



# O'Donnell Middle School, Stoughton



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## Message from OMS PTSO:

Our next meeting is  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

OMS Media Center

Come and learn about our Knight of Excellence. The Stoughton Youth Commission was unable to make it in April. We're looking to reschedule them for May 6<sup>th</sup>. **If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee next year, please contact Lit or Lori (OMS PTSO presidents).** Remember -- the "S" stands for "student"! OMS STUDENTS are welcome to join us!

--OMS PTSO Executive Board

## School Dance



OMS Dance on March 20<sup>th</sup> was a blast! Thank you to all the people who volunteered at the dance, the kids who attended and Tatiana Diaz for planning the whole thing!

## New Flags!

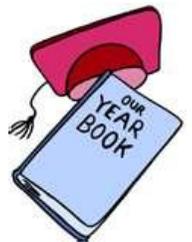
We have two new flags in the cafeteria! The flags represent each country that an OMS student was born. We have just added **Mexico** and **Italy**!

## Pennies for Patients

The OMS collected money for patients in need last month. We collected a total of \$2090. The team that collected the most money earned a **PIZZA PARTY!** That team was **7B** raising over \$800. **CONGRATULATIONS!** Thank you for your support!

## Yearbooks

We took orders for yearbooks March 16 through 20. **Thank you to all the volunteers that helped us sell yearbooks!**



## News you choose

If you have any news you'd like to see in our monthly newsletters, contact Laura [johnandlaura5@juno.com](mailto:johnandlaura5@juno.com) with an article you'd like published. **Our newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

### PTSO Presidents:

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# OMS PTSO News

## Volunteer Committee

Angela Motley is currently creating the volunteer schedule for April through May 2009. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact her to let her know the days and times you would like to volunteer. She will be in touch with you once the schedule is set.

### Contact information:

Email [angela.motley@state.ma.us](mailto:angela.motley@state.ma.us)

Phone: 781 341-9753.

Thank you for giving your time to help the students and staff at the OMS.

## Morning Drop Off

When you are dropping off your child(ren) at school, please remember to pull up as far as you can to drop off. Please DO NOT attempt to go around the car in front of you. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of our students, staff and parents.



Thank you.

## Around Town

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> VOTE for Selectmen!**  
**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Doin' it for Diane Food Pantry Fundraiser at the New Portuguese National Club** Pay \$20 to come at 6pm for dinner, dance and auction **OR** pay \$10 to come at 8pm for the dance and auction **OR** buy a "wish I was there" ticket for \$10. Call Anne at 781-341-0611 or 781-341-0549 for tickets.

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm OMS Media Center:** Amy Muldowney of the highly regarded Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) will be presenting a **PARENT TRAINING on Bullying/Cyber-bullying** for parents of children in grades K through 12.

## Career Day



Career Day is June 9<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for people with interesting careers to come in and do 3 sessions lasting 25 minutes with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The students pick which careers they are interested in and sign up for them. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please contact Denise Fleming. She can be reached at 781-344-7002 ext. 228 or [D\\_Fleming@stoughtonschools.org](mailto:D_Fleming@stoughtonschools.org).

## Mrs. DeNapoli's Health Tips

**DO you have a STYE in your Eye?**  
**By Mrs. DeNapoli, School Nurse**

What are styes? You ask.

A stye is an infection that causes a tender red lump on the eyelid. They have been very, very common this year at OMS, for reasons unclear! What I can tell you, is that it is a bacterial infection, very similar to a pimple or blemish on your face, that usually grows in the follicle of an eyelash. It is a common problem, and it results in swelling of the eyelid. They can be painful and annoying, but they are rarely serious. AND, they are NOT contagious, just like a pimple would not be contagious!

If you develop a stye, be sure to use a warm compress to help open the blocked duct. You can soak a clean face cloth and put it over the area for 10-15 minutes several times a day. Styes will usually go away on their own within a week. Girls, eye make-up should be avoided while you have a stye. To prevent a stye, as always, I recommend good hand washing, and keeping your hands away from your face! Lastly, if swelling continues beyond a week, or spreads to the face or upper eyelid area, you should consult your pediatrician to see if some mild eye drops might be recommended.

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## On-Going Fundraisers:



### BoxTops For Education

Shopping online? Please visit [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com) before you do. Click on the Marketplace and choose the store where you want to shop. It's that easy to earn extra cash for our school!

### Keep sending in those boxtops!

The grade level that brings in the most boxtops will have a **DAY OF FUN** in June! **Grade 7** is in the lead with 1995¢ which is cool 'cuz that's the year most of them were born! Grades 6&8 are not far behind.

### Campbell's Soup Labels

Send in your Campbell's labels and earn FREE STUFF for our school!

See [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for details about this program.



### Spirit Wear For Sale

Stoughton Lounge Pants	\$20
Stoughton Girl's Gym Shorts	\$10
Stoughton Baseball Hats	
(light gray and black)	\$12
Stoughton Baseball Hats	\$12
Hooded Sweatshirts (gray and black)	\$25
Long Sleeve T-Shirts (black and gray)	\$15
T-Shirts (black and gray)	\$10
Stoughton Black Sweat Pants	\$20
Stoughton Stadium Blankets	\$25

For \$5, you can have your Spirit Wear embroidered/monogrammed!  
To order, call or email 781-341-4232  
[noralee@norwoodlight.com](mailto:noralee@norwoodlight.com)

## OMS PTSO School Store Attention Students!



Need a last minute school supply? A pencil? A pen? Check out the OMS PTSO School Store.

The store is open every Monday during all lunches.

This is not a for-profit service. The PTSO simply wants our students as prepared as they can be. The items we offer are at very minimal cost.

## Nestle Go Play! labels



The OMS is now collecting Nestle Go Play! Labels. We earn points that we redeem for merchandise when we collect labels from individual bottles of Nestle PureLife water. If your label says "GoPlay!" then send it in!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### April

- 08 PTSO meeting 7pm
- 10 Last day of ELA MCAS
- 16 Early Dismissal (11:32am)/ Knight of Excellence
- 17 Term 3 Report Cards Issued
- 17 School Closes at end of day ( regular full day)
- 18-26 April Vacation**
- 27 Back to School



### May

- 06 PTSO meeting 7pm
- 07 Early Dismissal (11:32am)
- 07 OMS Jazz Festival SHS Auditorium 7:30pm
- 11-28 MCAS Math, Science, Social Studies
- 20 Term 4 Mid-term Reports Issued
- 27 OMS Band Concert SHS Auditorium 7:30pm



### 2008 – 2009 OMS PTSO Meetings:

The PTSO meets once a month on Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the OMS Media Center.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! Please come and share your ideas**

\*The meetings for the balance of the school year are:

Apr. 8

May 6

Jun. 3

\*meetings are subject to change.