



Rainbow Review

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CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE
orchardridgemadison.com\ORE.htm

From the Principal:

Dear Parents:

January saw many special activities here at Orchard Ridge. They included the Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Battle of the Books and Opera for the Young. All of these events provided opportunities for our students to shine. We appreciated seeing so many of our parents at these activities.

On January 25th we had the great event at Barnes and Noble followed by the Winter PTO Sock Hop on February 1st. Again, it was wonderful to see so many of you at these events. Three other upcoming events in February are PTO family fun nights and a day for parents to join their children for lunch here at ORE.

In the classroom our 4th and 5th graders will be taking achievement tests in the next two weeks. Please try to make sure your child is well rested, fed and at school during these important test dates.

As you can see the theme of this note to you is parent involvement. As parents you are extremely important to the education of your child(ren). At ORE we applaud, appreciate and encourage your involvement. We are always glad to see parents at ORE! Whether you read with your child, help them with their homework or attend school events – it is all important to your child!

Educationally yours... ..your principal... ..
Mike Hertting

**NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 22ND FOR SWEIO
INSERVICE DAY FOR TEACHERS**

**PARENTS:
JOIN YOUR CHILD FOR LUNCH DAY
Wednesday, February 13, 2002**

**Call the office at 204-2320 if you
want to order a slice of pizza.**



News from the PTO

ORE families really make a great turn out at our school events! Students and parents had a grand time dancing the night away last Friday at the Winter Sock Hop. Thank you, Todd Boehm, for organizing this enjoyable event. And, thanks to the parents who helped with the bake sale.

Thank you to all the families who came out to support the ORE Barnes& Noble Night. **Our school earned over \$1600.00!** What a success! Thank you Heather Renkin and Lisa Lord for organizing another great fundraiser. Our school appreciates your energy and creativity you both have put into organizing fundraisers for our school. Because of your great efforts and the outstanding support of ORE families, the PTO has been able to order new equipment to upgrade our playground, and purchase a much-needed large capacity copier machine for our school. Thank you, Rob Rickman and the Strings Group for a wonderful performance at Barnes& Noble. Thank you, face-painters!

Another great time at ORE is Family Fun Night. At the previous Family Fun Night, parents and students had a blast playing sports, riding scooters, and reading in the library. **Mark your calendars for the last Family Fun Night Tuesday, February 19th, from 6:00- 7:30 pm.**

New playground equipment has been ordered! In the spring, look for a Cliff Climber and a Chimney Climber. Be apart of the Playground Committee! Contact Lisa Stec, Beth Walsh, or Janice Peters to share ideas about improvements for our school grounds.

The next big event at ORE is the **School Carnival, Saturday, March 16th, from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.** Bring your family and friends to eat lunch and play games, also try to win one of the many raffle prizes! One popular game is The Mystery Gift. Your family can help out with this game by sending in gently used games or toys wrapped in newspaper indicating the age/sex of someone who would like the gift.

Spring is the time of the year when we need to fill positions for the 2002/2003 PTO Board and Committees. ORE can use your time and talents. Talk to a PTO Member or Committee Member at the carnival to see what position may be of interest to you.

Next PTO business meeting is Tuesday, February 12th, from 6:00-7:00pm. If you need child care to attend the meeting, let Nanci or Lisa know.

Sincerely,

Nanci Kopecky and Lisa Stec

Student Council Spirit Day: Wisconsin Red & White Day

Join in the Orchard Ridge School Spirit and Wisconsin Red & White on Friday, March 8th.



MMSD Cable Presents:
Issues Update with Mike McKinney
 Safe Schools Healthy Students
 An update on the District's three-year multimillion dollar grant.



Great strides have been made in the areas of early childhood, safety, mental health, alcohol and drug prevention and educational reform.

Hear from District administrators, teachers, community partners and families on the services made possible by this grant.

Issues Update: Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant Update
MMSD Channel 10 Wednesdays at 8:00 pm
February :
2/6, 2/13,
2/20, 2/27



Safe Schools
Healthy Students

REMEMBER MARKET DAY PICKUP!



February 20th

Join us at the last
Family Fun Night,
Tuesday, Feb. 19th,
6-7:30 pm.

Questions & Answers

What is the progress of the new telephone system?
 We are still having problems with our new telephone system, especially voice mail. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have not received a response to your message. Once all of the bugs get worked out, this new system will be great!

My child was disappointed that he was not listed as having perfect attendance when he only was late for a dental appointment. Why is this? The MMSD policy is that when a student is late more than one hour of school they are marked absent for one-half day. We do recognize students who have excellent and perfect attendance and are very proud of these students.

What is your policy on boots? We expect all of our students to have boots now that there is finally snow on the ground. We also want our younger students to

wear snowpants. Students have restricted recesses if they are not dressed appropriately. We do not want to have wet students!

My child wants me to come for lunch. Is that ok? YES, we love it when parents join their child for lunch. We will have another day in February where we invite all parents, however other days are just fine, too!

Last year at a PTO meeting there was some discussion about various doors being locked during the day. Is this still going to happen? Yes, the locks have been installed. We are waiting for keys and need to fine-tune some of the details. Parents will receive advance notice. Once this starts, parents will have to enter using the main doors near the middle school office. This safety measure is being implemented at all MMSD elementary schools.



Listed below are the students involved in various activities here at ORE. Those with a "*" by their name were a top three finisher. Congratulations to all of these students.

Geography Bee Contestants

Corey Pratt *
 Kenett Winters
 Jackie Koykkar
 Alan Roper
 Colin Roper
 Zak Schmidlkofer
 Kevin Budziszewski
 Iris Xu
 Julia Mayeshiba
 Timothy Carll *
 Jason Revels
 Luke Acton
 Brian Raab
 Phoua Yang
 Molly Walsh
 Quinn Moe

Spelling Bee Contestants

Jackie Koykkar - *
 Ranna Vakili
 Christopher McNulty – *
 Megan Roper
 Charisa Stauffacher
 Cary Neibauer
 Kyle Oxtn
 Tim Carll
 Maria Cooley
 Zack Meixner
 Alex Cimino
 Steven Mooberry
 Alan Farnsworth
 Emily Holmquest
 Courtney Hollis
 Shannon Boehm

Jack Kalscheur
 Elizabeth Kopecky
 Aubrey Fisher
 Bailey Murphy
 Sam Hansen
 Jake Solomon
 Pamela Gu – *
 Mona Sawan
 Sloan Davis
 Ian Jorgensen
 Naman Siad
 Quinn Moe
 Jamie Neibauer
 Molly Walsh
 Tom Bernstein
 Nick Groves
 Alex Schneider

Battle of the Books


Luke Galle *
 Carlos Golden *
 Nick Groves *
 Quinn Moe *
 Molly Walsh *
 Shelly Mickelson *
 Emily Peters *
 Heather Ahnen *
 Kevin Budziszewski
 En Lin
 Brian Raab
 Ephraim Johnson-Lopez
 Zoe Andrews *
 Leanna Gruendel *
 Nader Kamal *
 Youa Yang *
 Alex Schneider
 Julia Mayeshiba
 Ashley Morgan
 Henry Grindrod
 Erynn Lord
 Tim Carll
 Vincent Peterson
 Zach Bills
 Christopher McNulty
 Ian Straus
 Chris Ruse
 Cary Neibauer *
 Tyler Sakrison *
 Jake Schneider *

Julian Shultz
 Tim McCormick
 Corey Pratt
 Thayer Jorgenson
 Kenett Winters *
 Alex Porter *
 Camie Caneff *
 Amy Patterson *
 Amber McKenzie *
 Megan Roper *
 Robin Dybevik *

Opera for the Young

James Allen
 Myketa Berry
 Robin Dybevik
 Justin Hillebrand
 Amber McKenzie
 Amy Patterson
 Alex Porter
 Megan Roper
 Hannah Rotar
 Erynn Lord
 Caela Northey
 Breanna Rhinesmith
 Rosie Sarbacker
 Natalie Navone
 Wytavia Britton

February 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Winter Sock Hop 6-8pm	2
3	4	5 Family Fun Night 6-7:30pm	6 Roller Skating at Fast Forward	7	8 Spirit Day Wear a hat!	9
10	11	12 PTO Meeting	13 Eat lunch with your child day	14	15	16
17	18	19 Family Fun Night 6-7:30pm	20 Market Day Pick-Up 5-6pm 	21	22 School Closed for SWEIO Convention	23
24	25	26	27	28		