



OCEAN SHORE
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Welcome Ocean Shore families to the 2020-2021 school year! Your Ocean Shore School Parent Teacher Organization (OSS PTO) Executive Board recognizes this year is unique, to say the least, and presents many new challenges. However, we also see this year as presenting new opportunities for connection, collaboration, and creativity!

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." Albert Einstein

The OSS PTO Executive Board is made up of parents elected each year to manage the family participation program and oversee the annual PTO budget and fundraising, which cover key aspects of Ocean Shore's enhanced curriculum, typically consisting of field trips, theme days, assemblies, classroom supplies, technology, music and art. Although students are not yet on campus, the OSS PTO Executive Board is striving to maintain some semblance of normalcy for our teachers and students, by supporting supply and curriculum needs, and by exploring educational and social opportunities for our community within the confines of the current distance learning circumstance. Our mission is to work in collaboration and partnership with teachers and families to enhance the educational experience for our children, and to maintain the experiential and project-based learning opportunities that make Ocean Shore such a special place.

The existence of Covid-19 and distance learning of course impacts the normal Ocean Shore family engagement and participation. Please know that we continue to value volunteerism and the contributions families make to the classrooms, and will look for new ways in which families may contribute to the community, classrooms, and school events. However, we do not intend to add to the anxiety, strain and stress of our families by pressing family hour requests this year. Do what you can, and let us know if you have ideas for alternative methods for families to contribute their time and talents.

In addition to the announcements from classroom Ombuds (family liaisons) and Principal Jeanne, our website (osspto.org) will provide information concerning school and PTO events and opportunities for you to get involved. Additionally, if you need support during these trying times, please reach out - you are part of our OSS family.

Here's to a different type of experiential learning this 2020-2021 school year!

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