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Staff Appreciation

Committee being formed and we need you! May 2nd – 6th is the week we take time to let the staff know how much we appreciate all they do to enrich our children's educational experiences. We need a small committee to plan the weeks' festivities. At the March PTO meeting we will be picking a theme for the week....come and bring your ideas and win a great prize if it is picked! You can also email us an idea if you can't make the meeting. litt@visionaries.org

In the past we have planned theme luncheons, breakfasts, midday treats and special gifts. The favorite of the staff is always the day of pampering, which included a massage by professional massage therapists.

It is a fun way to get involved; it can be as little as coming to set up the luncheon or as involved as planning the week, whatever works for you-works for us! Email litt@visionaries.org or lgb1120@comcast.net

Our Next PTSO meeting

March 16th - This one's going down in the history books!!

Our meeting starts at the OMS Media Center at 7pm. You will fill out your nomination papers, or ask questions, if you are interested in running for the Executive Board next year. And you will present your ideas for Staff Appreciation. The best idea wins a prize!

Then we will be treated to a special presentation by OMS Guidance counselors, Corie Brookshire and Sheila Coughlan, on Bullying and what parents NEED to know.

When the meeting is done, we will head down to the Halfway Café at Cobbs Corner to enjoy a bit of TRIVIA! Don't forget your donation ticket so a portion of your tab will go to the PTSO! Trivia starts at 8:30pm... See you there!

Executive Board

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Think about this...

Nomination forms will be available at our next PTSO meeting, March 16th. If you would like to run for a position on the executive board, please come to our meeting and fill out a nomination paper. If you have any questions, please ask any current board member.



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If you eat (eat-in or take-out) at The Halfway Café (Cobbs Corner, Canton) anytime on March 16th and present your donation ticket, the OMS PTSO will get 10% to 20% (depending on our total sales). Visit www.baseclass.com for a donation ticket. AND: Join us for TRIVIA at 8:30.



Pennies for Patients

Our school-wide collection ended this past **Friday, March 4th**. The OMS students were asked to bring in their spare change (or bills) to school to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Stay tuned to see how well the collection went. The team that donates the most will win a pizza party!



Healthy Smiles

Dental hygienists are available to provide **FREE preventative dental care** for Stoughton Public School students with no dental insurance. This includes cleaning and sealants.

For more information, please contact the school nurse, Susan McDonnell, at 781-344-7002 ext. 6161.



Save the Date

There will be a Bullying Prevention Workshop on April 14th 7pm to 8pm at the Stoughton High School Auditorium... details to follow.



Yearbooks

The PTSO will be selling yearbooks during lunches Monday through Friday, March 14 through 18. If you can **volunteer** any of those days from 10:30 to 12:30, please email oms_ptso_news@verizon.net and let us know which days you'd like to come in.

You cannot place an order after March 18th.

Yearbooks are \$20 cash or money order. **Hold onto your receipt!** Your student will need it to pick up his/her yearbook in June.



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Attention SIXTH grade parents!

State Law requires that students must have a physical within the last year and an up-to-date tetanus shot in order to enter grade 7. Please send proof of physical (dated between Sept 2010 and Sept 2011) to the **school nurse** as soon as you have one.

Volunteer Copy Committee Organizer

Volunteers come in to OMS during the day to make copies for teachers. We just need someone to keep track of the volunteer schedule and periodically check to be sure we have the supplies we need. If you would like to be on the Volunteer/Copy committee or if you would like to organize it, please contact Lynne Mitchell at lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com

Campbell 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.



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

School Dance

"We Ain't Foolin'"

Our next PTSO school dance is April 1st

All grades will be combined. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale during all lunches March 28th through April 1st.



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Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks

The OMS is participating in the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks program through Stop & Shop! Call 1-877-ASK-APLUS (that's 1-877-275-2758) or visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register your Stop & Shop card. Our school id# is 07752. Then show your card when you shop and the OMS will earn CASH each time you shop! Tell family and friends about it! This is an EASY, FREE way to earn money for the school! Even if you registered last year, you have to do it again this year! **Before you go shopping, visit the website and check out which products earn EXTRA CREDIT!**

So far, we have earned \$99.71 this year! This program ends for the 2010-2011 school year **March 24th**.

Join the Drink Pouch Brigade!



Remember to send in your empty juice pouches! OMS gets money for the pouches and **Terracycle** reuses the pouches to make fun new products like pencil cases and tote bags.

Visit www.tertracycle.net and see the great products made from your pouches!

BoxTops For Education

Congratulations to Castin Fraine! He won two tickets to Six Flags New England just for sending in his boxtops!!

This contest helped us to meet our goal of \$1,000 worth of boxtops! That means... someone in administration will do something goofy! If you have any ideas, please share them oms_ptso_news@verizon.net

Remember: the grade level that sends in the MOST BOXTOPS by the end of May earns a Free Fun Day in June! Grade SEVEN is in the lead!!!!



BoxTops University

BoxTops University is Friday, March 11th at the Boston Marriott in Burlington 9:30-2:30. Lunch is provided.

This is a great way to get prizes and incentives to use to promote the boxtops program.

We need a BOXTOPS coordinator next year! If you are the one who wants to run the boxtops program next year, this is a GREAT way to start! Please contact Laura Mone at oms_ptso_news@verizon.net

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SMILE! School Pictures

Spring pictures are March 31st. Every student will be photographed. Pictures will come home and you will decide then which pictures you would like to purchase.



Knight of Excellence

The evening of April 7th

This is an evening that the OMS is open to students and their families. It is an opportunity to see projects that students have been working on all year. The bands will play, students will perform, and the cafeteria is filled with food provided by the students. This is NOT a parent/teacher conference. PTSO will be there selling our very popular spirit wear. If you'd like to volunteer that night, please let Barbara Corrigan know at bcorrigan19@comcast.net

Show your school spirit!



Spirit Wear For Sale

Fleece Stadium Blanket.....	\$25
Hooded Sweatshirt (black).....	\$25
Lounge Pants (black/orange plaid).....	\$22
Sweat Pants (black).....	\$20
Long Sleeve T-Shirt (black or gray).....	\$15
T-Shirt (black or gray).....	\$10
Ladies Scoop Neck T-Shirt (black).....	\$16
Girl's Gym Shorts (black).....	\$10
Boys Shorts (black).....	\$10
Drawstring Bag w/ zipper pocket.....	\$12

For \$5 more, you can have your Spirit Wear embroidered or monogrammed!

To order, email Barbara Corrigan at bcorrigan19@comcast.net or 781-344-0374

Spirit Wear will be on sale during Knight of Excellence April 7th.

How to contact OMS?

If you have any questions and need to talk to one of the OMS staff, you may contact the school by

Phone – Main office is (781) 344-7002

Come to the O'Donnell Middle School and talk in person

Email – If you know the teacher's name, then the format is the ***first letter of their first name + underscore + last name@StoughtonSchools.org

For instance, Mr. Hester's email address is:

w_hester@stoughtonschools.org

*** Some email addresses have the first full name

For Contact information:

<http://www.stoughtonschools.org/Stoughton/ODMS/pages/staff.htm>

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Surfing for OMS

Going online? Check out these sites:

oms.baseclasstech.com our OMS PTSO site.

www.music.stoughtonschools.org Parents of Performing Students (POPS) is a group that was formed in 1982 to help support Stoughton's music programs. One way you can support them is by purchasing a gift card to Shaw's, Stop&Shop or Roche Bros. from them. Check out their website to get details and find out other ways you can help.

www.btf.com enter sweepstakes to earn BONUS box tops, print coupons and shop at their marketplace to earn percentages of your purchase for OMS

www.growinglocallearning.com register as a Robert G. O'Donnell supporter (enter the school name without punctuation) to earn bonus boxtops for the school and to get coupons for you!

www.target.com register your REDCARD. Enroll the OMS as your school. Use school ID # 60110 or just search on Stoughton, MA

www.stopandshop.com/aplus register your Stop & Shop card. Our school id# is 07752

www.stoughtonschools.org click on Schools then OMS and find out what's going on at the school... read the daily announcements, find teacher's email addresses, see what the kids are doing and more!

If you know of any websites that would be beneficial for middle school families, please email us and let us know.

Mark Your Calendar

March 2011

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
07	Term 2 report cards issued (2 days late due to snow days)
10	Early Release 11:32am
10	Grade 8 Career Day
15	Newsletter deadline
16	PTSO meeting 7:00pm OMS Media Center
16	ALL DAY! Dine at Halfway Café with your donation ticket
16	Trivia at Halfway Café at 8:30pm with PTSO
22	ELA MCAS testing begins

April 2011

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
06	Term 3 end
07	Early Release 11:32am/ Knight of Excellence
14	Bullying Prevention Workshop – town wide details to follow
15	Term 3 report cards issued
15	Newsletter deadline
18-22	April vacation
25	Welcome back from vacation

PTSO meetings for rest of school year:
03/16, 04/13, 05/18

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Friday Night Hang Out

On Friday, March 18, 2011 6:00pm – 9:00pm OMS



Children are welcome here...

Here is how it works:

Stoughton Extended Day is offering this inclusive monthly program for children enrolled in Stoughton's Middle and High School who may or may not have some connection with the Special Education Department in Town. The basic premise is for kids to have a safe place to hang out, meet new friends, while enjoying activities every teenager likes. Activities will vary depending on the season. The plan is to offer one of these "hang out nights" every month and see where it takes us. This month we will have a "video game night." We'll have pizza for dinner, play some video games on the play station and Wii on the 50" TV and goof around.

- The program will be held at The Jones School in Stoughton Extended Day's Older Kids Room from 6:00-9:00pm
- This program is meant to be for middle school and high school aged kids who may or may not have some connection with the Special Education Department in Stoughton
- The cost is \$20.00 for night
- Registration deadline is Wednesday March 16, 2011

All our emergency forms and information must be completed. Please complete the form below and mail it to Stoughton Extended Day, P.O. Box 257, Stoughton, MA 02072-0257, or drop it off at our office in the Jones School between 10:00-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday. If you have any questions please feel free to call Alan Hoffman, Program Director at 781-344-5512. Or drop us an e-mail at info@stoughtonextendedday.org

Child's Name:	Age:	Grade:
2ND Child:	Age:	Grade:



Hang Out 3/18/11

Home phone #:	Work phone #:
Parent Name:	Cell phone #
1 st Emergency Name:	Emergency Phone #1:
2nd Emergency Name:	Emergency Phone #2:

I give permission for my child(ren) to attend the program and all associated activities.

Parent Signature _____

Please mail this form with full payment to Stoughton Extended Day, PO Box 257, Stoughton MA. 02072-0257, or drop it off at our office at 137 Walnut Street (Jones School). If you have any questions please call Alan Hoffman at 781-344-5512.

Date Received: _____ Staff Name: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____