



# September/October Newsletter 2025

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY. TOGETHER WE MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!

Dear Oxford Families,

It's hard to believe how quickly the first two months of the school year have flown by! September and October were filled with excitement, smiles, and special moments that made the start of this school year one to remember.

We kicked things off with an amazing Kindergarten Orientation, where our newest students and their families had the chance to meet teachers, explore their classrooms, and get a joyful first glimpse into their school community. It was a heartwarming way to welcome our littlest learners and set the tone for a wonderful year ahead!

Our annual Costume Sale returned this fall, offering families the chance to find creative costumes at budget-friendly prices while supporting our schools. Though attendance was lighter this year, we're so grateful to our volunteers and families who made it possible – every effort helps strengthen our community spirit.

The real standout of the season was our Fall Book Fair, which truly brought the school together! Students loved exploring new stories, discovering favorite books, and sharing their excitement with friends. Thanks to your incredible participation, we raised an impressive \$6,885, all of which will go directly toward supporting enrichment programs and student experiences throughout the year.

One of the sweetest fall moments was the Kindergarten trip to Jones Family Farm, proudly funded by the PTO. Our youngest learners had an amazing day exploring the farm, learning about nature, and creating wonderful memories with their classmates.

Behind the scenes, the PTO has also been focused on showing appreciation and care for our incredible staff. We restocked the teachers' break rooms with snacks to keep their energy up and smiles bright, and we took time to celebrate our amazing custodial team on Custodian Appreciation Day. Their hard work keeps our schools safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone, and we are so grateful for all that they do!

As we look ahead, we're excited for even more opportunities to come together as a community. Thank you to every volunteer, teacher, and family member who helps make these events possible. Your time, energy, and generosity are what make our schools such a special place to learn and grow.

With appreciation,  
PTO Team



## Event Highlights: September & October

### Kindergarten Orientation

A warm welcome to our newest students! The excitement and smiles filled the halls as families met teachers and got ready for an incredible year.



### Costume Sale

A spooky success! Families found creative costumes while supporting the PTO. Thank you for your donations and participation!







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### Fall Book Fair

One of the biggest hits of the season! Students loved exploring new stories and sharing their enthusiasm for reading. Your support helped raise funds that directly benefit our classrooms and programs.







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### Jones Family Farm Field Trip

Kindergarteners enjoyed a beautiful day at the farm learning about pumpkins, animals, and the fall harvest. A special thank-you to all the chaperones who helped make it possible!



### Teacher Snack Restock

Because our teachers deserve a little treat! The PTO stocked break rooms with snacks and goodies to keep everyone fueled and appreciated.







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### Custodian Appreciation Day

We celebrated our amazing custodial team who keep our schools spotless and running smoothly. Thank you for all that you do!



### Bubblemania

Students were absolutely captivated by the BubbleMania science assembly! This exciting show combined science, art, music, and humor to make learning truly pop. Students discovered how bubbles form, why they're spherical, how to make a cube bubble, and even explored the science behind bubble bursting — all while connecting each concept to the physical laws of the natural world. Presented in a fun and engaging way, this program reminded students that science and imagination go hand in hand. It was an unforgettable show that left everyone smiling and inspired!







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### Institute of American Indian Studies Field Trip

The PTO proudly covered admission for 123 third graders to visit the Institute of American Indian Studies in Washington, CT! Students enjoyed a day of engaging, hands-on learning about how Native Americans have adapted to their environment since time immemorial. From exploring artifacts to experiencing traditional dwellings, this trip offered a meaningful connection to history, culture, and the natural world — bringing classroom lessons vividly to life.



### Spooktacular Sip Station

The PTO had a fun time surprising the wonderful staff at QFS, GOES, and OMS with a Spooktacular Sip Station! Nothing scary here just coffee, tea, sparkling drinks, and a whole lot of appreciation for our boo-tiful staff! 💙🎃

A huge thank-you to our fang-tastic sponsors — Bigelow, Happy Coffee, and BUBBL'R — for keeping everyone fueled and festive. We received such generous donations from Happy Coffee that we were not only able to keep our friends at the High School caffeinated, but also donate the remaining coffee to the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank. 🍵💙

It was a heartwarming reminder of how kindness and community spirit can spread far beyond our own school walls!







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### Boo Grams Spread Halloween Cheer!

Spooky season was in full swing as students shared smiles, sweet treats, and thoughtful notes through our annual Boo Grams fundraiser. The excitement of sending and receiving Boo Grams brought a festive spirit to our halls, while the proceeds helped support future PTO events and programs. Thank you to everyone who helped make this tradition such a fun success!

### Red Ribbon Week

The PTO proudly funded this year's Red Ribbon Week at OMS, helping to spread the message of making healthy, drug-free choices. Students enjoyed Spirit Week activities, raffles, and a WIN class decorating contest, and attended a meaningful presentation from The Courage to Speak Foundation.

Thank you to OASIS and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for partnering with us to make this important event a success. Together, we're helping our students build strong, healthy futures! ❤️



## What's Coming Next



### CT Science Center Traveling Program

In November, QFS first graders will enjoy an exciting visit from the CT Science Center Traveling Program! This hands-on experience will bring science to life right in their classrooms, sparking curiosity and discovery through fun, interactive experiments and demonstrations. We can't wait to see our young scientists in action! 🔬✨



 **Next PTO Meeting — November 20th**

Mark your calendars and join us for our next meeting on Thursday, November 20th! Come share ideas, get updates on upcoming events, and find out how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome — we'd love to see you there!

 **Thank You to Our Sponsors**

We want to extend a huge thank-you to our amazing community sponsors who continue to support our schools through donations, partnerships, and event sponsorships. Your generosity helps us fund enrichment programs, field trips, and celebrations that make our students' school experience even brighter. Your continued partnership means the world to us, thank you for investing in our students and our community!

 **Stay Connected** **Next PTO Meeting: November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm ET in QFS Cafeteria** **Contact Us: [OxfordCTPTO@gmail.com](mailto:OxfordCTPTO@gmail.com)** **Follow Us: <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordptoct>**



This page celebrates all the amazing projects our PTO has funded! Each item here shows how your support helps our students, teachers, and school community thrive. Check back next month to see what new initiatives we've added and how the PTO continues to make a difference!"



## QUAKER FARMS SCHOOL

- ★ KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP - JONES TREE FARM
- ★ ASSEMBLY PRE K - 2ND - ROB SURETTE
- ★ ASSEMBLY PRE K - 2ND - BUBBLEMANIA
- ★ 1ST GRADE - CT SCIENCE CENTER TRAVELING PROGRAM



## GREAT OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ★ 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES



## OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ★ 6TH - 8TH RED RIBBON WEEK ASSEMBLY



## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

- ★ KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
- ★ TEACHER LOUNGE SNACK RESTOCK
- ★ HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE
- ★ FALL BOOK FAIR
- ★ BOO GRAMS
- ★ BEVERAGE BAR - SPOOKTACULAR SIPS



**A TOTAL OF \$8,711 IN SCHOOL FUNDED EVENTS THIS YEAR**