

OMS-PTSO News

Volume 54

February 2008

Stoughton O'Donnell Middle School

In this Issue

- [A Message from the OMS PTSO](#)
- [Volunteer Committee Chair](#)
- [In-house Fieldtrip was a success!](#)

NOTICES

- [O.A.S.I.S. Youth Speak Out](#)
- [SSEPAC Federation for Children with Special Needs](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [OMS Dance](#)
- [Cookie Dough Fundraiser](#)
- [\(K\)Night of Excellence](#)
- [February Calendar](#)
- [March Calendar](#)
- [Links you can use](#)

A Message from the OMS PTSO

The next PTSO meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the OMS Media center.

At the February meeting, we talked about preliminary results on the Cookie Dough fundraiser, the next OMS Dance, and Night of Excellence (coming up on March 6).

Thomas J. McBride III, JD was our speaker who discussed how parents of Middle School aged children can begin to plan to save for their child's college education.

New OMS PTSO officers are needed for the 2008 to 2009 school year. If you are interested, contact Lynne at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com. To keep the PTSO running, we need people to replace officers that will be leaving the middle school.

Hope to see you at the next meeting! These meetings are a great way to find out what is going on at the school.

Volunteer Committee

(Copy Committee) still does not have a chair person. We are looking for someone to take this on. If you are interested, please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com

Needed! Parents to copy MCAS papers (see Ms. Brookshire) and the school newspaper for Mrs. Wasik.



Odaiko New England
大太鼓ニューイングランド

The PTSO received the following thank you letter from the 7th grade teachers.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell and PTSO members:

On behalf of the 7th grade teachers and students, I would like to thank you for funding the Odaiko New England taiko drumming performance. The assembly was a huge success. The students really enjoyed the performance. It was entertaining, engaging, and of course, educational. It was the perfect mix of music, culture, and audience participation.

Thank you again,

Rachel Killion (7B)
John Gunning (7C)
Chrissy Spears (7A)



OMS-PTSO News

NOTICES



O.A.S.I.S.

Organizing Against Substances in Stoughton

Join us for free Town Spa pizza and a chance to win free passes to Six Flags at the:

OMS

Youth Speak Out

This is an opportunity to talk with friends about alcohol and other substance use in your community in a non-judgmental environment.

DATE: March 18th

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00

LOCATION: Town Spa

To Sign up: Ms. Brookshire, OMS Guidance

The Drama club is looking for people who would like to advertise in their bulletin.



OMS PTSO Officers and committees of 8th grade parents need to be replaced.

There will be a bulletin board posting open positions at the (K) Night of Excellence.

Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Presents

Federation for Children with Special Needs

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

7:00 – 9:30

O'Donnell Middle School Media Center

Transition; Planning the Next Steps for Youth 14-22

This workshop addresses the issues related to designing the right curriculum and supports throughout high school so that the student will be on the right track for becoming self-sufficient and living independently after graduation. Information and strategies will be provided to help parents and students translate individual preferences and dreams into meaningful goals in the IEP.

The Parent Training and Information Center of the Federation for Children with Special Needs provides free information, support, technical assistance and workshops to Massachusetts families of children with disabilities and the professionals who work with them. We believe children benefit most from their education when parents and professionals work together as partners. For more information please visit their website at www.fcsn.org/pti/ or call (617) 236-7210.

The Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SSEPAC) serves families of any Stoughton student with special education needs. We provide information on programs offered in Stoughton, best practices in special education, and information regarding special education regulations and the law.

Monthly workshops presented by experts in their fields are free to Stoughton parents.

For further information contact:

Pat Passi, President

pasqualepassijr@yahoo.com

Lynne Mitchell, Secretary

lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com

John D'Addieco, Treasurer

jdaddieco@comcast.net

OMS-PTSO News

EVENTS

OMS DANCE
is Friday, February 29th

Hours for 6th grade will be held from 4:30pm – 6:30pm.

Hours for 7th & 8th grades will be held from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER



Sixty-eight students participated in the cookie dough fundraiser which brought in over \$7,000. The school receives 1/3 of this.

(K)NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE

Thursday March 6th,
from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Never fear – Spirit Wear will be sold at this event!

In addition, a new fundraising program with the Texas Roadhouse will be introduced.

Preferred Customer cards will be available as well. We would like to see these cards become more popular. The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce provides the cards. They are \$15 each, of which \$10 goes back to the school.

Anyone who would like to be involved in this event may contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com

February

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Mon	4	2 nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
Wed	13	OMS PTSO Meeting at 7:00 pm
Mon – Fri	18 – 22	School closes for February Vacation
Fri	29	3 rd Quarter Mid-Term warning notices issued
Fri	29	OMS Dance

February 2008							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	W
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	W
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	W
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	W
24	25	26	27	28	29	1	W

March

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Wed	5	OASIS Middle School Youth Speak out 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Town Spa
Thurs	6	Early Release
Thurs	6	(K)Night of Excellence
Wed	12	OMS PTSO Meeting at 7:00 pm
Tues	18	SSEPAC – Federation for Children with Special Needs, 7:00 – 9:30 pm, OMS Media Center
Thurs	20	Term 3 Ends
Fri	21	Good Friday – No School

March 2008							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
24	25	26	27	28	29	1	W
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	W
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	W
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	W
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	W
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	W

OMS-PTSO News

Links you can use!

[The OMS PTSO website](#)

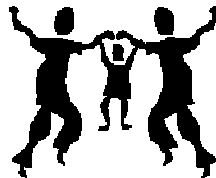
[Membership Form](#)

[Click to see 2007-2008 printable membership form.](#)



Stoughton Youth Commission

Visit us on the web at:
stoughtonyouthcommssion.org
or call us at (781) 341-2252



www.mealpayplus.com



Campbell's Soup Labels



This is one of the ways we can help raise money for our school. Last year, we were able to donate an overhead projector to the school. Please send in the **entire label** (to the office) to ensure that we earn credit for each one.

District News

MEALPAYPLUS is back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As of Friday January 11, 2008 MEALPAY PLUS www.mealpayplus.com is once again accepting online payment for the student lunch accounts. Please note: **ALL STUDENTS MUST RE-REGISTER.** You will need your child's 10 digit student ID number to do this. Please contact the food service office, or the school secretary, to retrieve this number.

Stoughton Preferred Customer Cards are now available at the OMS front office anytime.

Each card is **\$15** (\$10 goes directly to the OMS PTSO). Cards offer discounts to businesses throughout Stoughton and are good between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2008. For a complete list of special discounts available with the card please visit the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.stoughtonma.com> and click on "Participating Merchants".



If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com.

Thank you for supporting the OMS PTSO.

OMS-PTSO News



Help earn cash for our school!

Hello,

Join me in supporting **ROBERT G O'DONNELL MIDDLE** at the [Box Tops for Education website](#). Our school has earned **\$175.06** so far this year, and you can help earn even more.

Here's just how easy it is:



Clip Box Tops from products you already buy.

Look for 10¢ Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products from **General Mills**, **Ziploc®**, **KLEENEX®** and more. [See all participating products »](#)



Start your online shopping trip at the Marketplace.

Stores like **Lands' End**, **Target**, **Old Navy** and **Office Depot** will donate a percentage of your purchase back to your school. [See all Marketplace stores »](#)



Buy books through the Box Tops Book Club.

Your school will **earn one Box Top** for every dollar spent. Just ask your school's Box Tops Coordinator for an order form. [See sample book titles »](#)



Get exclusive chances to win Bonus Box Tops.

Each month, look for new chances to **win thousands of Bonus Box Tops** for your school! [See bonus opportunities »](#)

To learn more about what you can do for our school, visit the [Box Tops website](#) today!

Thanks for your help!

Christina Hay

It's easy
& free!

Support our school
& sign up now! »