

# OMS-PTSO News

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## Stoughton O'Donnell Middle School



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### Staff Appreciation

Committee being formed and we need you!

May 2-6 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. Come and share your great ideas! If you can't make the meeting and want to help, email us.

It is a fun way to get involved; it can be a 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](mailto:litt@visionaries.org) or [lgb1120@comcast.net](mailto:lgb1120@comcast.net)

### Knight of Excellence

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

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](mailto:bcorrigan19@comcast.net)

### The Halfway Café Fundraiser

Thanks to all who came to our Halfway Café Fundraiser on March 16<sup>th</sup>! The PTSO earned just under \$90! We had a great time at TRIVIA after the PTSO meeting... The parents' team earned more points than the teachers' team! Of course, we did outnumber them!



### Executive Board

**2010-2011 OMS PTSO**

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### Think about this...



Elections for the OMS PTSO Executive Board will be held at our May PTSO meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come to our meeting and/or contact a board member if you are interested in running.

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## Pennies for Patients

Our school-wide collection ended **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



## U-Knighted Against Bullying Workshop

Attention Grade 8 parents!

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in the high school cafeteria. The "U-Knighted Against Bullying" workshop is for parents of students in grades 8 - 12. The SHS administration, SHS Peer Mediator Terri Croghan, the Stoughton Police Department, the Stoughton Youth Commission, and the YMCA Coordinator of the Summer Camps Program will all be presenting. We will discuss MA laws on bullying, the SPS Anti-Bullying Plan, and ways that parents can help to monitor and prevent behavior that leads to bullying -- what to look for and ways that they can assist the district and the community in its efforts to promote a culture where bullying is not tolerated.



## It's Elementary 5 School, 5K & Fun Run!

**April 30, 2011**

Stoughton Elementary Schools first annual 5k and 1 mile fun run organized by the Parent Teacher Organization Associations. Stoughton's elementary schools are partnering with the YMCA of Stoughton and part of our fundraising proceeds will go support the YMCA's youth development program. Enjoy a quick, flat course run with many family fun activities and prizes! One-mile Fun Run (just \$10) begins at 9am, 5K (just \$20) begins at 9:30. Visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) for more details and to register. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Old Colony YMCA on April 30th!

## Yearbooks

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to sell yearbooks! Thank you to everyone who purchased a yearbook. You should have received a receipt. Be sure to hold on to that receipt. You'll need it to pick up your yearbook in June.



## School Dance

Our next PTSO school dance is **April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm 'til 7pm!** All grades will be combined. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale during all lunches April 4-8.



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## Attention 6th 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](mailto:lynnekimitchell@yahoo.com)

## Campbell Soup Labels

Send in your Campbell's labels and earn FREE STUFF for our school! [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

Carol Johnson did an AWESOME job coordinating this fundraising effort for the last three years! We need someone to fill her shoes! If you are interested in being the Label Lady (or Man), please contact Carol at [johnsmac99@aol.com](mailto:johnsmac99@aol.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](http://target.com) and enroll the OMS as your school. Use school ID # **60110** or just search on Stoughton, MA

## Pride of Stoughton Day

On April 16, 2011 all of Stoughton will get together to clean up the town! If you are interested in helping in this great effort to show your pride in your town, please contact Karen Hall at the Stoughton Youth Commission 781-341-2252 or [Khall@stoughton-MA.gov](mailto:Khall@stoughton-MA.gov)



# OMS-PTSO News

## Join the Drink Pouch Brigade!

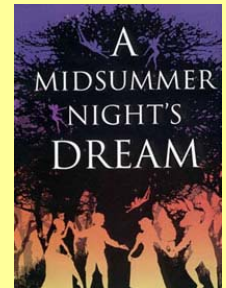


Remember to send in your empty juice pouches! OMS gets money for the pouches and **Terracycle** reuses the pouches to make fun new products like pencil cases and tote bags.

Visit [www.tertracycle.net](http://www.tertracycle.net) and see the great products made from your pouches!

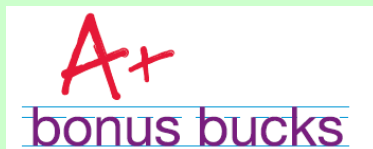
## A Midsummer Nights Dream

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade play A Midsummer's Night Dream will be on Mon 04/11/2011 @ 8:30am in SHS Auditorium; duration approximately 2 hours.



## Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks

This program ended March 24th. Thank you for participating! We earned \$147.21 this year! Remember to reregister next year! This EASY fundraiser runs from October to March each year but we must RE register every year! Thanks to Sue McManus for doing such a **GREAT** job running this fundraiser!



## BoxTops For Education

We have reached 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](mailto:oms_ptso_news@verizon.net). Don't stop sending in your boxtops!

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

Also, if you already shop online, visit [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com) first, do your shopping as usual and a certain percentage of your purchase will go to the PTSO! Just make sure you go to btfе.com first!



# OMS-PTSO News

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://oms.baseclasstech.com) our OMS PTSO site.

[www.music.stoughtonschools.org](http://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.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) register your Stop & Shop card. Our school id# is 07752

[www.stoughtonschools.org](http://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

### April 2011

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
06	Term 3 end
07	Early Release 11:32am Knight of Excellence in the evening
08	Dance all grades 4:00pm – 7:00pm
11	Bullying Prevention Workshop, town-wide SHS 6:45pm
13	PTSO Meeting 7:00pm
15	Term 3 report cards issued
15	Newsletter deadline
18-22	April vacation
25	Welcome back from vacation
30	It's Elementary! 5K road race / 1 mile Fun Run

### May 2011

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
05	Early Release 11:32am
11	MCAS grades 6, 7, 8
13	Term 4 mid-term reports issued
15	Newsletter deadline
18	PTSO Meeting 7:00pm

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