

OMS-PTSO News

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From the Desk of Mr. Hester

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to pick their student up promptly after school or after the after school activity is over. I have noticed students leaving the school grounds and then returning later. This is a prime time to get into trouble. We want the students to be in a safe environment at all times. Also, be aware of early dismissal times, as many students walk into town and are not monitored at this time by any staff members.

We had a huge turnout at our last Parent Conference Night. Thank all of you for coming.

We also had a record number of students attend the last dance. (580)

A Message from the OMS PTSO

Hi everyone! The December PTSO meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm, will be a **Holiday Open House** and not a regular meeting. Please join us for refreshments, catch up on what's going on at OMS, and meet other parents!

We will also have **sweatshirts** for sale, for those of you who have been asking for them for holiday gifts, as well as the Class **wristbands** for stocking stuffers or to use as a gift-wrap topper. To make it more fun, we will be having **Door Prizes!**

We are beginning a membership drive, so please look for a membership form on the back of the Open House invitation / information sheet and, if you aren't currently a member of the PTSO, please return it to school with your child or bring it with you on December 13th! There is no obligation to volunteer on committees. Membership in the PTSO supports student programs (during school and after school) and teacher supplies - in other words, our childrens' education at OMS! We hope to see you on the 13th!

-Vicki Burgess
OMS PTSO President

NOTICES

Coat Drive

The Coat Drive will go on until the first week of January. There is a greater need this year due to hurricane Katrina.... Bringing in old coats to the nurses office would be great!

FYI

A Reminder during Flu Season

When your child has a fever, please keep them home until they are 24 hours fever free!

Also, we are planning to use Purell hand sanitizer in the classrooms. If you do NOT want your child to use it, please call Mrs. DeNapoli.

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NURSE'S STATION



Important Information from your School Nurse:

Every year you are inundated with forms when your child starts a new school year. One of the most important forms that your child will bring home year after year is the emergency form. And although you have already completed and sent this in for your child, it is important that you all understand the significance of this form to the school nurse.


The emergency forms are the very best link between the school and home. When a child needs to be dismissed because of illness or injury, the parents are called at home, at work, or on the cell, so having these phone numbers is critical. In addition, if we cannot reach the parents, it is imperative that there are other numbers of relatives, friends or neighbors that you would trust to pick your child up. In many cases, some forms have only the home phone number listed. In some cases, phone numbers have been disconnected or changed, and no new numbers are forwarded to the school.

The forms are also signed by parents so that in an extreme emergency, one in which your child needed to be transported to the area hospital, a copy of the form goes along with your child so that the EMT's and hospital staff have authorization to care for your child. In addition, the nurse looks at each form carefully and reads and records any pertinent health or allergy information that you have included on the form. These forms are very important to us!

Your child's emergency form should be current at all times, and should never be lacking any important information. Additionally, it should be changed when phone numbers or addresses change. The number one goal of any school nurse is to take great care of the kids, and keep the parents informed of your child's health and well being while at school. Please help us with this by ensuring that your child always has a current emergency forms with many phone numbers and emergency contacts in place! Thank you!

Mrs. DeNapoli, School Nurse, OMS

December, 2005

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Sun	12/11	Winter Parade 1:00 pm
Tues	12/13	OMS PTSO meeting 7:00
Fri	12/16	Term II Mid-Term warning notices issued (Grades 6 – 12)
Fri	12/23	School CLOSES at End of the Day for Winter Vacation
Mon thru Fri	12/26 to 1/2	WINTER VACATION 
Mon	12/26	Hanukkah Begins
Mon	12/26	Kwanza Begins

January, 2006

DAY	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Sun	1/1	New Years Day
Mon	1/2	Last day of Winter Vacation
Tues	1/10	OMS PTSO Meeting 7:00
Mon	1/16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Fri	1/20	Term II Ends
Thurs	1/26	Early Dismissal – OMS 11:32 am
Tues	1/31	Term II Report Cards