



Orange County Council PTA

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Back-to-School... The Forecast is Good! A Welcome Message from OCCPTA President

As we step into the 2026–2027 school year, welcome to our dedicated PTA leaders, members, and volunteers! Whether you’re feeling excitement or a few butterflies, remember: we are in this together. I encourage every local unit to kick off the year with a board retreat to build trust, share a laugh, and set strong foundations.

Leadership, Support & Advocacy

Orange County Council PTA is committed to setting your unit up for success. Be on the lookout for your Florida PTA Kit of Materials, stay compliant, and keep building positive relationships with your school administrators.

As the year unfolds, remember to recognize your hard-working volunteers and staff when award season arrives. Looking ahead, prepare to join us at the State Capitol in Tallahassee! We will be standing together to advocate for student safety, mental health, and essential school funding.

Looking Ahead

While challenges exist, uncertainty is simply the reason we show up. The forecast for this year is bright, and OCCPTA is in your corner every step of the way. Let’s hold fast to our theme: “Together we lead, together we grow.” Here’s to a remarkable year ahead! With gratitude and excitement,
Melanie Williams- OCCPTA President





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**GENERAL
MEETING**
Compliance
Training Workshop

 **WEDNESDAY**
19th August, 2026

 **STARTS AT 6:30pm**

We invite all local unit leaders and school administrators to join us for an essential compliance training. We also look forward to our OCCPTA delegates participating in our general meeting and **approving our 2026-2027 budget.**



Please
register in
advance



TOGETHER
WE LEAD
TOGETHER
WE GROW

<https://tinyurl.com/TogetherweleadCompliance>



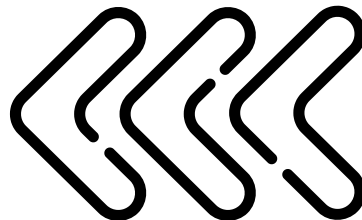
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Welcome Young Innovators Academy

We would like to welcome Young Innovators Academy to the PTA family with a President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and 14+ members! Congratulations!



JOIN OUR **26** **TEAM 27**



OCCPTA invites qualified community members to apply for volunteer leadership positions within our organization. We seek individuals of integrity and dedication who wish to contribute meaningfully to family advocacy and community engagement across Orange County

<https://tinyurl.com/OCCPTA26-27team>



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Would you like to partner with OCCPTA?
Find out more at:

<https://info.occpta.org/partner-with-occpta>



Registration for the 2026-2027 PTA Reflections program is now open!

All local units wishing to participate in the National PTA Reflections program should register on the National PTA Reflections site.



www.occpta.org/reflections



Ensure your child's car seat is properly installed by attending one of our car seat check points. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will inspect your car seat free of charge and teach you how to correctly install and use it.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT www.ocfrd.com or call 407-836-8337.

Please note that Certified Car Seat Technicians are only available at the listed locations at the specified dates and times. Firefighters at most Fire Stations are not Certified Car Seat Technicians.

This program is made possible through valuable partnerships with Safe Kids Orange County, The Children's Safety Village, Orange County Sheriff's Office, and Orlando Health.



2026 Fire Station Car Seat CHECKPOINTS

2026 CAR SEAT SCHEDULE			
EVENT DATE/TIME	STATION	ADDRESS	TIME
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026	83	11950 Lake Underhill Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026	35	7435 Winter Garden Vineland Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026	51	1700 W. Oak Ridge Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026	72	3705 Conway Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026	33	1700 S. Apopka Vineland Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2026	51	1700 W. Oak Ridge Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Mar. 12, 2026	87	2233 Crown Hill Blvd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 25, 2026	67	10679 University Blvd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2026	70	1027 E. Wallace St.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Apr. 9, 2026	83	11950 Lake Underhill Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Apr. 22, 2026	40	5570 Beggs Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	51	1700 W. Oak Ridge Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 14, 2026	72	3705 Conway Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20, 2026	67	10679 University Blvd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Jun. 3, 2026	51	1700 W. Oak Ridge Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Jun. 11, 2026	87	2233 Crown Hill Blvd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jul. 9, 2026	83	11950 Lake Underhill Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jul. 22, 2026	33	1700 S. Apopka Vineland Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026	72	3705 Conway Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026	50	1415 29th St.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026	87	2233 Crown Hill Blvd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026	67	10679 University Blvd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026	83	11950 Lake Underhill Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026	58	2900 Deerfield Blvd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026	70	1027 E. Wallace St.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026	72	3705 Conway Rd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026	51	1700 W. Oak Ridge Rd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2026	67	10679 University Blvd.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2026	87	2233 Crown Hill Blvd.	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2026	50	1415 29th St.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.





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2025-2027

Building Stronger Communities: Florida PTA Sets the Standard!

Strong family engagement builds successful students, and Florida PTA continues to lead the nation in fostering these vital connections.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all 38 Florida designees, with special pride for our 6 local Orange County honorees. To the volunteers, educators, families, and students who made this possible: thank you for your tireless work and partnership!



Check out our latest blog post:

E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER SAFETY RESOURCE

<https://www.occppta.org/e-bike-e-scooter-safety-resource/>

Stay in the know

- Remember to renew your Additions Volunteer with OCPS - https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer_home
- Leadership Knowledge - Thrive is PTA's new online learning community for volunteers. Thrive brings PTA leadership development to you. Through Thrive's engaging, short courses, you can take training at your own time and place - even from football practice, a dance studio or a soccer field. <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/thrive>
- The OCPS Parent Academies and Trainings is a free program by Orange County Public Schools that offers workshops, resources, and events to help parents and caregivers support their children's education. schedule of events can be found at <https://www.ocps.net/parent-academies-and-trainings>



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August 11th

First day
of school

August 19th

Compliance
Training &
General Meeting

August 31st

Audits
Are Due

September 8th

National
Grandparents Day

**You're Invited to
Parent Academy:**
The Start to a Successful School Year!

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Howard Middle School
Address: 800 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801
Register Now:
<https://registration.socio.events/e/08152026>

**GET
TICKET
HERE**

Let's work together to make this school year the best one yet!

**PARENT
ACADEMY**
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OCCPTA would love an
invite to your events!
Please email us
@info@occpta.org

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