

**OWL WEEKLY EMAIL**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2015**

In an effort to increase communication with our students and families, we send a weekly email to all families on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings highlighting upcoming school events. This information will also be shared with students in Crew on Mondays.

**Thanks to everyone who attended the OWL Fall Family Gathering last Thursday at the Harriet Island Pavilion.** It was a great evening of friends, food and fun. Additionally, the Outward Bound Service Adventure Group raised \$2,500 toward their trip this coming spring. Thanks to everyone that contributed. And a big thank you to everyone that volunteered at the event.

**Extra Tamales from the Fall Family Gathering For Sale:**

If you would like to purchase some of the delicious tamales, there are bags of 10 tamales selling for \$25. Vegetable and Chicken available. Contact Theresa DelRosario at [delrosario.theresa@gmail.com](mailto:delrosario.theresa@gmail.com) or 612-327-0183. She will deliver to your child's Crew.

**After School Activities**

Our after school programming begins **Monday, October 12** and runs Monday – Thursday from 2 – 4 PM. A free snack is served to all students. Middle school students receive busing home and high school students receive Metro Transit tokens. Middle school students were given their class schedules and bus information on Friday. Questions or concerns: Call Tim 651-744-3981.

**Site Council EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING 101-- Tuesday, October 13 from 5:30 – 7 PM:** Come learn more about our social and emotional education program (Crew), how your student's

work is assessed (Standards-Based Grading), and how to check on your student's progress (Parent Portal and Teacher Websites).

**PTO Meeting—Tuesday, October 13 from 7 – 8:30 PM.**

The OWL PTO meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the kitchen classroom adjacent to the cafeteria. **Join us this Tuesday, October 13!** Items likely to be on the agenda include:

- a recap of the Fall Family Gathering
- discussion about the big push in the month leading up to Give to the Max Day on November 12 and our simultaneous direct appeal campaign
- options and schedule for Dining out for OWL
- principal's report
- your comments, questions, and ideas.

Hope to see you this Tuesday at 7 pm!"

**Coffee orders and payments are due by Wednesday, October**

**14.** Support OWL, a Saint Paul family-owned business, fair trade practices in Honduras, all while enjoying a good cup of Joe--win, win, win, win! A link to the order form is on the Open World Learning Community PTO group site on Facebook (that's the one with the red barn photo). You can pick up your order in the school office or have it delivered to your child's crew.

**✓ Turn in your order form & payment to the OWL office by Wednesday, October 14th**

**✓ Coffee will be delivered the week of October 19th**

**Honor Roll Certificates from 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2014-15** will be awarded to students at the October Community Meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 12:45 PM. By holding this event during the school day, instead of in the evening as we have in the past, all students are present and are celebrated by their peers.

**NO SCHOOL—Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16:**  
State Teacher Convention.

### **Open Education Abroad's Costa Rica Trip Spring Break 2016:**

The final informational meeting is on Tuesday, October 20th from 5:30-6:30. We will have our first group meeting for those committed to traveling on November 19th to discuss fundraising, passports, vaccinations, and other important issues.

### **Upcoming College Events:**

**PSAT:** Grade 11 will take the Preliminary SAT on Wednesday, October 14 at school.

**Visits from College Representatives:** Each year a number of representatives from colleges visit OWL during the school day to share information about their programs with our students. Here are the first ones scheduled:

The Evergreen State College (Olympia, WA) October 19

**National College Fair:** Students in grades 11-12 will attend this event with booths from hundreds of colleges at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Wednesday, October 21 during the school day. There are also evening hours for families who would like to attend.

**OWL College Knowledge Night is Wednesday, October 21 @ 5:30 PM:** Come find out more about the college application and admission process. More information to follow.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT OWL:**

Throughout the year there are many ways large and small to support OWL. The PTO will keep you posted as different activities and opportunities come up. Here are a couple of ongoing programs

that will donate a portion of the money you may already be spending directly to OWL:

**AmazonSmile:** Choose "Saint Paul Open School Pto / Owl Pto" as your charity of choice, and 0.5% of your purchase goes directly to OWL. For more information, visit <http://smile.amazon.com/>

**General Mills Box Tops for Education:** General Mills "Box Tops for Education" can be found on a wide variety of items (including Huggies products, Cottonelle products, many Betty Crocker and Pillsbury products, numerous brands of cereal, Yoplait yogurt, and Juicy Juice.) Ten tops=\$1.00 for OWL. Simply clip the Box Tops cleanly along the dotted lines, being careful not to cut off the expiration date, and bring them to OWL--we'll take it from there.

**Campbell's Labels for Education:** Just like the Box Tops program--collect Campbell's Labels For Education and OWL can redeem them for educational resources. Campbell's soups, Pepperidge Farms products including Goldfish crackers, V-8 beverages, Spaghettios, and other products are eligible.

**Target Take Charge of Education:** If you have a Target card consider this program--Target donates an amount equal to 1% of Target Visa and Target Card purchases made at Target and Target.com, and ½% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere to the school of your choice. To enroll, visit: <https://wwwsecure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>.

Thank you for supporting OWL!

**Don't Miss the new Radio Documentary on Expeditionary**

**Learning:** In case you missed it, American Radio Works aired their excellent documentary on Expeditionary Learning earlier this week. *Beyond the Blackboard* provides great background on EL and highlights a mentor school in Springfield, MA. Find it here: <http://www.americanradioworks.org/documentaries/beyond-the-blackboard/>

**Open World Learning Community PTO has a new place on**

**Facebook:** Our new "group" will replace our previous "page." Search for the group and join--you don't have to be a part of PTO, just have a connection to OWL. This change allows everyone who joins the group to post directly to the wall, which allows for a greater exchange of information amongst everyone. OWL PTO will post updates about meetings and school events, and anyone can post news they want to share or questions they want to ask. Look for the group on Facebook and like it--then have your friends join too. As more people join the group the PTO will quit updating the existing PTO page and roll that into the group.