

## Welcome to the 2013-14 school year!

I hope you are enjoying the summer and that you and your children are looking forward to get the school year started on **Thursday, August 22**. Last year, parents, grandparents and friends of the school volunteered over 4,000 hours in the classrooms, on the playground, on field trips, at OK community events, serving lunch, in the library...you get the picture. You are an integral part of the Oak Knoll Community and we appreciate every hour you spend!

- If you haven't volunteered as yet or are looking for new opportunities this year, please attend the **Back-to-School Coffee** in the gym on **Thursday, August 22** after drop off where you will have the opportunity to talk with Committee Chairs and sign up for committees. A full list of PTO Committees and activities is available on the [PTO Committees](#) page of the [Oak Knoll School Website](#).

- Back-to-School Checklist** - Please read through this thoroughly as it contains a lot of important information to help you get organized for August 22.

- Back-to-School Night** will be on **Thursday, August 29**. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and sign up for any classroom specific volunteer opportunities.

- If you have not signed up to receive Oak Knoll's weekly newsletter, **The Otter Weekly**, please do so in order to receive important information from school. To sign up, click [here](#).

- We hope your family can attend the **Fall Family Picnic** to be held on **Friday, September 20 from 5:00-7:00pm**. The entire family is invited to join us on the black top for dinner, games and lots of family fun.

- Make sure you order your **Otterwear** early this year. We are only taking orders at the start of school year and we have some fantastic new items. Check out Otterwear [here](#).

**Are You IN?** - As in the years past, the **Oak Knoll PTO** and the **Menlo Park Atherton Education Foundation** (MPAEF) are working together to make Oak Knoll the best it can be for our kids. When you support the PTO, you make possible curriculum enrichment, field trips, community building events, and well-supplied classrooms. When you support the MPAEF, you are putting more teachers in our schools - both in the classroom and in specialized areas such as art, music, drama, library and science. These are what make a real difference in your child's day and, ultimately, in their education. Please support these organizations today: PTO donations are due by **September 26** and donations, pledges and payments to the MPAEF are due by **November 21**.