



# Ocean Palms Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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Dear Ocean Palms Families,

On behalf of the Ocean Palms Elementary (OPE) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! My name is Chris Chaney, and it is my pleasure to serve as your PTO President. I am a strong believer in the success of our school being the result of parent, teacher and community involvement.

This school year we will all work hard to accomplish our three-fold mission of:

1. Enhancing the educational environment through volunteer and financial resources,
2. Promoting communication between school administration, staff, parents, and students, and
3. Fostering pride in OPE throughout the community.

And...

That is the long way of saying we are all working to make this the best school anywhere.

During this school year we will host Fall and Spring Family Nights, Book Fairs and many more fun community events. We will also be raising funds through Box Tops for Education, The Otter Run, a spring parent's night out event, and the sale of OPE spirit gear. Those funds will be used to help fill in the gaps that the state budget may leave. Our goal is that every teacher and student benefits directly from the money that we raise. The blue communication folder that you received with your student's first day paperwork was paid for with those PTO funds. And if you have a fourth or fifth grader, his or her planner was purchased with PTO money as well. These are just two examples of how the PTO works for everyone who is a part of our school community.

This year we have an optimistic goal of raising enough money to do a major playground upgrade (estimated to be \$100,000+). We cannot reach this goal without the help of our community business partners and you! We encourage you to join us and our *Partners in Education* to achieve these goals by purchasing a PTO membership and/or volunteering time if you are able. Please visit our PTO website at [OPEPTO.com](http://OPEPTO.com) and check out and "like" our PTO Facebook page so you will always be up to speed on what's new at Ocean Palms.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our amazing school. Please consider showing your commitment to Ocean Palms Elementary by joining the PTO today.

Sincerely,

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