

FROM THE CARPOOL LINE

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

Box Tops For Education

Earn cash for O'Quinn with Box Tops For Education! It's easy! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for our school. Look for Box Tops on hundreds of participating products. See the list of products at BTFE.com/products.

Twice a year, we submit all our school's Box Tops and receive a check. Our school can use that money to buy anything it needs. If every family clips Box Tops, imagine how much our school can earn!

Activity Fee is Due

Help support O'Quinn through The Parents Guild Activity Fee. Your \$20+ donation per family funds and organizes 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 paper cutter, monthly coffee treats and gift cards we gave to support our teachers were much appreciated. Thank you for your contribution and support!

Back to School at O'Quinn!

Welcome back, O'Quinn families-

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer! We are very excited about this school year and are off to a great start!

My name is Jennifer Naylor and I am the President of the Parents Guild. The Parents Guild is a volunteer organization of parents and is open to anyone interested in participating. No amount of time is too small!

If you have any questions about the Parents Guild or would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennaylor77@gmail.com.

I look forward to working with each of you to make this a special year for our children and teachers!



- Jennifer

School Pictures This Week

M. Rummler Studio will be taking portrait photos of O'Quinn students during the week of September 26-30. Please ask your child's teacher or check out the [school calendar](#) to see what day your child's photo will be taken.

Each student will be photographed individually and with their class. If you would like your children attending O'Quinn to be photographed together, please bring them in between 8:15-8:45am before the individual photographs start for the day. After picture day, a proof and order form will be sent home. Payment is made with the order.

Important Dates

September 26-30
School Pictures*

October 7
Wrapping paper order forms & payment due

October 7
Kindergarten Field Day
Porter-Gaud Football Stadium
9:00 - 11:30am

October 12
Parents Guild Meeting
School Cafeteria
8:15am

October 17
Fall Break - School Closed

October 20
Pumpkins with Pops!
(Year 4 only)
7:45-9am

October 27-28
Halloween Carnival
School Cafeteria
9am - 12pm

October 28
Porter-Gaud Halloween Carnival

November 7-11
Veterans Day Community Outreach

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

Halloween Carnival - Sign Up Now!

A popular O'Quinn tradition, our Halloween Carnival will take place on October 27-28. Children can wear their costumes and enjoy the fun games and activities. For this year's pumpkin decorating contest, special prizes will be given to children AND parents for the top three jack-o-lanterns!

We need volunteers to help set up, clean up or volunteer for a shift to help with the games at the Carnival. We will send around a SignUpGenius email soon to make it a snap to sign up to volunteer!

A flyer with more details about the Halloween Carnival will be coming home with your child in the next few weeks. Check the [school's online calendar](#) to see which date your child's class will participate.



Monthly Virtues for September and October: Friendliness and Trustworthiness

One treasured and lasting aspect of your child's experience at O'Quinn is the Dazzling Dolphins character education program. Each month, the teachers will introduce a different virtue to the children through activities like classroom discussion, games, puppet shows with an adorable "talking" dolphin, take-home information to facilitate conversations at home, and importantly, for the kids, prizes for the children and classrooms demonstrating these virtuous behaviors.

Staff Birthdays

September 28	Betsy Whitaker
October 10	Corin Stockton
October 11	Suzanne Masters
October 15	Kim Martin
November 16	Betsy Reid
November 24	Suzanne Mueller
November 24	Kendall Murray
December 6	Ann Johnson
December 15	Peggy Scypinski
December 22	Bliss Shurlds

Future Parents Guild Meetings

Please join us for Parents Guild meetings in the cafeteria at 8.15am:

October 12
November 9
December 14

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In September, the children are learning about the value of friendliness. Starting school and meeting new friends and teachers can be daunting, so the kids will learn what a difference a simple smile can make in someone's demeanor. Just taking the time to wave or say hi can turn a bad day into a great one for a nervous classmate.

Trustworthiness is the virtue for October. The children will learn being trustworthy is about earning people's trust by keeping their word and following through on commitments. Teachers will share the value of being honest to friends and adults, and help the kids learn whom to trust by discussing the concept of "stranger danger" in a positive and productive way. In words that speak to all the little ones, trustworthiness is doing what you say, and saying what you do.

Talk about these virtues at home and remind your children if they are "caught" being friendly in September and trustworthy in October, they will have a chance to choose a small prize from the Dazzling Dolphins fish bowl in the main office.

Charleston RiverDogs Recap

The O'Quinn Parents Guild would like to thank all of the families that came out to join us at the Charleston RiverDogs game on August 21st. We had a tremendous turnout from both the Mount Pleasant and James Island O'Quinn campuses. It was a great way to kick off the new school year and spend some time with our O'Quinn family!



Community Outreach

O'Quinn has a long history of community service, and the Parent's Guild is planning both tried and true, and several new opportunities, for the year ahead. We will kick things off in a patriotic way with our first event, in honor of our military heroes! During the week of November 7-11, coinciding with the 2016 Election and Veterans Day, we will celebrate our right to vote and honor those who fight for our country by collecting items and assembling care packages for our vets and military overseas.

On Veterans Day we will wear our Red, White and Blue and children will have an opportunity to participate in the assembling of the care packages. Please be on the lookout for more information on specific items to donate and how your family can get involved! As always, thank you in advance for sharing in our community outreach efforts - O'Quinn families are the best!

Fall Fundraising Efforts

The Parents Guild is holding one fundraiser this fall, just in time for the Holidays! We will be selling Genevieve wrapping paper to raise funds for programs that support our school, the teachers and student experiences. Order forms went home last week, and completed forms with payment are due on October 7.

We are grateful for your participation in this fundraiser and encourage you to also remember to link your grocery shopping points to O'Quinn so our school will benefit from those programs too. For those who shop at Harris Teeter, the school code is 8643. For those who shop at Publix, the school code is 888426000. All you need to do is visit the store websites listed above and link your card to the school codes.

The O'Quinn Parents Guild would like to express our deepest thanks to the families that have made donations to help ensure another wonderful year for our children, teachers and staff. We are continually inspired by the generosity and support of our O'Quinn families.