



# NEWS FROM THE GROVE

OGMS Parent Newsletter



## PTO's Corner

Each month, we will feature information or reminders from our principal, counselor, librarian, and other staff members. This month, our PTO would like to share some information!

### Thank you!

We would first like to say a monstrously big THANK YOU for your help with the Monster Mash last month. If you volunteered, donated pumpkins or mums or straw, helped your child dress up, or waded through car line traffic for pickup - thank you! Our students had a blast, and we can't wait to host another dance in the spring!



We would love to give a shout out to Scatter Creek for donating some FANTASTIC - and quirky - pumpkins for our decorations. Also to Huddle House of Paragould and American Made for donations of water. We certainly needed the hydration after all the dancing!

### PTO meeting information

Our meetings are monthly, on Mondays at 5:30 pm. Each meeting is announced and posted to social media, added in the newsletter, and listed in the Events tab on the PSD app for Oak Grove Middle School. Meetings usually last no longer than an hour. We know that many of you cannot make the meetings, but want to be involved. We would LOVE to have you. Contact [kcook@paragouldschools.net](mailto:kcook@paragouldschools.net) to let us know you'd like to be involved.

### Meet our officers

Our officers this year are Heather Watson, president; Ashley Banks, vice president; Brittany Howard, secretary; and Krystal Smith, treasurer.

### Box Tops for Education

One way that we support our teachers and students is by earning money through Box Tops. To get the app (it is so easy to use; you can scan paper receipts AND upload digital receipts from so many companies - Amazon included), search in your app store for Box Tops, download, set up your account, and start scanning!

## Student and Parent Important Reminders

**To Do:**  
Download our Paragould App available for iPhone and Android.

If you haven't set up a Rooms account yet, contact your child's homeroom teacher!

2024 yearbooks are on sale now! Order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) for personalized books and quick ordering, or through Mrs. Dinkins to reserve your copy!

**BUY YOUR Yearbook**

From our Office:  
If you're making transportation changes, they need to be made before 1:30 pm.



Has your child been absent? A note from you or your child's doctor is due within two days of your child's return!



Interim Report Cards  
Thursday, 11/16



Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 20 - 24



Goodies with Grands  
7:20 am - 8:00 am  
5th grade 11/14  
6th grade 11/15

**Upcoming Events****Nov. 3**

Fun Friday with  
Concession (BAM event)

**Nov. 3**

Picture Retakes  
Code: EVTQ8FJHV

**Nov. 13**

PTO Meeting @ 5:30 pm

**Nov. 14**

Goodies with Grands  
5th grade  
7:20 - 8:00 am

**Nov. 15**

Goodies with Grands  
6th grade  
7:20 - 8:00 am

**Nov. 16**

Interim Reports

**Nov. 17**

Turkey Trot (BAM event)

**Nov. 20-24****Thanksgiving Break****Scan your receipts for Box Top points!**

Be sure to select Oak Grove Middle School as your school when you set up your BoxTops for Education account.

OGMS appreciates your help!

**Behaviors Are Marvelous (BAM) Criteria for 2nd Nine Weeks**

1. NO ISS or OSS
2. No more than 3 detentions
3. No more than 1 bus referral
4. No more than 2 unexcused absences
5. No overdue/lost library books
6. No outstanding dues/fees
7. No more than 3 tardies
8. No more than 2 zeroes

**Clothing Closet Needs**

Our clothing closet is in desperate need of the following new or gently used items:

- Athletic pants or sweatpants for boys and girls size 10 and up or Youth Large and up and Yoga pants for girls size 10 and up, or Youth Large and up
- Belts for boys and girls
- Tennis shoes from sizes 6 to 12 adult sizes
- Coats from adult small to adult extra large

**Three adjustments can keep your middle schooler reading**

The elementary school years are in the rearview mirror, and high school looms ahead (maybe even next fall). Keep your middle schooler's progression toward young adulthood in mind as you recommend reading material.

To encourage reading that feeds your child's maturing understanding of the world:

1. **Read news articles everyday.** Tap into your middle schooler's more sophisticated ability to comprehend and care about current events by sharing at least one news article of interest with your child. Challenge your student to share an article each day with you as well.
2. **Start a parent-child book club.** Ask your child to pick a book for the two of you to read and discuss. This demonstrates that you think reading is important—and that you value your child's ideas.
3. **Find books about kids your child's age who are making a difference.** Middle schoolers are beginning to think about their place in the world and the difference they can make.

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The district has placed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Parent Notification Forms on our website.

<http://paragould.k12.ar.us> Click on Menu from the top of the district's website, then the ESSA parent notification link for access to these forms. If you would like a copy of the documents feel free to stop by the office.