani at [shmorse@yahoo.com](mailto:shmorse@yahoo.com).



***Bus Loop Otter Rock***



***Car Loop Otter Rock***