



Dear Ordway Families,

As December ends and January begins, we welcome the longer days; a little bit of sunshine and some rain, too; warm snuggles with the ones we care about; and seeing the kids eagerly 🙌 returning to school.

We can't wait to start creating new experiences for Ordway students, new moments for the community to come together, and new memories with this amazing group of Ordway Otters. Stay tuned over the next few weeks for information about Family Nights at Sisters' Cider House, Science and Makers Fair, and the start of Carnival planning.

Do you know what a group of otters is called? When on land, a group of otters is called a bevy, family, lodge, or romp; and a group on the water is called a raft. When it's a group of Ordway parents volunteering to support the students, teachers, and staff, it's called a PTO.

The Ordway PTO needs your support to help make the rest of this school year an Otterly Awesome Success. Reach out to us to join the team of volunteers. Whether you have a little time to give or a lot, we would love to hear from you to connect your interests and expertise with one of the PTOs volunteer tasks. Here are some of the things you could help with.

- Communications - We need one or two volunteers to help update events and resources on the website; send out PTO newsletters, update sandwich boards, and such. If you have time for a

- portion of this, we'd love to have you join our team.
- School Display Cases - The kids, and adults, love seeing these refreshed every month or two. Not to mention you'll probably get spotted by your kid or their friend when you're in the building.
 - Carnival! - We are looking to build a team of volunteers to make Carnival a success again this year. Interested in rounding up high schoolers to run the games? Do you like connecting with food trucks and other vendors? Do you want to design flyers or put up decorations? Have we got a space for you!
 - Apprentices are needed for PTO Board positions. You can tag along and learn the ropes on any of the positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Communications, Fundraising, and President. If you are interested in helping out a bit, but not sure where you would feel like a good fit, we'd love to help you figure that out.

Our first PTO meeting of the new year will be held on Monday, January 8th at 11:30, in the Ordway Library and on Zoom ([click here for the link](#), or see meetings section, below).

Thank you,
Sydney Bond & Jennifer Campbell
PTO Co-Presidents
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Any time is a good time to donate to Ordway PTO!
Visit [our fundraising site](#) today to make your donation.
We appreciate you!

We guarantee that every dollar makes a huge impact!

Your donation to the Ordway PTO helps us to fund

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES 🌐 (like assemblies, Carnival and Outdoor Ed camp), **TEACHER GRANTS** 📖 (for supplies, class memberships, etc.), and **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS** 💖 (for Otterwear, field trips, etc.).

Upcoming PTO Meetings - all held in the Ordway Library, and on Zoom

January 8, 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

February 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 4, 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

April 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 6, 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

June 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4816363534?pwd=UUNGaitWc2x6VjFzakprRGh5aUpMdz09>

PTO Calendar of Events and Meetings:

<https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway-pto-events>

PTO Resources Page:

<https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway-pto-resources>



The BISD Administration and School Board are seeking your input on the **School Closure Scenarios**. The feedback is being used **as a survey** by the district to determine what parents want in terms as school closures/consolidations and tweaks to the current Scenarios.

Please fill their their feedback form - linked [HERE](#) or copy the URL, below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS>

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Resources

- Superintendent's Proposal to the School Board is available: [https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/bisd/Board.nsf/files/CYC58Z0F1374/\\$file/BISD%20Written%20Analysis%2012.14.2023.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/bisd/Board.nsf/files/CYC58Z0F1374/$file/BISD%20Written%20Analysis%2012.14.2023.pdf)
- BISD Slides with the Scenarios for possible school closures: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SOHElv9d0T6gkp2y4cuWDMYfJIFAKaEl14tZFAg3k9g/edit#slide=id.p>
- BISD Website with info about the budget issue and possible school closures: <http://bisd303.org/budgetchallenges.2024>
- List of meetings related to the budget discussions: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-CXdOGdunOFbNlrAlXBWFVZIWItpd-k-PRAqozNGvQ/edit?usp=sharing>
- SOS Bainbridge: <https://sosbainbridge.com>
- See the PTO Resources website for more information: <https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway-pto-resources/ordway-pto-bisd-budget-discussion/>



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