

# rainbow review

The Newsletter of Orchard Ridge Elementary School



## From the Principal

Dear Families,

The first month of school is behind us and routines are in place to support the learning of all of our students. We appreciate your patience as we worked through hiring a few more part time teachers so that students at the 2/3 and 4/5 levels would enjoy close to the same benefits of smaller class sizes as our Kindergartners and First Graders. It may seem a little disruptive to move students around but it is amazing how well everyone adjusts. Kids are so resilient and it does improve the quality of instruction that we are able to deliver to all students.

A big emphasis of our work this school year will be focused on increasing communication with families along with recognizing and supporting the various forms of family involvement. We want students, staff and families to work together in the Orchard Ridge Learning Community so that all students have access to an excellent education. What that means to us specifically will be determined based on the needs of staff, students and families as we work in collaboration throughout the year. We will share in the good times and challenges. Our focus will always be on problem solving and what will make a difference for kids. You will see that reflected in the goals of our school, the PTO and the PTO ORE Partners Group.

My letters in the Rainbow Review will be a bit different now that I am sending home a weekly newsletter. I see them evolving as the year goes on to being focused on a topic of interest. This month, however, I would like to use this space to welcome new friends, families and staff to Orchard Ridge. There are many new faces at ORE each bringing new life and energy to our Learning Community. Please check out the bulletin boards around the school for pictures of our new friends!

- Welcome to all of our new Kindergartners and their families. We are so happy to have you join us. You bring curiosity, creativity and joy to Orchard Ridge and we are thrilled to be with you as you begin your journey through elementary school!

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- Welcome to all of our new families with children in grades 1st-5th. We look forward to working with all of you this year.
- Welcome to our new specials teachers....Music—**Kristine Herbrand** and **Shawn Weber McMahon**....Art—**Meri Lau** and **Michelle Hatchell**. All of these teachers are joining us from other Madison schools and bring with them expertise in their respective areas.
- Welcome to our new classroom teachers....1st Grade—**Tammy Boyd**....4/5—**Dan Urban** and **Chelsea Higgins**....2/3 SAGE—**Amanda Retelle** and **Emily Mahlik**....4/5 SAGE—**Alexa Law**. These teachers are a mix of new and experienced teachers all with their own strengths and talents.
- Welcome to **Conny Mares** and **Linda Nee** who joined us at the end of last year as our new nurse and nursing assistant.
- Welcome to **Mary Lou McCormick** our new Speech and Language Clinician who joins us from Huegel Elementary School.

With all of our energies focused on building stronger communication and relationships with families and the celebration of our diversity, we will create a collaborative culture at ORE that allows us to do the real work that needs to be done. I welcome you to join us!

Sincerely,  
Barb Dorn

## Be part of the O.R.E. Mentoring Program!

Research shows that one of the most single important influences in a child's life is the friendship of a caring adult who can be confided in and trusted. We want to provide this experience for children at our school.

We have a wonderful Mentoring Program at O.R.E. where interested volunteers would be matched with a student who may be struggling with self-esteem, academics, and/or issues of family change. Mentors would meet with their mentee on a weekly basis for 30-45 minutes during the school day. The goal of this program is to create a meaningful relationship between a child and an adult.

Mentors and mentees have a range of activities they can do together: share a hobby, work on schoolwork, play games, read books, or simply talk with each other. Certainly, one-on-one contact with a child is a life changing experience not only for the child, but the mentor too.

We at ORE School are in constant need of community mentors. Please call Sherie Hohs, ORE Social Worker, at 204-2326 or email [shohs@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:shohs@madison.k12.wi.us) if you would like more information about our Mentoring program.



## Calling all Parents: ORE Partners Wants You!

ORE Partners is a new committee of the PTO dedicated to creating the best possible school atmosphere - one that provides every student the ideal opportunity to learn and excel. Partners members believe the best way to achieve this is through increased and consistent parental involvement that ultimately will build strong relationships between parents, staff and students.

### Our work focuses on three key areas:

- **increasing communication between staff and parents**
- **instilling respect in students for themselves, their classmates, staff, volunteers, parents and the school**
- **improving consistency regarding student behavior, so all students and parents know what to expect**

After meeting a few times this summer, the Partners kicked off the school year with our Parents on the Playground program in

response to a request from Principal Dorn. The volunteers interact with the children on the playground from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. by playing games, talking and serving as caring, positive role models. We currently have two to four parents each morning and are looking for more. If you can help, please contact Lisa Farr at 274-9538 or e-mail at lisafarr@tds.net

At Ms. Dorn's request, Partners also is seeking volunteers to help during the lunch hour (11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.) to get children to and from the lunch room and playground. Please contact Lisa Farr or Ms. Dorn if you can help, or just show up if you're free one day during this time.

The ORE Partners will hold regular, monthly meetings beginning in October (date and time to be determined soon). We welcome and encourage ALL parents to join us. If you are interested in becoming more involved, even if you can't attend meetings, please send an e-mail to Partners Co-Chair Scott Harrington (escotth@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the Partners e-mail listserv.

## SCRIP: Our school's EASIEST and CHEAPEST fundraiser!

FREE money for our school! The program works like this:

- Step 1:** Look for the order form in your child's backpack\*. They come out every 4-6 weeks.
- Step 2:** Order gift cards (many retailers including Woodmans, Cub, Copps, Kohl's, Gap, Pizza Hut, Speedway, Exxon/Mobil etc)
- Step 3:** Receive the cards of FULL FACE VALUE that you ordered. If you buy \$100 Woodmans, you get \$100 Woodmans.
- Step 4:** Happily spend your gift cards, knowing that you raised FREE MONEY for your school (for that \$100 Woodmans card, your school got \$5.00!!)

*PS: We do have another ordering option, called Simplified Scrip. We do not make as much profit through this program, so we offer it as a backup to our regular program. You can order Simplified Scrip online, or via mail. There are forms in the office. Order anytime! Just remember to specify ORE as the beneficiary of the profit. You can even send forms to relatives out of state! Spread the love! Grab a few order forms!*

# The New School Year

July, 2007

*By Arlene Silveira, President, Board of Education*

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on the Madison School Board. The purpose is to familiarize you with who we are, how we do our work, and how we can work together to keep the Madison Metropolitan School District strong.

July 1 marks the start of the 2007-08 fiscal school year. For the Madison School Board, this will be a year filled with many challenges and tremendous opportunities. We are coming off several rocky months.

State-imposed revenue caps forced us to make budget cuts that will affect every school and student in the District. Special interest groups lobbied for specific schools and programs for their children and sometimes found themselves pitted against other groups. Decisions had to be made where there were no good choices. In addition, the public was divided on the naming of a new school. As a community we were fragmented in actions yet united in our belief that quality schools are vital for the future of our children and society.

A new year provides us with an opportunity to look ahead and make plans to move the District forward. As a Board, we are committed to working hard to make this happen. We have set our Board priorities for the year, all integral to the success of our District and our community.

Our single most important priority is to hire a new Superintendent to lead our District. This will be an exciting process, directed by the Board, that will involve staff and the community in developing a leadership profile for the new Superintendent and the future of our District. Ways in which you can participate in this effort will soon be announced.

In other priorities, we will evaluate the need and weigh the options for going to another referendum in order to eliminate painful budget cuts again next year. We will consider revisions to the Board's equity policy and the development of guidelines to implement this policy. We will develop specific, measurable goals to evaluate student progress and success. We will study and address the issues that affect educational environment and student achievement such as attendance, dropouts, truancy, expulsions and bullying.

The priorities I have listed above are educational issues. I also believe we need to demonstrate consistency in the decision-making process. The community must understand how the Board makes decisions, and at the same time, the Board must listen to what the community values in public education. This year you will see a proactive effort by our Board to collect information from the community and strengthen the school-community partnerships.

As Board President, what are my thoughts? I know there are challenges ahead of us, many of which are caused by inadequate state funding for schools. I know we have a strong foundation, with talented staff committed to the children of our District. I know we have a community who believes our children are our future. I know that a strong public school system is central to a thriving community.

You have my commitment that as a Board we will work hard to focus our discussions and actions on finding creative, collaborative and positive approaches and solutions to the challenges facing us. A School Board working together in partnership with the community can prevail and succeed not only for our nearly 25,000 children but for the entire Madison Metropolitan School District. Happy New School Year. I look forward to working with you.

## El Nuevo Año Escolar

Julio, 2007

*Por Arlene Silveira, Presidenta, Junta Directiva de Educación*

Este es el primero en una serie de artículos que se enfocarán en la Junta Directiva de Educación de Madison. El propósito es de familiarizarlos con quienes somos, como hacemos nuestro trabajo y como podemos colaborar juntos para mantener fuerte al Distrito Escolar Metropolitano de Madison.

El 1ro de julio marca el inicio del año fiscal escolar 2007-08. Para la Junta Directiva, este será un año lleno de muchos retos y tremendas oportunidades. Venimos de varios meses que fueron muy complicados.

Los límites de rentas impuestos por el estado, nos ha forzado a hacer recortes en el presupuesto, los cuales afectarán a cada una de las escuelas y cada estudiante en el distrito. Grupos de interés especial cabildearon a favor de ciertas escuelas y programas para sus hijos/as y algunas veces se encontraron compitiendo contra otros grupos. Se tuvo que tomar decisiones donde las opciones no eran favorables. Además, el público estaba dividido en el nombramiento de una nueva escuela. Como comunidad que somos, se nos fragmentó en acciones que atan en nuestra creencia de que las escuelas de calidad son una parte vital en el futuro de nuestros/as hijos/as y de nuestra sociedad.

Un año nuevo nos provee la oportunidad de ver hacia el futuro y hacer planes que lleven a nuestro distrito hacia adelante. Como junta directiva que somos, estamos comprometidos a trabajar arduamente para hacer esto una realidad. Hemos planteado nuestras prioridades para el año, siendo todas estas, parte integral en el éxito de nuestro distrito y nuestra comunidad.

Nuestra prioridad más importante es contratar a un nuevo superintendente que lidere nuestro distrito. Este será un proceso muy emocionante dirigido por la junta directiva, en la que serán participes el personal de educación y la comunidad, trabajaremos en desarrollar un perfil de liderazgo para el nuevo superintendente y para el futuro de nuestro distrito. Las maneras en las que ustedes podrán participar en este esfuerzo serán anunciadas próximamente.

Con el resto de las prioridades, evaluaremos la necesidad y consideraremos las opciones de considerar otro referéndum para eliminar los dolorosos recortes en el presupuesto del año próximo. Consideraremos las revisiones en la póliza de equidad de la junta directiva y el desarrollo de las pautas a seguir para poder implementar esta póliza. Desarrollaremos metas que sean mesurables y específicas para evaluar el progreso y éxito estudiantil. Estudiaremos y hablaremos de los temas que afectan el ambiente educacional y logros académicos, como la asistencia, el abandono de estudios, absentismo escolar, expulsiones y la intimidación entre los mismo estudiantes (bullying).

Las prioridades que he mencionado en la parte de arriba, son temas educacionales. También creo que necesitamos demostrar constancia en el proceso de tomar decisiones. La comunidad debe entender la manera de como la junta directiva toma las decisiones y a su misma vez, la junta directiva debe escuchar lo que la comunidad valora en la educación pública. Este año ustedes verán un esfuerzo más proactivo de parte de nuestra junta directiva en coleccionar información de nuestra comunidad y en fortalecer los lazos entre la escuela y la comunidad.

Como presidenta de la junta directiva ¿Cuáles son mis pensamientos? Sé que existen retos por venir, muchos de los cuales son a causa de la manera inadecuada en que el estado otorga los fondos escolares. Yo sé que tenemos una base muy fuerte con miembros muy talentosos que están comprometidos con los estudiantes en nuestro distrito. Sé que tenemos una comunidad que cree que nuestros hijos son nuestro futuro. Sé que un buen sistema escolar público, es esencial en la prosperidad de una comunidad.

Cuenten con mi compromiso de que como junta directiva trabajaremos en enfocar nuestras discusiones y acciones en encontrar soluciones y acercamientos positivos, creativos y colaborativos a los retos que se nos presenten. Una junta directiva que trabaja en conjunto con la comunidad, puede prevalecer y sobresalir no solamente por nuestros casi 25,000 estudiantes, si no también por el resto del Distrito Escolar Metropolitano de Madison. Feliz nuevo año escolar. Espero poder trabajar con ustedes.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

*From the Madison Metropolitan School District*

### General

Communicate with your child and address any fears or concerns about returning to school. Discuss “what if” situations, e.g., “What if someone threatens you?” or “What if you get on the wrong bus?” If you believe there are any unresolved issues that may continue to affect your child’s behavior, follow up with the teacher or principal.

- Remind your child not to go anywhere unless he/she first checks with a parent or caretaker. Don’t go home with a friendly neighbor without the parent’s permission.
- Students should follow safety rules:
  - Always tell a parent/caregiver where they’re going, who they’re with, when they’ll be home;
  - Go places with friends whenever possible.
- Ensure your child knows his/her telephone number and address, contact numbers for trusted adults and that they know how to use 911 for emergencies.

### Transportation

- Discuss transportation issues - how will your child get to and from school? Safety reminders - cross streets at marked crosswalks, obey the school crossing guards, and don’t dart out in front of traffic.
- Bike riding - discuss best routes, wear a helmet, and be visible. Lock your bike in the designated place.
- Have a back up plan in case you’re delayed and can’t pick up on time. Where should your child go? Who should they contact? What should they do? Age appropriate solutions.

### Engagement in school

- Encourage your child to be involved in clubs or sports - Students who are engaged in school activities and who have a sense of ownership in their school will do better with academics.

### Drivers

- Remember to slow down, observe 20 mph school zone speed limits, and look out for children who may dart out into traffic.

The Madison School District strives to develop a positive climate where students are fully engaged and supported. Parents can help by setting good examples and by getting involved with their schools.



## Suggest a name for the new school

The Madison School District is seeking suggestions for the name of the new elementary school on Madison's West side. Anyone can submit a name for consideration by completing a form that's available from the district, and submitting it by Monday, October 22.

The form that needs to be submitted can be obtained from the district website at [www.mmsd.org](http://www.mmsd.org) or by calling 663.1879, or stopping by Room 100 of the school administration building, 545 West Dayton Street.

The Board of Education changed the process for naming a new school after they voted in June to rename Vang Pao Elementary School, the name originally given in April of this year.

Under the current policy, if the school will be named after a prominent local or national figure, that person must be deceased. Schools can also be named after a locally significant geographical site, a place of local significance, or an idea or concept which represents a broadly respected civic virtue.

The new process allows for a 30 day comment period, and at least one public hearing. According to the timeline for the process, the Board of Education will select a name in March.

The new school, located on Ancient Oak Lane, is scheduled to open to students in September, 2008.

Real-time video of the school's construction, architectural renderings and much more information about the new school can be found at [www.madison.k12.wi.us/topics/newschool/](http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/topics/newschool/)

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## Sugiera un nombre para la nueva escuela

El Distrito Escolar Metropolitano de Madison está buscando sugerencias para el nombre de la nueva escuela primaria, ubicada en el oeste de la ciudad de Madison. La fecha límite para someter un nombre que sea considerado es el lunes 22 de octubre y cualquier persona puede completar un formulario (disponible a través del distrito).

Usted puede obtener el formulario que necesita completar, para someter el nombre, en la página Web del distrito: [www.mmsd.org](http://www.mmsd.org) o comunicándose al 663.1879, o puede pedir un formulario en el salón 100 del edificio de la Administración, ubicado en 545 West Dayton Street.

Después de votar por el cambio del nombre que originalmente se le dio - en abril de este año - a esa escuela primaria, Vang Pao, la Junta Educativa optó por modificar el proceso de nombrar una nueva escuela.

De modo que, bajo la nueva política/norma para ese proceso, si a una nueva escuela se le da el nombre de una figura prominente o nacional, esa persona debe estar fallecida. Además, la escuela puede recibir el nombre de: ubicación geográfica de prominencia, de un lugar importante, o el de una idea o concepto, que represente una gama respetada de virtud cívica.

Este nuevo proceso permite un período de 30 días, y al menos una audiencia pública. De acuerdo al plazo de tiempo provisto para este proceso, la Junta Educativa seleccionará un nombre en Marzo.

La nueva escuela está ubicada en Ancient Oak Lane y se planifica el abrir las puertas para recibir a los estudiantes en septiembre del 2008. Puede ver un video (tiempo real) de la construcción, de planes arquitectónicos y más información sobre dicha escuela en: [www.madison.k12.wi.us/topics/newschool/](http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/topics/newschool/)

## Notes from PTO President : Gretchen Olson

Happy New Year! It's great to be back to school for another year of learning and fun.

I write to you on behalf of the PTO. I am your president, Gretchen Olson (my kids are Grace, 4th grade, and Isaac, 1st grade). I am excited to serve our staff, our students and our families this year. I am very interested in helping build a stronger community within our school, and hope to tailor the PTO's efforts to support this goal, as often as possible.

We have a great PTO board in place this year! They are:

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| <b>Co-Vice President</b>      | Diane Barrett (Natalie, 3rd grade)          |
| <b>Co Vice President</b>      | Merideth Trahan (Elise, 2nd grade; Nick, K) |
| <b>Treasurer</b>              | Jill Driscoll (Danny, 4th grade)            |
| <b>Secretary</b>              | Julie Ahnen (Kailin, 3rd grade)             |
| <b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>  | Maryam Soltani (Omeed, 1st grade)           |
| <b>Web Site Admin</b>         | Jason Kruse (Clayton, 1st grade)            |
| <b>Teacher Representative</b> | Kathy Statz (Natalie, 5th grade)            |

Please feel free to contact any of us.

In addition to the board, we are fortunate to have many parents who have volunteered for committees. They are:

**Amy Lemberger:** Fundraising  
**Donna Maysack:** Fundraising  
**Diane Barrett:** New Family Welcoming  
**Anne Lund:** Jump N Jive  
**Lisa Veldran:** Family Fun Nights  
**Scott Harrington:** ORE partners  
**Svetha Hetzler:** Bake Sales  
**Karen Northey:** Teacher Inservice Brunch  
**Gretchen Olson:** Teacher appreciation week  
**Leslie Abadie:** Student Directory  
**Elsy DeMars:** SCRIP coordinator and Campbells  
**Mona Jean Harley:** Room Parent Coordinator  
**Ann Lund, Ann O'Rourke, Amy Lemberger, Kathy Statz, Donna Maysack:** Carnival  
**Lisa Farr:** Vision/Hearing Screening and Picture Day  
**Ann Lund and Diane Harrington:** Yearbook  
**Val Jackson:** Open House - Adopt a book fair  
**Merideth Trahan:** Ice Cream Social and Family Connections nights  
**Michael Oberweiser and Gloria Sevilla:** Rainbow Review  
**Julie Ahnen:** Box Tops

## Ice Cream Social : THANKS!

The annual ORE Ice Cream Social was a big success thanks to beautiful weather and the plentiful ice cream donated by locally owned Schoep's Dairy, Inc. and orange drink donated by the Odana Road McDonalds Restaurant. The event was a great way to kick off a new year for new and returning families. A special thank you to the parent and youth volunteers:

**Lisa Kelly**  
**Lisa Farr**  
**Leslie Abadie**  
**Mark Kulie**  
**Brad Carl**  
**Gretchen Olson**

**Paige Gartland**  
**Amy Lemberger**  
**Megan Lemberger**  
**Ann O'Rourke**  
**Julie Ahnen**  
**Jill Driscol**

**Elsy DeMars**  
**Sara Higgins**  
**Jacqueline Torales**  
**Regina Fisher**  
**Kathy Statz**  
**Michelle Kruse**

**Muneer Afifu**  
**Darshends Jackson**  
**Valerie Jackson**  
**Lisa Stec**

We continue to receive wonderful support from local businesses who generously donated items for the raffle. If you get a chance, please offer your appreciation in person.

**Ten Pin Alley**  
**Vitense Golfand**  
**Old Chicago Pizza**

**Holiday Inn West**  
**PDQ, Inc.**

**Gymfinity Gymnastics**  
**AnchorBank**

## Help keep our kids SAFE!

Some of the larger intersections near our school are staffed with a crossing guard employed by the Madison Police Department. The intersection at Gilbert Road and Russett Roads, however, is manned by our school's student crossing guards (4th and 5th graders).

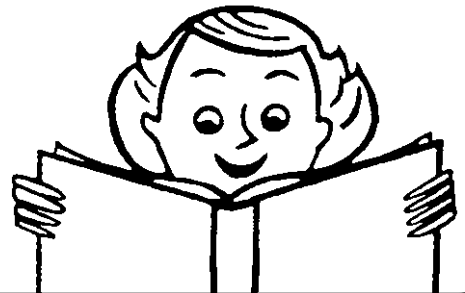
Gabi Bosben, the ORE teacher who oversees our student crossing guard program, is requesting parent help. She feels the busy intersection would be safer with an adult there to help. She would like volunteers to supervise crossings each day before and after school. If you are interested in helping out and would like more information, please contact Gabi Bosben at 204-2338 or email her at [gbosben@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:gbosben@madison.k12.wi.us)

## Student Run Bookstore at ORE : Opening Soon

We are excited to announce that we will soon be opening a Student Run Bookstore at ORE. This store will give all students a chance to own their own books!!

- The new bookstore will be run by our 2nd and 3rd graders. Those who want a job this year will need to complete an application, interview and training. All employees will be paid in books.
- The store will be open once a week afterschool on Tuesdays - 3:20-4:00pm. First week for K/1, second week for 2/3 and the third for 4/5.
- Books will be affordable used for .25 cents and new for \$1.00.
- A Store Naming Contest and Grand Opening Celebration will happen in October.
- The store is located in room 105 and is run by Mrs. Schuster.
- Parents and Staff can buy Gift Certificates at the store.
- All proceeds from the store go to buy new books.

Used book donations can be dropped off in room 105. Please write your name on the box or bag to identify it as a donation for the store.



## Lunchroom Help

Principal Dorn invites parents to come to lunch! Well, to come help supervise, that is. If you are available at lunchtime and would consider helping out, please contact Barb Dorn at 204-2320 or [bdorn@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:bdorn@madison.k12.wi.us)

Many parents involved at school =  
Stronger community at school =  
Better place for our kids to learn!  
Thank you for your consideration.

## Upcoming PTO events:

Next PTO meeting: Wednesday, October 10 in the teacher's lounge by the office. Childcare is provided.

ORE Open House and Adopt a book: October 16, 6:30-8:00. A great time for families to see the school and your child's classroom. Also a great opportunity for your child to adopt a book to benefit the library.

## Can you Help?

Playground improvements ahead!

The PTO is looking for help improving the playground. This year we have budgeted money to install new timbers around the mulched areas, as well as spread a top coat of fresh mulch. Much of the groundwork has already been laid; we just need someone to carry it out.

**The job entails:**

- 1) Call playground company to arrange installation of plastic railroad ties. They have already been measured, priced and budgeted for.**
- 2) Order more mulch.**
- 3) Coordinate volunteers to spread the mulch.**

Please contact Gretchen Olson at 276-5994 or [gaolson@tds.net](mailto:gaolson@tds.net) if you can help.



## Tutors Needed

Be a tutor with Orchard Ridge Elementary School's Americorp Tutoring Program. Tutors are needed every week in math and literacy. If you have a little time to make a big difference, please contact Matt at 204-2346.

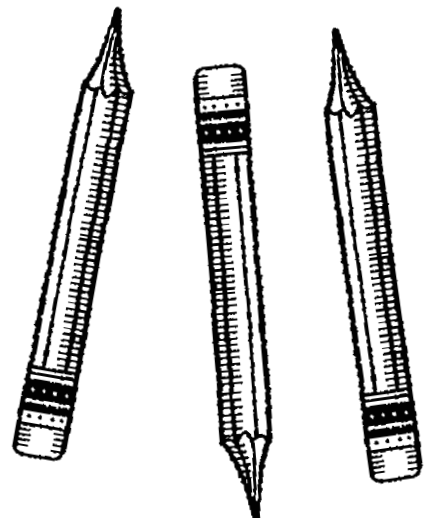
## Want to be in The Know?

Did you know that a lot of the PTO communications are done over a list serve? If you would like to start receiving occasional PTO emails, just email our PTO web guy, Jason Kruse, at [Jason.kruse@teldta.com](mailto:Jason.kruse@teldta.com)

## School Supply Store - Big Success

Orchard Ridge received many generous donations this summer which helped set up a School Supply Store for students and staff. Many, many families received free school supplies before school started. ORE would like to thank Vogel Construction, St. Maria Goretti Parish, Pat Bushek from RE/MAX Preferred, Shirley Culp and many of our teachers. With their help our students are more prepared for their school year.

Thank You!!!!

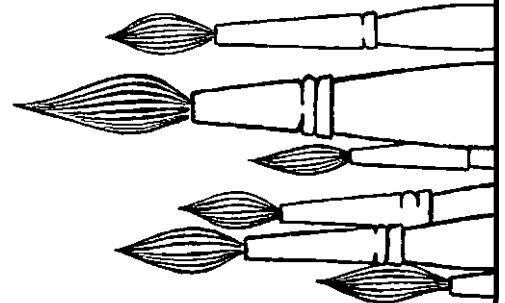


## Invitation to ART!

Due to larger art class sizes this year, one of ORE's new art teachers, Michele Hatchell, is inviting parents to help in her classroom. She loves having parents in her room, and additionally, this will help facilitate a smoother and more productive class period. She teaches only on Tuesdays, and is specifically asking for help during the following times:

- **Tuesdays 11:10 am - 12:10 am**  
Kindergarten (25 kids)
- **Tuesdays 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
First grade (Beery and half of Vyas's classes)

She is very flexible. She welcomes parents to just show up, or you can contact her first if you like. She also has activities for younger siblings if you would like/need to bring them. She can be reached on her cell at 438-2502, or at her email, [kmhatchell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmhatchell@sbcglobal.net)



## Fall Fundraiser

This fall, the PTO is conducting a fundraiser with Sally Foster. Please help us make this fundraiser a great success! With the money raised, the PTO will:

- Improve the playground
- Buy new rollerblades so the school has their own set (the district's traveling set is in bad shape)
- Provide money to teachers for discretionary spending
- Buy new rugs for the classrooms
- Sponsor evening enrichment events throughout the year
- just to name a few!

Please look for the Sally Foster catalogs in your child's backpacks. 50% of your purchase goes directly to the school!!!



## **BIG Thanks!**

The PTO would like to thank:

**Merideth Trahan** for coordinating the Ice Cream Social, as well as everyone who helped out. Lots of fun was had by all!

**Diane Barrett** for taking the lead on organizing registration.

**Karen Northey** for coordinating the teacher's inservice day brunch. Our teachers really appreciated it!!

**Jason Kruse** for keeping up with all the list serve additions and deletions.

Our Camp Randall Seat Back crew: In August, they installed an entire section of seat backs at Camp Randall, bringing in \$975 additional income for the PTO. They finished in record time, and were awarded a \$50 BONUS for doing the job PERFECTLY! Thanks to:

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