

2024-2025 Oxford Community Events At-A-Glance

To: Oxford Families
From: Oxford PTA Executive Committee
RE: The Year at a Glance

Attached you will find the major PTA events of the year at Oxford - both community-building and fundraising. This document is available on the website, but we thought a paper version might be nice for your fridge! We hope this helps you stay aware of what's next.

What started out as a document to orient new families became something we believe is useful for our entire community! If you use Google Calendar and want these events to appear on your account, go to the Oxford Elementary website (<https://www.oxfordelementary.org/calendar>) At the bottom of the page click the "+Google Calendar," and Voila!!! These events will automatically "populate" your calendar!

Oxford PTA events can only happen with your help. Events need leads to help organize them and volunteers to execute them. Failure to have appropriate volunteers for an event may mean the event will be canceled.

If you ever have any questions email pta@oxfordelementary.org.

Here's to a great year!!!

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When?	What and who?	Cost/goal	More information...	How can I help?
Monday, August 12 4pm	Welcome Lemonade <i>New families</i>	FREE	Get familiar with the campus and socialize with other incoming Kinder families	Come!
August 16, 17, 18 8am - 8:30am	Welcome Coffee <i>adults</i>	FREE	Join us at drop off for some coffee and treats.	Join Us!
Saturday, August 24th 11 am - 2:00 pm	Community Picnic <i>families</i>	FREE/Potluck Community-building event	Gather to connect and strengthen the community. Potluck with the PTA providing pizza and drinks!	Come and bring some food to share.
Thursday, August 29	Back to School Night <i>adults</i>	FREE/ Community-building event	Adults are invited on campus to see the classroom and hear presentations from teachers, Principal, and PTA.	Attend!
September	Campaign for Oxford <i>adults</i>	Donate to help us reach \$30,000	A direct donation campaign to fund key programs, supplies, and support.	Donate & spread the word.
Tuesday, September 10th 6:00 pm	Family Community Meeting	FREE	PTA Budget Vote, Executive Board Intro & Voting, General Discussion. Childcare provided.	Be cool and join us!
Tuesday October 8 5 pm - 6:30 pm	Family Math Game Night <i>K-2nd families</i>	FREE	Come enjoy PTA sponsored pizza and refreshments then play math games! (In lieu of a PTA Family Community Meeting)	Pick up food, volunteer day of.
Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 - 8 am	Walk & Roll to School <i>families</i>	FREE	A national event to get families moving and reduce our carbon footprint.	Walk or Roll to school, help lead a route, help w/ raffle & refreshments
Sunday, October 27 12-3pm	Harvest Fair <i>families</i>	FREE/food for purchase Community-building event	Celebrate fall, play games, make apple cider, listen to music, meet other families, buy books, eat!	Work a booth. Donate prize(s). Bring a side/dessert.
October 28 - October 31	Conference Week <i>adults</i>	Volunteer to buy a teacher a lunch	Early release all week for conference week. PTA provides lunch Monday and Thursday, families sign up to cover Tuesday and Wednesday	

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Thursday, October 31 7:50 am - 9 am	Halloween Parade	FREE	Join us for coffee and cider after drop off while we wait for the school's Halloween Parade	Don't be scared to join!
Tuesday, November 12 6 - 8 pm	PTA Family Community Meeting - families	FREE	In person meeting in the library Topic: Roll-over funds & mural (childcare with pizza provided)	Come!
Thursday, November 14 7:30 - 8:00 am	Ruby Bridges Walk! <i>families</i>	FREE	Walk to school in honor of Ruby Bridge's brave walk as she became one of the first Black children to integrate an all-white school in New Orleans in 1960.	Join, volunteer to organize walk.
Tuesday, November 19 6:00-8:00 pm	Cozy Reading Night <i>families</i>	FREE	Kick off Read-A-Thon with a virtual community gathering where we read stories and celebrate the joys of reading.	Make some hot chocolate and join us!
November 18-29	Read-A-Thon <i>kids only</i>	Students ask for sponsors to raise \$30,000	Students will read to fulfill pledges from friends, family, and neighbors.	Help students get pledges.
Tuesday, December 10 6:00 pm	PTA Family Community Meeting <i>adults</i>	FREE	Virtual meeting via zoom to approve funding requests and community open comment.	Join us!
Friday, December 13 7:50 - 8:30 am	Winter Coffee <i>adults</i>	FREE	Join us at drop off for some coffee and treats.	Join Us!
Tuesday, January 14 6:00pm	PTA Family Community Meeting	FREE	Join us for an in person meeting as we cover PTA matters, engage in community discussion, and work on dance decorations.	
Friday, January 24 6:00-8:00 pm	Family Dance <i>families</i>	FREE/dance accessories and snacks for sale	Welcome a winter wonderland featuring a photo area, snacks & light up toys for sale, and sweet beats by DJ Criddy!	Help plan/work the event.
February 11, 5:00pm - 7:00pm <i>(tentative)</i>	PTA Family Community Meeting - Art Night	FREE/Dinner available sliding scale	Join Ms. Anna for an evening of art. Learn about how the Oxford PTA creates a robust art program at Oxford	

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March Dates TBA	Golden Sneaker Contest	FREE	Students, classrooms, & schools will participate to see who can walk, roll, carpool, and/or use public transit the most.	
Friday March 7 - Sunday March 16	Online Auction - Adults only	Online silent auction with \$20,000 goal	Bid on a wide range of experiences and gift cards to raise money for our amazing school.	Help get donations from local businesses. Donate items or personal services.
Tuesday, March 11 6:00 pm	PTA Family Community Meeting <i>adults</i>	FREE	Virtual meeting via zoom to approve funding requests and community open comment.	Join us!
March TBD	Family Math Game Night <i>3rd-5th families</i>	FREE	Come enjoy PTA sponsored pizza and refreshments then play math games!	Pick up food, volunteer day of.
Saturday, March 22 <i>(Tentative)</i>	A Toast to Oxford - Grown Up Night Out! <i>Adults only</i>	Fundraiser - Sliding scale ticket to attend event	Fun, adult-only party fundraiser: enjoy adult beverages and dinner, bid on gift baskets and parties	Plan/work the event.
Tuesday, April 8th 6:00pm	PTA Family Community Meeting	FREE	Topic TBD, help stuff raffle info for Thursday folders.	
April 10-30	Spring Raffle	Students sell raffle tickets for 20K goal/	Another wonderful way to get your friends, family, community and neighbors involved in supporting Oxford; the raffle offers lots of great prizes from local businesses!	Help your student sell tickets. Count money & raffle tickets.
Saturday, May 3 11:00-2:00 pm	Otterpalooza - Spring Fling <i>families</i>	Event is FREE, food for purchase at the event	Fun spring activities, dessert trucks, BBQ, and fun in the yard and of course gather to hear the raffle winners.	Help organize/work the event.
Wednesday, May 7 1:00-3:00 pm	Teacher Appreciation Lunch Adults	Appreciation for teachers!	Parents organize a relaxing & delicious all staff lunch. Several PTA sponsored activities throughout the week.	Help organize. Cook. Bake. Decorate.

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Thursday, May 8	Open House <i>families</i>	FREE/ Community Staff	Come visit the classrooms and see all that the kids have done this year.	Attend!
Tuesday, May 12 6:00pm	PTA Family Community Meeting	FREE	Join us for an in person meeting as we preview and discuss next year's budget, elect new PTA executive team, and hold community discussions.	
Thursday, June 5 1:10	Otter Pops! <i>families</i>	FREE	Early release day! Otter Pops for everyone on us. Set up something fun for your class!	Come early and take pictures :)

Other Ways to Give to Oxford

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Dates TBD	Dine Out/ Shop Out for Oxford	\$2,500	Local restaurants, book shops and specialty stores host an "Oxford night" where they donate a portion of the night's sales to Oxford. See if stores give portions to a charity of your choice like Sports Basement!	Eat out and shop!
Year-round	Sponsorship	\$2,500	Does your company want to sponsor an event? Your company will be prominently displayed on advertisements and social media and more depending on the amount. All tax deductible!	
Year-round	Corporate matching	\$4,000	Some employers match employee donations to Oxford. Check with your employer and/or check out the list of employers on our website.	Check with your employer or our list on the school website.
Year-round	T-shirt and merch	\$1,000	Show your Oxford Otter pride by purchasing an Oxford t-shirt and other amazing products.	Buy and wear Oxford gear with pride.
Year-round	Grants	-	There are countless grants for public schools.	Find them. Help us apply for them.
Year-round	Scrip and Box Tops	-	You can now just download the app and scan your items! Schools can raise up to 20K! https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/official-rules?	Shop. Scan!