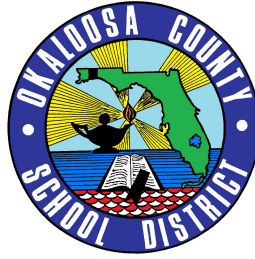


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Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Announces 6th Annual BBQ & Bingo Fundraiser

The Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation (OPSF) invites the community to mark their calendars for its 6th Annual BBQ & Bingo Fundraising Event on Thursday, November 5, 2026, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Okaloosa Gas "The District," located at 511 Government Avenue in Valparaiso. The annual event brings together community members, educators, families, and supporters for an evening of BBQ, Bingo, live music, and auctions, while raising funds to support educational opportunities for students, teacher grants, and innovative learning initiatives throughout the Okaloosa County School District.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include a great evening of food, Bingo, and entertainment. The event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by Bingo and auctions from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Guests can also enjoy live music by Paradise Bayou and \$1 Bingo games throughout the evening. In addition to attending, community members and businesses can support the event through sponsorship opportunities and donations to the silent auction. You don't have to attend the event to make a difference. OPSF is currently seeking donations for its silent auction, giving individuals and businesses a way to support students and educators even if they can't attend.

Community members interested in purchasing tickets or sponsoring the event, please visit <https://givebutter.com/6th-annual-bbq-bingo-s6n1mq>. To donate a silent auction item or volunteer, contact Debbie Tate at 850-974-0742 or tated@okaloosaschools.com. All proceeds from the event benefit the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation and its efforts to provide additional resources and opportunities for students and educators throughout the Okaloosa County School District.



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