

OQS PTO Sponsored Events

The PTO works hard throughout the year to coordinate many special events. None would be a success without the dedicated and generous parents of our student body who volunteer time and resources. All proceeds from these events are returned to the school through: classroom mini-grants (allowing teachers to cover fieldtrip costs, or special educational events), scholarships for activities, funding garden club supplies, school spirit celebrations, books for the reading closet, band instruments and many more items. It is a wonderful thing to be able to provide support to the OQS faculty and help make the elementary school experience a special one.

Back to School Cookout – Usually the second week of school. A school wide pot luck on the school playground for students and their families. In 2012, we combined the school's open house event and the cookout to great success. We hope to continue that next year.

Innisbrook Fundraiser – Mid-September. This fundraiser is a significant component to all the wonderful programs the PTO sponsors. Children bring home a catalog for wrapping paper and other goodies which are delivered by the middle of October to the school.

Movie Nights – the first Friday of the month. Movies are shown in the school gym with snacks, hot dogs and treats available at a mini-concession stand. Typically the movies are Rated G and are selected by the PTO. Parents and their children bring sleeping bags to get comfortable and pajamas are welcome.

Garden Club – Fall and Spring. The Garden club plants and harvests the school garden as well as maintains some of the grounds and trails around the school yard. There is also a cooking component using produce from the garden. These dishes are served to the school classrooms and are an exciting product of hard work. Parent volunteers are instrumental in making this afterschool program a good one. Dues are collected.

Harvest Dinner – End of Oct. The finale of the Fall garden club is a spectacular Harvest Dinner buffet featuring local foods and highlighting OQS garden produce and the work of the Garden Club. Tickets are purchased.

Halloween Party – Sunday afternoon before Halloween. This costumed celebration is a great time for OQS students and families. Halloween themed games, raffle drawings, crafts, pumpkin carvings and treats make this event spooktacular fun for everyone. A donation of candy or baked good is welcomed.

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday in December. A fun morning in the school cafeteria where happy elves cook pancakes, eggs, with juice and other treats. Santa comes for pictures with the kids. Holiday crafts are made and a little holiday cheer is spread. Tickets are purchased.

Ski/snowboard program – 4 Fridays in Jan./ Feb. In conjunction with the Quechee Club ski hill, OQS students can take ski lessons or snow board lessons. Equipment is generously provided at a discount rental from Henderson's Ski Shop. Ski instructors lead the children through lessons and parent volunteers are critical to the program. Registration and payment is required.

Ice Cream Social – First Sunday in May. A big spring ice cream party and raffle held in the school gym and cafeteria. Local businesses and families donate wonderful prizes and gift certificates to be raffled off to a lucky winner. The ice cream sundaes (including generously donated Blue Moon Sorbet) are free to all and tickets are purchased. A free children’s raffle keeps the excitement rolling.

Clothing Sales – Pre-holiday and spring. We are proud of our school so we show it on our clothes! The OQS wolf is on Tshirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, knit hats, shorts and other items. Items come in adult and children sizes. A wonderful way to support school spirit.