OMS PTSO News

O'Donnell Middle School, Stoughton

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Message from OMS PTSO:

Our next PTSO meeting is Wednesday, March 31st 7-8pm
OMS Media Center
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Congratulations to Lisa Freitas for thinking of the theme for this year's Staff Appreciation Week! Lisa has won a Stoughton Spirit Wear fleece blanket for contributing the winning idea: Around the World!

We will honor the OMS teachers and staff throughout the whole week of May 3-7 using a different country each day.

If you would like to help with organizing or volunteering, please email us at oms_ptso_news@verizon.net.

Nomination forms for PTSO Executive Board will be out at the March meeting. All terms are one-year terms. Please think about which position you'd like and **run for it!** If you have any questions about the positions, ask any board member.

Order yearbooks and Dance tickets during lunch Mar. 15-19.

Internet Safety

If you missed the last PTSO meeting then you missed some pretty surprising factsé like one of five children ages 10 to 17 have had to deal with sexual predators on line. Executive Officer Devine talked to us about Internet safety. He pointed out that the Internet is a great tool but it is up to us parents to protect our kids from the dangers it can cause.
If you'd like a copy of the presentation, email oms_ptso_news@verizon.net.

School Dance

Our next OMS Dance will be March 19th.
GR. 6: 4:30 ï 6:30pm
GRs 7&8: 7pm ï 9pm.
Tickets will be on sale during lunches March 15 through 19! Our very own Mr. Richardson will be the DJ!!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be on sale during lunches the week of March 15th.
We still need volunteers Tues, Wed and Thurs. March 16 through March 18 from**10:30am to 12:30pm**. If you can help, please contact us oms_ptso_news@verizon.net

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Explorers Program

The 9th Annual Stoughton Police Explorers Program sign-up and orientation are Tuesday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in the community room of the police station. This is a program designed to teach kids, ages 13 through 20, about the law and self-discipline. They will meet every Wednesday and Thursday 5:30-7:30pm for 10 weeks starting March 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Executive Officer Devine at 781-344-2424

Preferred Customer Cards

The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce has once again offered to give each PTSO member a Preferred Customer card **FREE** ($15 value!). These cards are valid until December 2011 and offer discounts at many places throughout town! If you have signed up for the PTSO and haven't received a card but would like one, please email us at oms_ptso_news@verizon.net. You can get a complete list of discounts at stoughtonma.com.

News You Chose

Do you have an idea you'd like to share with all our PTSO members? Would you like to see it in the PTSO Newsletter? Please email your ideas to OMS_PTSO_NEWS@verizon.net

Pride of Stoughton

On April 17th from 8:30am to 1pm you can help the Youth Advisory Council show their PRIDE OF STOUGHTON! The YAC is a group of youth in the 7th-12th grades who want to make a positive difference in their community. Pride of Stoughton Day is sponsored by YAC and is dedicated to beautifying and cleaning up various areas around Stoughton. This year, our selectmen declared Pride of Stoughton a community-wide event. Focus will be on cleaning and improving areas around C.A.P.P. playground, Halloran Field, OMS Skate Park, the Stoughton Train station, and the new community garden at the Youth Commission/Council on Aging building. An event this massive needs as many volunteers as possible from the community. Lunch will be held right after the community clean up at Halloran Field! If you would like to help and have FUN, please contact Melissa Barbosa with any questions mbarbosa@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-341-2252 x454.

Spring Pictures

Get your kids ready to smile on **April 1st**! They had their fall picture taken. Now it's time for spring pictures!

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SYC Early Thursdays

Every early Thursday at the O'Donnell Middle School, free fun games are held from 11:30 to 2:15. Open to all Stoughton youths in grades 6-8. On April 8th there will be a basketball tournament. Students must have a permission slip to participate. You can get one at the office OR get one from their website: www.stoughtonyouthcommission.org

Staff v. Students

Right after school on April 15th, it's the OMS students versus staff in a basketball game!

Got Talent?

Stoughton's No Place For Hate is sponsoring a Local Idol Show. Auditions are March 27th 11am to 2pm at the Old Colony YMCA. The show is April 17th from 6 to 9:30 at the SHS auditorium. Tickets are just $5.

And if you miss that one, don't forget about our own third annual OMS Talent Show on May 14th.

Knight of Excellence

April 8th is an evening where you bring your family to see projects that students have been working on all school year. The bands will play, students perform and students in foreign language classes provide food presentations. This is NOT a parent/teacher conference.

Parental Workshop

Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment. Come learn how on Tuesday, March 16 7-9pm in the OMS Media Center.

H1N1 Flu Clinic

The VNA is offering a Free Walk-in H1N1 Flu Clinic at the town hall on March 18th 4-6pm for ages 2 years and up. Flu mist and injection will be available.

Haiti Fundraiser

Haitian Earthquake Relief T-shirts designed by Gerard Casimier, a Haitian student at SHS can be purchased through Mrs. Coughlan for $10. She will be putting orders in each Wednesday.

Shop Target and earn money for OMS

Do you have a REDcard and want to earn FREE money for the OMS? Then, visit target.com and enroll the OMS as your school. Use school ID # 60110 or just search on Stoughton, MA

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BoxTops For Education

The OMS can earn money when you travel! First, Go to www.btfe.com and sign up to support the ROBERT G ODONNELL MIDDLE School. Next, click on the "earn" tab at the top of the page. Select "Shop Marketplace" and you'll find **United Vacations, Southwest Vacations, Hotels.com, Expedia, Choice Hotels**é all will give us anywhere from 1% to 3% of your purchase! All you have to do is go to their website through the boxtops website.

Keep sending in those boxtops. They are collected every Friday. Label them with your child's grade level because:
The grade level that brings in the most boxtops will have a DAY OF FUN in June!
Grade 7 has taken the lead!

Campbellôs Soup Labels

Send in your Campbell's labels and earn FREE STUFF for our school!
www.labelsforeducation.com

OMS PTSO School Store

Attention Students!

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

This not-for-profit store is open every Monday during all lunches.

A+ bonus bucks

Register your Stop & Shop card at www.stopandshop.com/aplus and designate the Robert G. O'Donnell Middle School, ID # 07752 and start earning money for our school just by shopping at Stop & Shopé something you probably already do! Fifty people have registered and we have earned $114.82! **Hurry** because this program ends March 25th!

Show your school spirit!

Visit our table during the Knight of Excellence for our Inventory reduction sale!

Spirit Wear For Sale

Stoughton Lounge Pants	$20
Stoughton Girl's Gym Shorts	$10
Stoughton Baseball Hats (light gray and black)	$12
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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, email Maria Baugh at Mariabaugh@yahoo.com

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

04 Early Release 11:32am/term 3 mi d-terms issued
17 Evening of Jazz--OMS & SHS J azz Bands SHS Auditorium 7:30pm
19 Spring Dance
22 ELA MCAS Begi ns grades 6, 7 & 8
23 ELA Long Comp MCAS grade 7
31 PTSO meeti ng 7pm

April

01 Spring Picture Day
02 No School -- Good Friday
03 Town-wide Volleyball game
08 Early Release 11:32am/Kni ght of Excellence
14 PTSO meeti ng 7pm
12 Last day of ELA MCAS
16 Term 3 Report Car ds Issued
16 School Closes at end of day (regular full day)
19-23 April Vacation
26 Back to Sc hool

2009 – 2010 PTSO Meetings:

The PTSO meets once a month 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:

Mar. 31 Apr. 14 May 12 Jun. 8

*meetings are subject to change.