
FROM THE CARPOOL LINE

The O'Quinn School - Mount Pleasant - Parents Guild Newsletter

BoxTops For Education Adds Up

Please remember to cut out your BoxTops and send them in with your child by **February 19**. So far, we have raised \$235 for our school, with a goal of \$500 for this year. We send the BoxTops in periodically throughout the year, so keep collecting! **Every BoxTop we collect raises \$0.10 for O'Quinn!**

O'Quinn T-Shirts & Water Bottles Available Now

Help support O'Quinn by purchasing O'Quinn t-shirts and water bottles through the Parents Guild. Your purchase supports numerous events through the school year including the Halloween Carnival, Dazzling Dolphin and Virtues programs, Teacher Appreciation Week, Parent Night program and various gifts to the school. Last year, the cameras and gift cards we gave to support our teachers were much appreciated. Thank you for your contribution and support! Please contact Marian Wolff at mqwolff@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome back Nikki!

Dear O'Quinn families-

Congratulations to Nikki and Alex Dumin on the birth of their son, Elliott Cole. Macey and Banks are awesome at their roles of big sister and big brother. The family is soaking up baby #3 and the back to school/work routine has been good for all. Welcome back Nikki - you have been missed!

In other news, a huge thank you to the staff of O'Quinn, especially Mrs. Meyers, our music teacher, for creating an amazing Holiday Program that we all enjoyed so thoroughly. Additionally, O'Quinn families generously participated in our Annual Pajama Drive, and we thank you for supporting our efforts to contribute to our community.

We are planning several events this semester, including the Father/Daughter Dance, Book Sale and our annual Teacher Appreciation Week. Read on for more details.

If you have any questions about the Parents Guild or would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at tanpmann@yahoo.com. I look forward to working with each of you to make 2016 a special year for our children and teachers!

Sincerely,

-Tanis

Parents Guild President

Father/Daughter Dance on Feb. 21!

Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or special father figures, grab your dancing shoes and enjoy an afternoon of music, games, and refreshments! We will be celebrating on February 21, 2016 from 3-4:30 pm. It's not too late to RSVP. We will need moms to volunteer, so please sign up at this link [here](#). Thank you!

Important Dates

February 15-16
Winter Break
School Closed

February 21
Father Daughter Dance
More info [here](#).

March 7-11
Teacher Appreciation Week

March 17-18
Gently Used Book Sale

March 21-24
Easter Egg Hunts

March 25 & 28
Easter Break
School Closed

March 29 - April 1
Spring Break
Extended Hours Open

April 13
4K Attends the Lion King KIDS
at Porter-Gaud

April 18-25
4K Mother's Tea & Luncheon

*For more info check the
calendar on the [school's website](#).

Dust Off the Shelves - Book Sale on March 17 & 18 - Donations Needed

Save the date for our annual Gently Used Book Sale on March 17th and 18th. We ask families to donate books the first two weeks of March (any book is accepted). All books will be sold for \$0.50 in Porter-Gaud's gym lobby and the money raised will be donated to Pet Helpers and remaining books will be donated to HALOS and Reading Partners.

O'Quinn's Holiday Pajama Drive

The O'Quinn Parent's Guild would like to thank the families, teachers and staff who generously supported the **Scholastic Reading Club Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive** benefitting Pajama Program, a nonprofit organization that provides new pajamas and books to children in need. During the 2015 O'Quinn Holiday Pajama Drive we collected 280 sets of new pajamas. Scholastic Books paired each set of pajamas with a new book. The pajamas and books were delivered to HALOS to be distributed locally to children in need. Thanks for supporting such a great program and providing our children with an opportunity to help others in a tangible way during a time of year when many families are struggling.



Staff Birthdays

February 1	Karen Paulsen
March 2	Helen Bryan
March 3	Kellane Kornegay
March 8	Petra Sorelova
April 3	Molly O'Toole
April 5	Nancy Hinchey
April 21	Chrissie Hopkins
April 24	Amerjeet Sumal
April 25	Allison Hopkins
May 2	Karen Von Nessen
May 3	Andria Bradley
May 21	Becky Wright
May 25	Stephanie Stallings
May 29	Julia Gambla

Future Parents Guild Meetings

Please join us for Parents Guild meetings in the cafeteria at 8:30 am.

March 15

April 13

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Monthly Virtues for February & March: Responsibility & Patience

The O'Quinn faculty and staff are sharing their love with our children by enriching their academic experience with a focus on key virtues through the *Dazzling Dolphins* character education program. In February, the children will be learning more about *Responsibility*. Even at very early ages, children love to help out and start to do things on their own. What parent has not heard, "I do it." There are so many ways they can learn about independence and doing things for themselves in the classroom environment. Additionally, the children will learn about the very important character trait of taking responsibility for your own actions.

One of the more challenging virtues, for both child and parent—*Patience*—is the *Dazzling Dolphins* emphasis for March. Teachers will help our little ones learn to wait their turn, to be kind to others that may be a little slower riding their bike or to raise their hand in class. Maybe, we can all learn to slow down a bit and take a long deep breath in the lunch line.

Remember to talk to your children about the monthly virtues and ways they can demonstrate these virtuous behaviors at school, and at home. And when your child gets "caught" being a Dazzling Dolphin, he can choose a little happy from the Fish Bowl. They love visiting the office for this treat!

Teacher Appreciation Week: March 7-11

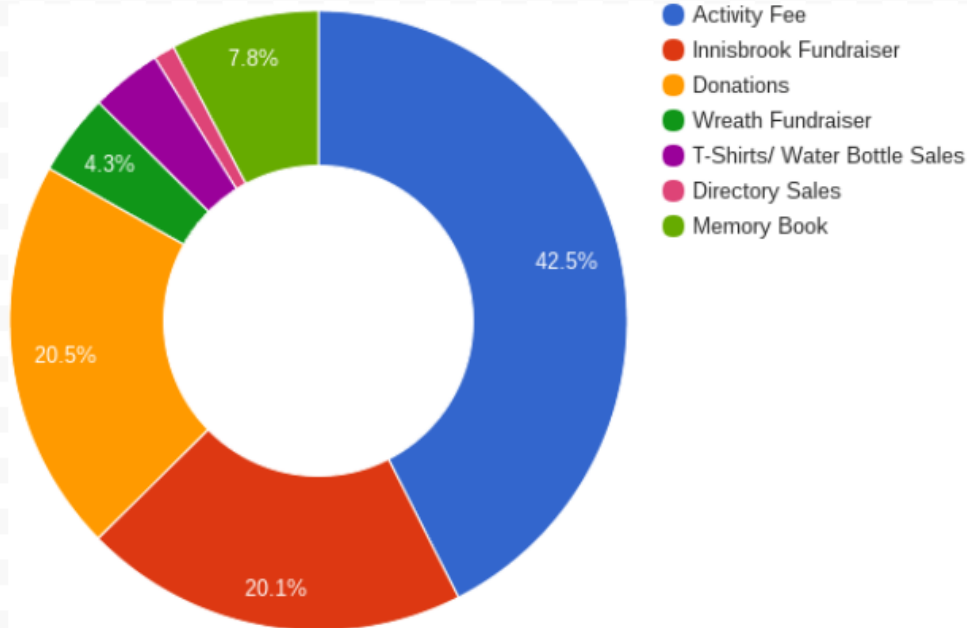
The time to recognize our amazing teachers is just around the corner! Once again, we will have a special week with several events to show our appreciation for O'Quinn's teachers and all they do for our children. The week will be celebrated with daily raffles, breakfast, special lunches and a great party for all our staff to have some fun. We will also recognize our teacher of the year, who will receive a special gift from all of us.

We will send a "sign-up genius" soon where you all can volunteer. If you have any suggestions, or are willing to contribute a donation, contact Rossana Guimares romarroni@hotmail.com

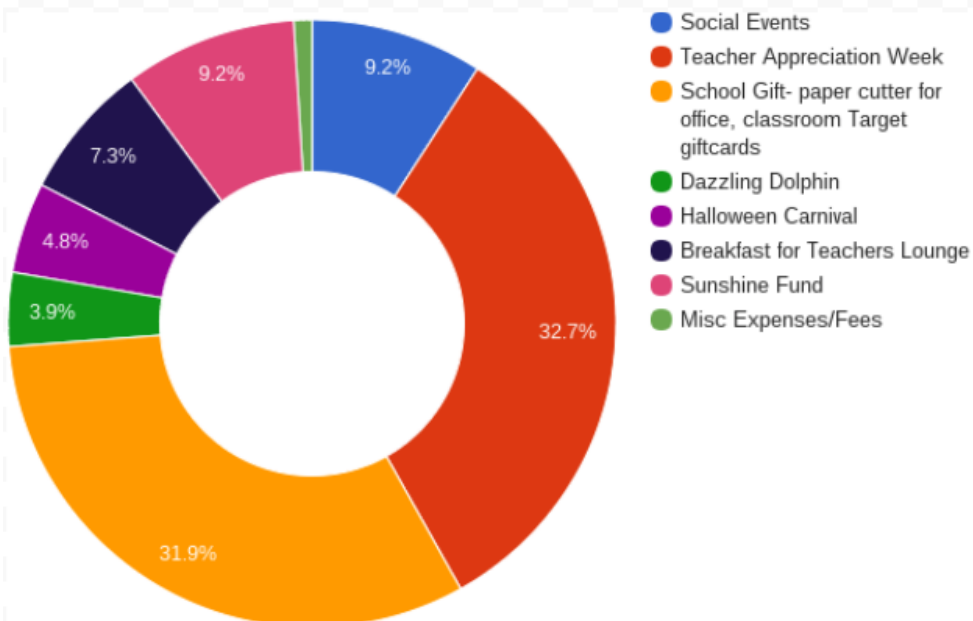
Parents Guild Budget

The Parents Guild supports our teachers and raises funds to deepen the educational experience at The O'Quinn Schools. The Parents Guild funds and organizes numerous events throughout the school year including the Halloween Carnival, Dazzling Dolphin and Virtues programs, Teacher Appreciation Week, Parent Night program, and various gifts to the school; as well as the [annual activity fee](#).

Where does our money come from?



Where does our money go?



Holiday Program Recap

The O'Quinn Holiday Program has evolved over many years. Mrs. Myers, our music teacher, has been leading the program for 22 years now. The students start learning the songs after Halloween and we have "stage rehearsals" starting in November. Between 10-12 songs were included in the program, and all of the 3, 4 & 5 year old children participate. The 2 year olds are still a little young for the big stage but eagerly await their turn in the 3's!

