



Olympia South Elementary School Newsletter

October - 2006

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3 PTO FUND RAISER – ORDERS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL
- 5 INITIAL OSE MEETING – GATHER PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE OLYMPIA SOUTH FACILITY
- 6 TEACHERS' INSTITUTE – NO SCHOOL
- 9 COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL
- 12 PTO WIENER ROAST, BOOK FAIR AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN –UP
- 19 SECOND OSE MEETING – REPORT BACK REGARDING POTENTIAL COST AND SOLUTIONS FOR OSE FACILITY
- 26 SCHOOL PICTURES
- 27 End of the **FIRST NINE-WEEK PERIOD**
- 30 **Market Day Pick-Up, Saturday, 9 to 10 AM**

PLANNING FOR OLYMPIA SOUTH'S FUTURE – October 5, at 7:00pm the first of two scheduled meetings to gather input and open discussion regarding the future of the facility and education of the Olympia South students will be held. The meeting will start in the school's cafeteria and continue with a tour of the facility to gather input regarding potential changes to benefit and equalize educational opportunities throughout the district and with the students at Olympia South. **It is IMPORTANT** that the communities get involved and participate in this process which will be leading up to an April vote on the referendum questions. You will meet with school design architects looking at this school and other schools in the district and helping to design a plan that will equalize facilities and educational opportunities for all students.

OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL PLAY NOTICE – Olympia High School will be presenting George Bernard Shaw's famous play *Pygmalion* on October 27 and 28, 2006. The story of a self-absorbed British phonetics expert who makes a bet that he can pass a common Cockney flower girl off as a duchess at an Embassy Ball; this is the play that became the musical *My Fair Lady*.

Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens and will be available at the door or by calling Denise Ludwig at the Middle School: 379-5941, ext. 8327. Or, for the first time ever, look for our table at the Wiener Roast Oct. 12!

Both performances begin at 7:00 PM.

PTO MEETING – The PTO will be meeting on Monday, October 2 at 6:30 in the school library. The meeting is open to all families in the school's three communities. We welcome your participation and involvement with the group. Come and find out what we are planning for the students and school throughout the year.

Market Day Pick-up is Saturday, September 30 between 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Come early and help unload and fill orders. Call Kelly Byrd with questions – (217) 648-2302

Please help support your school by purchasing Market Day products.

NEW 1ST GRADE TEACHER - Jamie O'Grady is a new first grade teacher at Olympia South Elementary. She received her Elementary Education degree from Illinois State University in December of 2005. Ms. O'Grady was born and raised in the small town of Hudson, Illinois. She loves the feel of small town schools and is excited that she will be teaching at South within the communities of Atlanta, McLean and Waynesville. She looks forward to meeting her students' parents and families in the upcoming school year. Ms. O'Grady anticipates a wonderful first year experience with the students, staff and families of Olympia South Elementary.



FIFTH GRADE MEETS NEW TEACHER – Laura Baner is a first year teacher in fifth grade at Olympia South Elementary. She received her Elementary Education degree from Illinois State University in December of 2005. Laura was born and raised in the small town of Congerville, Illinois. Her six nieces and two nephews inspired her to become a teacher. She eagerly looks forward to meeting everyone as the new school year unfolds. She was a student teacher, a substitute teacher and a classroom aide in the Olympia School District. All of these teaching roles have been great experiences. Mrs. Baner looks forward to the opportunity of working with parents, staff, students



and the school's communities throughout the school year.

SECOND GRADE HAS A NEW TEACHER - The new teacher in second grade is Stacy Kiley. Ms Kiley was born and raised in Bloomington, Illinois. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in Elementary Education. She student taught in first grade in Neoga, Illinois. Ms. Kiley looks forward to teaching the students from the Olympia South communities and meeting their parents and families. She eagerly anticipates a successful school year.



NEW CUSTODIAN CLEANS UP AT SOUTH - Olympia South was cleaned and ready for students to start the year thanks to Lana Umphryes, the school's new custodian. Lana is from Hartsburg, Illinois. She has a daughter, Tiffany who is married and expecting Lana's first grandchild. Living at home are her sons Weslee, a senior and Skyler, a fourth grade student. Lana cleaned the building over the summer and is excited about working at South and maintaining a clean, safe place for students to learn. She looks forward to meeting the students and their families and working with the staff here at Olympia South Elementary



Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Library, McLean - Everyone is invited to share the October fun at Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Library, McLean. The following is a schedule of planned events. For more information call 309 874 2291.

OCTOBER

- 9** - No School Game Day - 10:00 a.m.
- 16-21** -Teen Read Week – Each teen that checks out a book will get a candy bar.
- 23-28** -Stop in during regular library hours to make a Halloween Craft
- 24** -Family Movie Night - 6:30 p.m.
- 31** -Trick-or-Read - 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon. 9:30-1:00 **Tues.** 2:00-8:00,
Wed. 3:30-8:00 **Thurs.** 2:00-8:00 **Sat.** 10:00-3:00

Do I See An Elephant? - The circus is coming to town!! The circus is coming to town!! Actually, the circus came to the town of Atlanta on Monday, September 25th. The entire school walked over to see the elephant put up the circus tent around 8:30 AM. The students saw llamas, a camel and three elephants.

This was the first time for many children to see these animals in real life. One elephant, 35 year old Viola, used all of her 10,500 pounds of muscle to erect the Big Top. It was a once in a lifetime experience for the students to see. Then, many students and families enjoyed all the activities at the circus on Monday evening.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS –

Thank you for waiting outside for your children at the end of the day.

Thank you for staying with your car.

Thank you for parking in a parking space or at the side of the drive to allow cars to drive by and exit the parking lot.

Thank you for turning off your vehicle's engine while you wait so the fumes do not drift into the building.

Thank you for not taking your child out of a line without notifying the teacher.

Thank you for notifying the office when there is a change in your child's after school routine.

Thank you for completing Medicine Authorization Forms for your child's medical needs.

Thank you for calling the office in the morning and notifying us when your child is absent.

Thank you for signing in and out when you visit the school.

Thank you for coming into the office and signing out your child when needed during the school day.

Thank you for purchasing lunch tickets or sending lunch to school with your child.

Thank you for participating in the PTO's fund raising projects.

THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL AND STAFF TO HELP YOUR CHILD RECEIVE THE BEST IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

TOGETHER WE CAN PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD AND OUR STUDENTS!

