

OMS-PTSO News

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Stoughton O'Donnell Middle School



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A Message from the OMS PTSO

The next PTSO meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the OMS Media center.

At the March meeting, we talked about the following subjects:

- Feedback on the OMS dance
- Cookie dough fundraiser final report
- Feedback on Spirit Wear sales
- Feedback on the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser
- Feedback on the Preferred Customer Cards fundraiser
- Photographer contract for yearbook orders and Spring pictures
- Laminator requested by the OMS staff

Denise Fleming was our speaker who had a discussion on the upcoming Class Day 2008.

New OMS PTSO officers are needed for the 2008 to 2009 school year. Nominations are being accepted for all offices. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekimitchell@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 on April 9!

Cookie Dough Money Pull

Wednesday, March 26 during all lunches in the OMS Cafeteria.

Student who sold 3 or more items from the cookie dough sale will participate in the "money pull" to receive their prizes.

There were grand prize winners of mall gift certificates as well as cash prizes of \$1 - \$20.

Thank you to Debbie Zorn for organizing this year's cookie dough fundraiser.

CLASS DAY 2008

is Thursday, June 19th

**** Volunteers are needed ****

****BEFORE****

Invitations printed & stuffed, certificates, envelopes, order flowers, make signs

****DURING****

Yearbook handout, hang signs, folding of programs, pick up flowers, selling flowers

Please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com if you are able to volunteer.

The second annual Career Day

Is Thursday, June 12th

People from the community come to career day to give the 8th grade students an opportunity to experience what different careers entail. Anyone interested in presenting their career (three 25 minute sessions) should contact Corie Brookshire at c_brookshire@stoughtonschools.org or Wayne Hester at w_hester@stoughtonschools.org

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Nominations being accepted for OMS PTSO Officers for 2008-2009

Officers include: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Chairperson. All offices are a one year commitment.

Some of our most active and rewarding committees are also looking for new leaders. Some of these committees include: school store, OMS newsletter, copy committee, school sign, dance, class day liaison, cultural enrichment, and Campbell Soup coordinator.

Please notify Lynne Mitchell at lynnekmitchell@yahoo.com if you are interested in any of these opportunities to become an active part of your child's school life.

Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Presents

Lisa Brooks

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

O'Donnell Middle School Media Center

Special Education Assessment

This session will provide an overview of how to interpret the “jargon” and numbers in your child’s special education reports. Come discover the components of an evaluation, what the scores mean, and how to best understand the suggested accommodations/remediation plans. Lisa has been providing training in assessment for special education staff in Stoughton throughout the 2007 – 2008 school year. Come learn what our staff has learned!

Lisa Brooks is Director of the Commonwealth Learning Center in Needham, a non-profit tutoring center for students with learning disabilities. At the center, Lisa serves as administrator, evaluates and teaches K-12th grade students, and trains teachers throughout New England. She holds a Master of Education in Special Education, is certified in the Orton-Gillingham Approach, and is a licensed teacher in special education and reading. In addition to teaching courses for Commonwealth Learning Center, Lisa teaches graduate assessment courses at Simmons College in Boston.

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.

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EVENTS

Caritas Norwood Hospital

Community Benefits Lecture

Understanding the Development of the Adolescent Brain

- New research findings on barriers to adolescent learning and healthy choices
- Strategies for helping your child avoid risky behaviors
- Question and answer period

Marisa M. Silveri, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
Harvard Medical School

Barbara J. Green, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist, Private Practice
Staff, South Shore Hospital

April 7, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Mercer Auditorium at
Horace Mann Middle School
224 Oak Street
Franklin, MA 02038**

**RSVP through Caritas Doctor Finder (800) 488-5959 X47
Admission and parking are free**



April

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Wednesday	2	SSEPAC 7:00pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	4	Term 3 Closes
Wednesday	9	OMS School Council
Wednesday	9	OMS PTSO Meeting at 7:00 pm
Thursday	10	Early Release
Monday	14	Term 3 Report Cards Issued
Monday – Friday	21 – 25	Spring Vacation

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Links you can use!

[The OMS PTSO website](#)

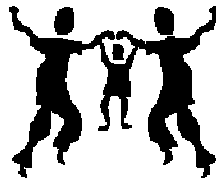
[Membership Form](#)

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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.



Just clip the Box Top label off the package and send in with your child's homeroom on it - OMS PTSO gets 10 cents for each box top!