



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

On Saturday, September 13, 45 eighth grade students, eighth grade advisors, a few OTS parents, Mr. Duff and Mr. Farber attended the dedication of Summa Health System's Jean B. and Milton N. Cooper Cancer Center in Akron. A resource center was named at the center in honor of Susan Pavloff, mother of eighth grader Tatiana, who passed away almost two years ago after her battle with cancer. Our eighth graders served as hosts and tour guides for the new cancer treatment center.

After the event, we received glowing reports from other event attendees about how impressed they were with the conduct and presence of our students. We are very proud of the outstanding way the students represented Old Trail School in our community. We would also like to give special thanks to Laura Preston for coordinating our student volunteers.

Be sure to stop by the small garden at the left edge of the Noble parking lot. The preschoolers' pumpkin seeds from last spring are now flourishing plants. Also, we were able to pick a variety of herbs that Chef Audra will use (see photo.) Thank you to Jimmy Sobevski, who diligently watered the garden all summer.



Another word of appreciation is needed for the enormous response that our pre-order campaign for **Light the Night** t-shirts received the past two weeks. Although the pre-order deadline has passed, **Light the Night** t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 before-school on October 6, 7, 8 and 9. In addition, we will also be selling Leukemia and Lymphoma Society wristbands for \$2 and illuminated accessories to wear on the walk for \$1 each. T-shirts purchased may be worn to school on Thursday, October 9. All other attire must be in dress code, and shirts must be tucked in as usual, but what a fun opportunity to show support for this important cause.

Please be sure to mark October 9 on your calendar for OTS **Light the Night** from 6-8 p.m. Again, our purpose is to have a family-oriented, low-key service opportunity. More details on the walk route to follow.

Also, you are welcome to join us for the Head of School's Assembly on Tuesday, September 29. When seventh grader Taylor Chlebina was a toddler, she battled leukemia. Today she is a healthy, active Old Trail middle-schooler. She will be accompanied by her family as they briefly share their journey with the students in an age-appropriate way. Their message is an encouraging one, for Taylor recovered from her illness, and thanks to our financial contributions and many others, ongoing research will help others. In fact, 90% of the money we raise will go to Taylor's Posse, while the other 10% will go to Team in Training, both with the ultimate destination of the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Serving together,

Judy & Amanda