

OMS-PTSO News

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A Message from the OMS PTSO

The next PTSO meeting is Wednesday, May 9 from 7:00 - 8:00 at the OMS Media Center (library).

At the April meeting, we discussed:

- Class Day 2007
- Staff Appreciation week, May 7-11
- Volunteers for the Spring Dance
- 8th grade trip to George's Island
- Fundraising companies
- Open nominations for May meeting vote

To view a full agenda please visit the OMS PTSO website at:

<http://www.baseclasstech.com/ODMS/PTSO/Agenda.html>

Fundraiser Companies

The Cookie Dough fundraiser caused concern. The delivery trucks were 2 ½ hours late. Parents were there on time. Special thanks goes to Noralee Curtis, Charlene LaFerriere, and Lisa Freitas who took some of the cookie dough orders home to ensure distribution. QSP (the fundraising company) apologized and are donating snacks to the next OMS PTSO meeting in May. There have also been some concerns with the magazine fundraiser as some orders did not go through.

The question was raised, "do we need to use a new fundraising company in the future?" "Great America" is a possibility. Feedback on this issue is necessary. Do we keep QSP who has worked with us for many years or do we venture to another company and take a chance?

If you have any feedback addressing this issue, please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com

Administrative Assistant Day

A big THANK YOU goes out to Charlene LaFerriere who gave out American Express Gift cards, Candle Holders, and cards to our hardworking OMS Administrative staff.

Staff Appreciation Week

May 7 - 11

This is a week set aside to show our appreciation for the OMS staff. There will be a special activity going on each day (coffee and donuts delivered to the school for the staff, etc.). Volunteers will be needed to support these activities. Contact Charlene Laferriere if you are interested at Charlene@visionaries.org

Cookie Dough Sale

We have some extra boxes that we are selling for the low, low price of only \$10 per box. Contact Lynne Mitchell if you are interested in ordering a box -- lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com.

The inventory available:

9 Chocolate walnut cookies	1 - M&M cookie
1 - Snicker doodle cookies	1 - Peanut butter cookies
7 - Churros	3 - Funnel cakes
3 - Mozzarella sticks	7 - Pretzels



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CLASS DAY for our graduating 8th graders will be held Friday, June 15th.

Invitations are ready to be mailed to 8th grade parents. Parents may arrive at the SHS at 8:45 am. The ceremony will be over by 11:00 am.

Noralee Curtis has ordered the class day shirts that will be given to every 8th grade student. On Class day, the students will get their yearbooks along with free pens. Leftover pens will go to the School store.

There will be carnations available at the ceremony for \$1.00.

CLASS NIGHT will be held Friday, June 15th for our graduating 8th graders.

There will be a dance on class night at the OMS for 8th graders only.

NOMINATIONS for PTSO Officers 2007 – 2008 School Year

Nominations will be accepted at the May OMS PTSO meeting for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Chairperson
- Membership Coordinator

To submit a nomination, provide the **name** of the Nominee, **contact information**, and desired **position** and send an email to the nomination coordinator, Laura Whittaker at laura_whittaker@stoughtonschools.org

May 2007

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Thurs	05/03	Early Release
Mon – Fri	05/07 - 05/11	Staff Appreciation Week
Wed	05/09	OMS PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm
Mon - Thurs	05/14 – 05/31	MCAS for grades 6, 7, & 8
Thurs	05/17	Term 4 Mid-term report issued
Tues	05/22	6 th Grade Orientation for 5 th Grade Parents
Mon	05/28	Memorial Day – No School

For more information, Keep an eye on channel 6 for OMS announcements.

Visit the www.stoughtonschools.org website

June 2007

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Wed	06/06	OMS Spring Concert – SHS Auditorium 7:30 pm
Thurs	06/07	Early Release
Thurs	06/07	SHS Graduation
Tues	06/12	OMS Jazz & Percussion – OMS Cafeteria 7:30 pm
Wed	06/13	OMS PTSO Meeting 7:00 pm
Fri	06/15	Class Day
Fri	06/15	Class Night
Mon	06/25	4 th Quarter Report cards issued

Visit the [Stoughton Youth Commission](http://www.stoughtonoyouthcommission.org) Calendar, at <http://www.stoughtonoasis.com/SYC/>



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ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

For a complete list of all Box Tops products, go to the Box Tops website at boxtops4education.com.



There is a Box Tops box in the office so please collect 'em and send 'em in!

Chris Hay, Box Tops Coordinator
cmhay@yahoo.com

Campbell's Soup Labels



Keep sending in your Campbell's labels.

There is a collection bin in the OMS office that looks like a Campbell's soup can. Please remember to send in the entire label.

Thank you Debbie Zorn for collecting enough points to purchase an overhead projector for the school!

Spirit Wear Sale

Items will be on sale during the "6th grade Orientation for 5th grade parents" at the OMS, on May 22nd which is a Tuesday Night.

Stoughton Lounge Pants	\$20	** NEW ITEM**
Stoughton Girl's Gym Shorts	\$10	**NEW ITEM**
Stoughton Knit Hats	\$10	**NEW ITEM**
Hooded Sweatshirts	\$25	
Long Sleeve T-Shirts	\$15	
T-Shirts	\$10	
Crew Neck Sweatshirts	\$10	*Clearance Price*

Anyone interested in volunteering at this event please contact Noralee Curtis at noralee@norwoodlight.com

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Field Trips for 2007 – 2008

There is a new ruling starting in September 2007 that out-of-pocket costs will be eliminated for all students. This means that Field Trips must be funded entirely by the school/PTSO/donations. Unfortunately, this means that there may be a decrease in Field Trips. Laurel McGrath is starting a committee that will be exploring options regarding how to best program for the students given this new rule/

For more information, contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com

FUTURE OMS DANCES

It has been suggested that since this time of year (Spring) is so busy, it would be preferred that future dances be held in October and February. We could have the Halloween and Valentines Day themes associated with them.

Contact Debra Falco at 781-344-1360 with thoughts or ideas.