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**OX RIDGE**  
**Coffee with**  
**Principals and PTO**

October 9-11, 2023

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# Introductions to your Ox Ridge Administration

Melissa Kay - Interim Principal

Christina Ulreich - Assistant Principal

Maya Feldman - Assistant Principal

Siobhan McCormack - Interim Assistant Principal

Laura Straiton - Director, Early Learning Program



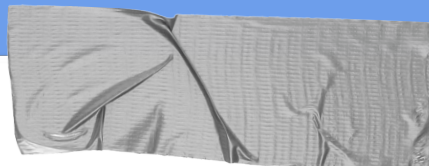
# Principals Update

- Enrollment / Staffing
- Parking / Buses / Car Loop for Dismissal
- Assembly Wing and Playground / Field Usage

# PTO Mission

- Foster Community
- Act as liaison between home and school
- Promote enrichment





# Who We Are

**The Ox Ridge PTO is 100% Volunteer Run!**

- **Executive Board**
- **Slate**
- **Room Parents**

# PTO STRUCTURE EXECUTIVE BOARD

## PTO 2023-24 Slate

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Vanessa Donatello Kate Kaufman	<b>Fundraising Chairs</b>	Courney Concannon Paola Sordoni
<b>Vice Chairs</b>		<b>Recruitment Chairs</b>	Megan Katz Jaklyn Limoges
<b>Secretary</b>	Kristen Smith	<b>Enrichment Chair</b>	Lia Stewart
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sara Santana	<b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion Chair</b>	Cathy Bailey
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Kimberly Burt	<b>ELP Liaison</b>	Bethany Reade
<b>Communications Chair</b>	Jordan Perry	<b>Ex-Officio</b>	Christina Kreuz Meghan Thornton
<b>Special Education Reps</b>	Laura Costello Kristin Saltzman Kira Saunders		

# Communication

- **Website**  
[www.oxridgepto.com](http://www.oxridgepto.com)
- **Hoot**  
Sent every Sunday evening at 5pm
- **Directory**  
Membership Toolkit App
- **Instagram & Facebook**  
@oxridgepto

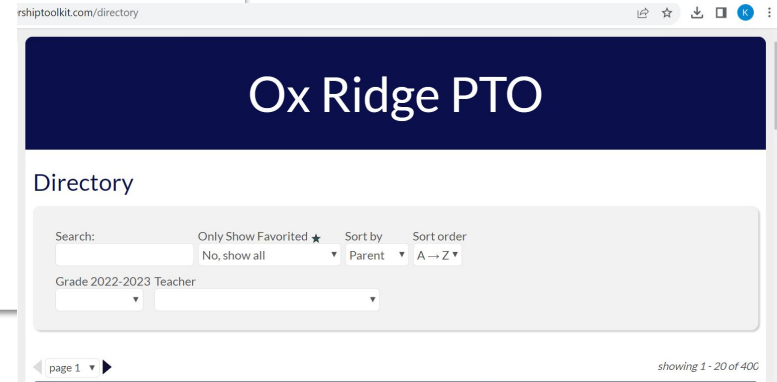


**OX RIDGE**

Elementary School



October 1, 2023



# Year-at-a-Glance







# Funding

THE OX RIDGE PTO IS  
**100%** PARENT FUNDED.

→ **\$175 per student**

Expenditure cap set by CDSP (Council of Darien School Parents), umbrella organization for all DPS PTO



Your contributions  
make

**AMAZING**

things happen!

# Where does the money go?

- **Enrichment (65%)**
  - **School Wide Programs**
  - **Class Field Trips**
  - **Student Programs**
- **Staff Appreciation & Support (25%)**
- **Parent Support & Communications (5%)**



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# Fundraising

Ox Ridge Outfitters

Family Photo Days

Book Fair

Big Event (Gala/Silent Auction, trying  
Fun Run in April 2024)



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# Bringing Fun Run to Ox Ridge



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# School Education

Before/After School

School Wide Enrichment

Grade Level Enrichment

Gingerbread Houses

Edible Gardens

Kids Care Club

Book Club

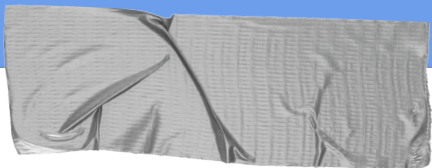
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Veterans' Day

Green Team

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# Events & Socials

The Ox Ridge PTO runs social events at cost...

- **Back to School Sunday Funday**
- **Parent Socials**
- **Gingerbread House Building**
- **International Passport Night**
- **SOUPer Bowl Breakfast**
- **Ox Rocks**





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Monthly Heritage Months

Passport Night

Kindness Week

Ox Rocks Talent Show



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# Other PTO Activities



5th Grade Coordinator

Yearbook

Hospitality

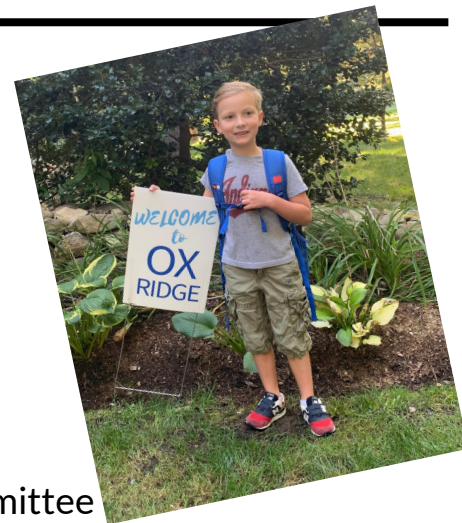
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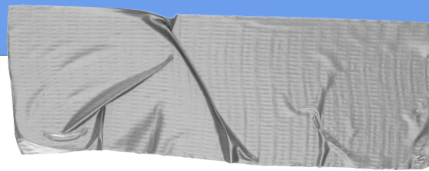
Welcoming Committee

Ox Appreciation

Hope Chests



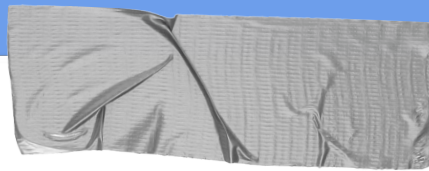




# Speaker Series

3 Times a Year

- **November 9**  
Alycia Dadd, Ph.D. – Director of  
Mental Health
  
- **Winter**  
TBD
  
- **Spring**  
TBD



# Thanks for coming!

We hope that you have a great year at Ox Ridge!

Have an idea? Question? Please don't hesitate to reach out to us anytime - we love to hear from you!

**Vanessa Donatello and Kate Kaufman**

PTO Co-Chairs

