

OCLP Christmas Raffle Success

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The fall of 2009 marked the 30th year that the Ottewell Community League Playschool has been in our neighbourhood educating our preschool children. The OCLP is a non-profit, community owned and parent operated co-operative playschool for children 3 and 4 years of age. We are funded through tuition and fundraising activities, with all proceeds invested back into the playschool program.

On December 17th the OCLP had its annual Christmas Party and Raffle fundraiser. This year 33 of our local businesses and a few parents generously donated items for our event to be raffled off, raising over \$1100. The two top prizes were a pair of Oilers Tickets to the January 5th game of Edmonton vs. Phoenix anonymously donated, and a pair of tickets to the January 14th game of Edmonton vs. Pittsburgh donated by Ernst and Young.

We would like to thank the following business sponsors for their generous support that helped to make this year's raffle such a success:

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We would also like to give a special thanks to Teresa Kehoe and family, Teacher Janice Kraemer, Elizabeth Grier and an anonymous contributor for their donations.

The funds raised from this raffle, and from our September chocolate almond sales, will be used for classroom supplies, books, an in-school zoo visit and a field trip.

The OCLP plans on a new event for the next school year's fundraiser. In January 2011, we will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Party with a silent auction to be held at the Ottewell Community League Hall. Keep your eye out for updates on this appetizing event.