

**OWL WEEKLY EMAIL**  
**OCTOBER 19, 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.

**\*College Knowledge Night, originally scheduled for this Wednesday, October 21, will be rescheduled for an evening in November.**

**After School Activities**

After school programming continues this week, Monday – Thursday from 2 – 4 PM. At this time, we are not able to accept any new registrations. If spots become available in the coming weeks, we will let you know in this newsletter. Questions or concerns: Call Tim 651-744-3981.

**Ultimate Frisbee will be held on only on Mondays** from 2-4:30 PM at Harriet Island. We will have **no more Wednesday** practice this fall. When the cold weather comes, we will move practice to Fridays in the OWL gym from 2 – 4 PM.

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

The final informational meeting is on Tuesday, October 20th from 5:30-6:30 in Fiona's classroom (Room 1112) . 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:**

**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)

Oct 19 @ 8 AM

Saint Cloud State University

Oct 30 @ 11 AM

**National College Fair—Wednesday, October 21:** 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 will be rescheduled for November:** This event is a great place to find out more about the college application and admission process. More information to follow.

**Site Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 10 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM:** Come learn about what is happening at OWL. This month's meeting will focus on recruitment and a variety of other topics.

**PTO Meeting – Tuesday, November 10 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Give to the Max Day is Thursday, November 12:** Please support OWL and our innovative programs on this day with a tax-deductible donation.

**End of Quarter is Friday, November 13:** Be sure your student's work is completed by 11/13.

**Incentive/Intervention Day is Friday, November 13:** The last day of the quarter, students that have completed all their work (minimum: passing all classes) are eligible to go on field trip to a Corn Maze. All other students will stay back at school to finish their work.

**Fall Dance is Friday, November 13:** Polish up your dancing shoes! The middle school dance is from 5 – 7:30 PM. The high school dance is from 7:30 – 10 PM. Both dances are held in the OWL Cafeteria. All students are encouraged to attend. Tickets will be sold during school lunch starting two weeks before the dance.

**Prospective Family Open House --Tuesday, November 17 @ 6:30 – 8:00 PM:** Families with students interested in coming to OWL next year can come learn more about our program. Bring your kids not yet at OWL. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors!

**Picture Retakes – Thursday, November 19**

**Costa Rica Meeting—Thursday, November 19:** The first meeting of students committed to traveling to Costa Rica during Spring Break 2016.

**No School on Friday, November 20:** Teacher Professional Development.

**No School Thanksgiving Break – Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27**

**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.