



Rainbow Review

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The Newsletter of
Orchard Ridge Elementary School

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From our Principal

Dear Families,

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Teacher Appreciation Week Brought a Lot of Happiness

Teacher Appreciation Week was a great success thanks to the many parents who donated food, money and door prize items. The staff sent us a nice thank you card and here are some of their comments.

- You did an awesome job of making us feel appreciated! We love you, O.R.E. PTO!
- Thank you so much for everything, you are wonderful!
- Unbelievable – you guys are soooo thoughtful and Hard Workers.
- It was great to be so spoiled all week! Thanks for all you do to support the staff and students at ORE.
- Thank you for the wonderful treats and pampering gifts. Our PTO is awesome!
- You folks are wonderful! Thanks so much for everything!
- We have the best parents at O.R.E!
- Thank you is not enough! Everything was wonderful!

Many parents donated to make the week special, including:

Food and monetary donations for the luncheon and door prizes
Vogels, Alt-Browns , Olsons (Gretchen and Lynette), Meixners, Statz's, Henrys, Farris, Vogels, Harringtons, Lunds, Hughes/Gregorys, Gartlands, Sunderlages, Soltanis, Hetzlers, Goulettes, Driscolls, Disrud-Storars, Kleisches, Barretts, Veldrans, Tripp-Harleys, McPikes, Lembergers, McCarthy-O'Rourke's, Pankes , Kleppes, Auters, DeMars, Larsons, Weeklys, Plunketts, Nelsons, Micinskis, Thomas's, Kulies, Morels, Kornetskys, Jacksons, Stones, Trajans, Gartlands, Cooleys, Sharps, DeMars, Varneys, Stones, Vardas, Varneys, Holmquests, Brunettes, and Beckers

Door Prize Gifts

Meixner – large wicker basket with towel, lotion and gel, and notepad
Baldwin – Mary Kay products
G. Olson – handmade ceramic mugs, handmade soaps
Anonymous – loffa, gloves, lotions, Toberlone, truffles
O'Rouke – candy boxes
Driscoll – garden décor, flags, wind ornaments

Gregory/Hughes – magnets, handmade cards, canteens, make-up, refrigerator
Lund – handmade cards, gift cards
Tripp-Harley – post-it notes, handmade necklaces, lavender bath salts, small silver frame, Bath Spa creme
Lemberger - candles
Holmquest – candles, lotions, picture frame
Harrington - smiley face pens, woven coin purses
Wipperforth – handmade cards
Guglielminas – heart tile mosaic

Corporate Sponsor
Panera Bread - \$20.00 gift certificate

PTO donated items

Tea, maroon frames, Stetson and Bath and Body Works cologne, nuts, chocolate candy bars, sunscreen, serving spoons and forks, garden flags, Bath and Body Works splashes and colognes, candles, cards

Special thanks to Elsy DeMars, Val Jackson, Bobbie Dumas, Lisa Farr, Anne Lund, Betsy Vogel, Amy Lemberger, Amy McCormick and Monajean Harley for help with set-up, clean up and handing out door prizes.

From the PTO President

As a PTO, we've had a terrific year at ORE. We've made thousands of dollars with our fundraisers; have used that money, along with our time, effort and enthusiasm, to help out teachers, students and the school in countless ways; and have hosted events to help bring everyone together and make all parents and kids feel welcome.

I encourage each of you to take on a role in the PTO next year, no matter how small. Perhaps you can help coordinate one of our many events, agree to be a room parent coordinator for your child's class, or just come to a PTO meeting and offer your input. We love hearing from all parents!

Lastly, as this year comes to a close, let's make an even greater effort to reach out to parents you don't already know. Say hello on the playground at drop-off or pick-up, or walk up to someone new and start a conversation at August's registration. We want a diversity of opinions on the PTO, and the only way to have that happen is to get more and more parents involved.

If you have any comments, suggestions, ideas or input to offer about next school year, please don't hesitate to call me at any time, even over the summer.

Diane Harrington
(271-7603; DianeBH@sbcglobal.net)



Looking Forward To Next Year

Just a couple of ideas we've got brewing in the PTO for next year:

- Tweaking the way we do PTO meetings (probably with pizza two or three times a year!) to encourage more parents to attend.
- Redesigning the Rainbow Review – in both style and content – to make it more user-friendly and to include some pictures sometimes.
- Adding a third Family Fun Night, this time for math.
- Opening up Lego League – a great, kid-friendly introduction to engineering -- to all grades, will try to get meetings at ORE instead of Memorial High School, and also will try to coordinate carpooling so parents who can't attend can still let their kids get involved.
- Keeping the high-spirited "Be The 1" slogan and t-shirts instead of changing it. So if your child is outgrowing his/her t-shirt and you'd like us to pass it along to an incoming student, please contact Diane Harrington (271-7603; DianeBH@sbcglobal.net).
- Trying a No-Fundraiser Fundraiser instead of sending kids home with catalogs full of stuff to sell.

If you have any other ideas on how the PTO can do things differently next school year, or for new things we should try, please contact PTO President Diane Harrington at 271-7603 or DianeBH@sbcglobal.net (even during the summer!).

Scrip News and Views

**Scrip Stock-Up Sale
Coming Soon**

Mark your calendar for the last scrip order of the year, our June stock-up sale.

Orders will be due May 30th and will be handed out the **last Wednesday** before school is out.

We are hoping to reach a profit of \$5,000 this school year. This amount is quite achievable if we all pitch in.

Thanks everyone for your support! It's been a great scrip year.



"End-of-the-Year" Gift for Teachers, Staff, Volunteers and Graduating 5th Grade Students

STOP! Don't buy another coffee mug! This year, give a gift that keeps on giving with an "End of the Year" Honorary Gift Card. Make a donation to the Orchard Ridge Elementary Endowment Fund in honor of a teacher, staff member, volunteer or graduating student. It's the perfect "End of the Year" Gift!

What: Donate to the endowment in honor of a teacher, staff member, volunteer or graduating 5th grade student. A beautiful gift card will be hand delivered to the honored person of your choice. **No shopping required :)**

When: Watch for the flyer at the end of the month and return by Friday, June 2, 2006.

Why: It is a great way to honor your child's teacher, a staff member, volunteer that gave many hours or your graduating 5th grader that worked hard. It will help our school by providing an ongoing gift and **it's tax-deductible too!**

Lisa Veldran
271-0722

Back to School Registration

August 24, 2006

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A.P. Room



Opera for the Young

Thank you for a job well done in Opera for the Young by:



Mai Yang	Gloria Badillo
Aronji Fields	Julian Cagnazzo
Brandon Dumas	Emily Vermeulen
Madeline Vogel	Christina Plunkett
Franki Fedele	Alessandra Gaglio
Monika Hetzler	Rachel Kornetsky
Allison Statz	Annie Rosebear-Ace
Chaz McGee	Katherine Quintanilla

Off Stage Chorus:

Carissa Panke	Anna Jenson
Trudye Winfield	Nick Lund
Haely Northey	McKenna Becker
Quanice Gosha	Alyssa Schoenbeck
Madeline Cook-Silvern	

Family Fun Night: Arts & Crafts Event

A big "thank you" to the families that braved the nasty weather on Thursday, May 11 to enjoy the various craft projects set up in the AP room! We had a great time working on beaded glow-in-the-dark necklaces, macaroni and pipe cleaner animals, colorful bookmarkers and pine cone bird feeders!

Lisa Veldran
Coordinator
Family Fun Night Events

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Oops! We recently forgot to offer a huge thanks to Dana Sunderlage for handling the Bake Sale at the Carnival this year, and for agreeing to do it again next year.

Thanks also to:

Anne Lund for stepping up to coordinate the Sock Hops again next year.

Kathy Statz for heading up the Playground Committee next year.

Elsy DeMars for being our Campbell's Labels for Education Coordinator this year and for agreeing to do it next year.

June Rainbow Review

The deadline for the final newsletter this year is: **Thursday June 1**

Please submit all articles by June 1 to Valerie Jackson at mike_val_jackson@juno.com.



The newsletter is scheduled to go home with students on the last day of school, **June 9**. *Thank you!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 5, 2006

SCHOOLS OPEN! Early Release 1:45 pm

September 6, 2006

Early Release 1:45 p.m.

September 26, 2006

Staff Development, No School

Spring Concert

For grades 3-5

May 25

1:45 p.m.

AP Room



Madison Public Library Presents:



Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales

2006 Summer Library Program
For Preschoolers through 8th Graders
Registration begins Friday, June 9th

Summer Reading is just around the corner. Kids can head straight to their nearest **Madison Public Library**, beginning **Friday, June 9th** and pick up their **Reading Case File** (reading record) OR register online at www.madisonpubliclibrary.org. The Summer Library Program includes a Read-To-Me program for Pre-Readers, in addition to the regular reading program for Readers to Grade 8. Encourage your kids to join the fun and get into the summer reading habit! They can earn great prizes including a coupon for free pizza.

From the *Henry and Mudge* books to *Where the Red Fern Grows*, from *Garfield*, to *Because of Winn Dixie*, kids will find plenty of choices for summer reading at Madison Libraries. Kids can also find classics such as the series *Hank the Cowdog*, by John Erickson, *The Incredible Journey*, and much, much more. Madison Public Libraries have award-winning books for children and young teens, as well as magazines, computer software, books on tape or CD for car trips and book/tape kits to engage and motivate pre-readers.

Children entering Kindergarten - 4th grade can register for Lunch Bunch, bring a sack lunch to the library and listen to a reading of a chapter book. Kids can turn in their favorite riddle for Madison Public Library's web site. 5th through 8th graders can read and review books and vote for the **Favoreads** or **Teen's Choice Awards** winners.

Join us for some free family fun at the Henry Vilas Zoo and at Olbrich Gardens for magic, music, games, face painting, and more.

These and other wonderful opportunities await children and their parents and it's all FREE at Madison Public Libraries. www.madisonpubliclibrary.org

Participation in the Summer Library Program supports the initiative of the Learning First Alliance (composed of teachers, principals, and school board members nationwide) that states: "Children should be reading at home on a regular basis, usually 20 - 30 minutes each day." (From "Every Child Reading: An Action Plan")

This is not a school sponsored activity and the Madison Metropolitan School District does not approve, support, or endorse this program/activity.

Please continue to collect the following for ORE (even over the summer!) Thank you for your support!



Cub Foods Receipts

ORE receives **One Percent** of all Cub Foods receipts turned in each quarter. Simply save your receipts and bring them in! Since this program runs on a quarterly basis, it's important to turn receipts in often so they don't expire.

Box Tops for Education



ORE receives 10¢ for every Box Top! This adds up quickly and last year we earned \$500 for our school! Please take the time to remove these from boxes, bags, etc. If possible, please cut Box Top coupons **along the trim line**. This helps speed up the redemption process.



Kemp's and Morning Glory Milk Caps

Please save milk caps from any Kemp's or Morning Glory milk products. It's another easy way to earn money for ORE! (Please wash milk caps before turning them in.)



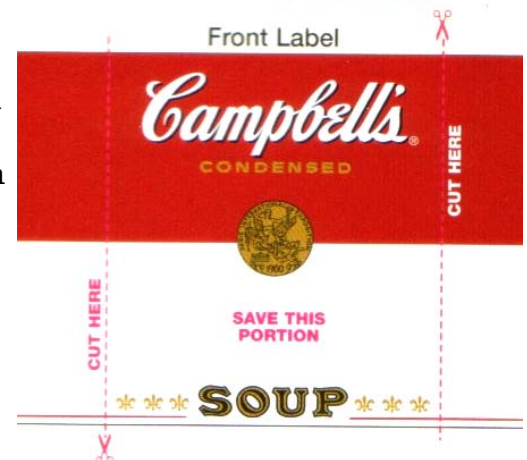
Campbell's Labels for Education

Help earn free stuff for ORE!

We collect labels, lids, UPC codes and more from any product with the Campbell's Label for Education logo on it. This includes a wide variety of brands including: all Campbell's soups, Healthy Request soups, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farms, Swanson, V8, Prego and Pace.

For labels from a canned good, Campbell's requires **the front portion only** for redemption (we don't need the UPC code from these). See the example to the right for exactly how to cut these labels.

Below is an example of what to save from the product label.



Become a Parent Mentor Next Year!

There's nothing more frustrating than coming to a new place and not feeling welcome or having questions about what goes on. To make new, incoming ORE parents feel like they have an instant friend -- and to give them someone to touch base with next school year -- we'd like to start a program of Parent Mentors. We'll assign some mentors during Kindergarten Round-Up on May 22, and we'll assign others (for parents of older, new-to-ORE kids) during August's registration. A PTO representative will let you know who's been assigned to you then.

We don't anticipate a ton of contact throughout the year, but it'd be nice for incoming parents to feel they have someone special they can turn to if they wish.

Thanks so much, everyone, for helping to make ORE such a great community of families!



**CUT OFF AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
OR DROP IN THE PTO MAILBOX IN THE OFFICE**

YES! I'd like to be a Parent Mentor to an incoming ORE parent.

YES! I'd be happy to be a mentor to more than one parent.

NAME: _____

YOUR CHILD'S NAME: _____

YOUR CHILD'S 2006-07 GRADE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____