Hello Parents!

On behalf of the OES Lower School Parent Association Link (PAL), I would like to welcome you to the 2015-16 school year! If your family is anything like mine, then you, too, are trying to savor every last bit of your summer days while also feeling excited with anticipation for the new school year to begin. You’ll be receiving lots of information from multiple sources, and all with the hope of making the transition back to school just a little easier. In that spirit, I’d like to share a few key points about our PAL:

PAL offers many ways to participate:
- There are pre-scheduled PAL meetings, coffees and Back-to-School Nights to learn more about what is happening at school.
- PAL also invites expert speakers for presentations and discussions throughout the year.
- PAL Leadership works to make sure you know what is happening across the community and in your classrooms (Wednesday Express announcements, weekly classroom emails, Volunteer Spot, etc.)

The 2015-16 PAL Leadership Team
- PCL Chair (All School PAL) - Courtney Fitzloff
- LS PAL Chair - Mari Schwalbach
- LS PAL Co-Chair - Michelle Tubbs
- LS Grade Representatives -
  - Pre-K - Sara Berglund
  - Kindergarten - Desiree Bliss
  - Primary - Dawn Swanson
  - First Grade - Sandy Patrick
  - Second Grade - Kristin Barnett
  - Third Grade - Kristina Davis
  - Fourth Grade - Brandie Ettinger
  - Fifth Grade - Laura Murphy

Please join us for our first PAL meeting on Friday, September 25, 8-9:30am in the Lower School Library.

If you have any questions about the Parent Association Link, please feel free to contact me. On behalf of the entire PAL Leadership Team, I want to express how much we are looking forward to a great year with you and your family!

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