



From Our Principals

Welcome and Welcome Back!

On behalf of the entire staff of Orange Avenue School, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and their families as we begin another new and exciting year. We look forward to working with you throughout the school year. Together, we can provide the best possible educational opportunities for all students.

The OAS staff continues to be committed to the common mission that drives our school. We welcome you to join us in living the words that guide us on a daily basis.

OAS Mission Statement: *Orange Avenue, a suburban 3-8 school, is committed to nurturing students, while involving students, parents and teachers in an educational environment that emphasizes cooperation, discovery and enjoyment of learning. Our school community strives to develop responsible citizens who possess positive self-esteem, respect for others and an interest in life-long learning.*

We sincerely mean it when we say there is no better place for your child than here at OAS. Our team consists of true professionals who take great pride and maintain a personal commitment when it comes to preparing the highest caliber of instruction for our students, your children. We understand that children learn at varying levels and in different ways. We strive to differentiate instruction to meet every child's needs because this is the very purpose of education.

A few years ago, I shared a scene from a movie that reminds me of the start of school. If you have ever seen, "You've Got Mail," you may remember the scene where Tom Hank's character is writing to Meg Ryan's character. He says he

loves New York in the fall and would love to send her a bouquet of freshly sharpened pencils. That scene always makes my heart skip a beat with the excitement that comes along with the promise of a new school year. We each have our own image that is conjured when we approach September. This year, my oldest daughter will be starting kindergarten, so I share that excitement from both sides. We have already lined up our backpack, school supplies and the first day of school clothes. Like all of you, I anticipate meeting new teachers and seeing the classrooms. For me, the start of a school year is a symbol of a new beginning and thrilling things to come.

We recognize that parents are our students' first and best teachers. The staff members of Orange Avenue value the relationships we have fostered with our parents and community members. We believe that these partnerships constitute the key to the successes that our students achieve academically, socially, and emotionally. We have a very active Parent Teacher Association and many opportunities to volunteer in the school and classrooms. We will be administering a parent survey this fall in an effort to gain feedback, reflect and discuss for the future. Striving to prepare our students to be productive and contributing citizens in a 21st Century world represents a major goal of our learning community. As a result, we welcome feedback as we strive for all members of our school community to achieve to their personal best each and every day.

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Save the Dates!

- ◆ Picture Day 9/16
- ◆ Middle School open house 9/20, 7pm
- ◆ Elem School open house 9/27, 6:45pm
- ◆ Mum Sale 10/3
- ◆ PTA General Meeting 10/11, 7:30pm



From Our Principals (cont.)

The OAS Parent Open House Nights are intended for parents to become acquainted with teachers, the school day, and the academic expectations of classes. The elementary open house will be September 27 and the middle school open house will be September 20. More information will be coming in September.

A new school year brings a fresh start, an opportunity to set goals and accept new challenges, and a chance to be part of a school experience that is second to none. Orange Avenue is an outstanding school because of its dedicated staff and parent community.

From Our PTA President

Welcome to all of our new and returning students and families to OAS! I am excited about my role of OAS PTA President for the 2011-2012 school year, and the PTA Board and I are looking forward to a great year.

As with each new year, we are hoping for 100% faculty and family membership. Your dues and donations fuel the great events throughout the year for our kids (membership forms are in this newsletter). The events can't run without volunteers, so please take note of the events list later in the newsletter as well. There are open spots for chair people, and volunteers are always needed.

Alisha Hoey, our beautification chair, has made the front of the school inviting for everyone entering OAS. The PTA board watered during the summer months in order for the plants to flourish in the sunshine, and we are working with Mrs. Vella to extend that beauty to the 3rd/4th grade entrance. Please consider volunteering to help Alisha maintain our flower beds by joining her beautification team.

As the school year begins, the PTA, through the Helping Hands committee, can organize meals for OAS staff and families who are dealing with illness or a loss. Please contact Teresa Wilson if you would like to chair this committee or volunteer to help with meals. The Orange Avenue School community has such a strong reputation of always pulling together to provide support for one another in times of need.

We cannot thank you, our parents, enough for the thousands of ways you have supported OAS. As a result of your involvement and support we continue to grow, provide our students with wonderful enrichment, and maintain the highest academic standards. It is our privilege to serve as administration of Orange Avenue, and we cannot wait for school to begin.

Respectfully,

Michelle Vella
Principal

Carmela Colosimo
Assistant Principal

With the monies raised last year, the PTA was able to provide our school with many items on our instructional, support and administrative staff wish list. These included: 12 netbook computers with a charging cart for a mobile computer lab, electric hand dryers for the bathrooms, light weight folding tables for use throughout the year, repairing of the laminating machine for the teachers, Muzzy language arts program for German, portable white board, flip video, entry way rugs for the front of the auditorium and PTA showcase for entryway (to be installed), printer and blinds for the conference room.

A special thank you to Carolyn Smaka and Merry Ragno who have taken on the role of editors of the Orange Gram. As we are going green, the Orange Gram will be emailed to our OAS families on or about the first of every month. Submissions can be sent to orangegram@yahoo.com by the 25th of the previous month. If you do not receive it at the beginning of each month, it will be posted on the district website, <http://www.cranfordschools.org>. You can find it by clicking on the link for OAS and then the link for PTA.

Have a wonderful September. I look forward to a very successful year.

Sincerely,

Jodi Klimko
OAS PTA President



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2011 - 2012
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PTA General Membership Meetings
2011/12 school year

Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 10th

Tuesday, March 27th
(combined budget meeting with BAS)

Tuesday, June 5th

A Note from the PTA

Hurricane Irene and the subsequent flooding affected so many families in Cranford and in our school community. The devastation in some neighborhoods and to many homes was immense. But there have also been numerous stories of friends and neighbors in the OAS school community supporting each other through this disaster. We will continue to reach out and care for each other in the coming weeks and months as the recovery continues.

Welcome BPS Students & Families

On behalf of the PTA, as well as the staff and students at OAS, we would like to extend a special welcome to BPS students and families as they join our OAS community.

Why Join the PTA?

Your contributions help support OAS activities, classroom upgrades and school beautification projects throughout the year.

Who Should Join the PTA?

Everyone! 100% membership is our goal!

Questions?

Please contact Celeste Kirkikis at photogreetingjcj@aol.com

Missing Hotboxes

The PTA has been missing two hotboxes since early last spring. If you know of their whereabouts or another school in the district that they have been loaned to, please contact Celeste Kirkikis ASAP at photogreetingjcj@aol.com



Photographer will
be Cassidy
Studios

Picture Day is Friday, September 16th

Mark your calendar! OAS Picture Day is almost here. Order forms will be sent home via your child's backpack on the 1st day of school. Please return forms by Wednesday, September 14th! It is important to fill out the forms completely and enclose the correct payment. Elementary students should return the form to their teachers and middle school students should turn it into their physical education teacher.

To help ensure a great photo, students should wear bright clothing. White tops and patterned clothing are not recommended.

It is suggested that students eat lunch at school on Picture Day to accommodate scheduling needs. Please note that poses are standard and cannot be altered.

Finally, we would love to have your help to make Picture Day run smoothly. Five volunteers are needed in the morning and another five in the afternoon. If you are able to help, please contact Kerry Rokicki at 272-4031 or Jennifer Garrison at 272-1187.

Reflections A PTA Sponsored Art Program



Is your child an artist? Does he or she enjoy writing, art, music, photography, film or dance? If so, they are a perfect candidate for *Reflections*, the annual arts program sponsored by the PTA.

"Diversity means..."
The theme for 2011-2012 is "Diversity means..."

Students should think about what this means to them and express it using one of the six mediums.

For more information

Reflections is open to all OAS students. Please visit www.ptareflections.org for more information including Student Entry forms and rules for each category.

Deadline

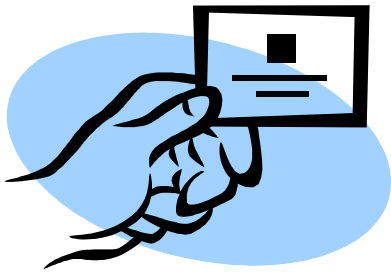
All submissions should be turned into the OAS main office. The specific deadline is to be announced.

Questions?

Please contact *Reflections* co-chairs:

Kerry Rokicki
kerry.rokicki@verizon.net or

Cindy Concannon
cconcannon3@comcast.net



Orange Avenue School PTA

PTA MEMBERSHIP 2011-2012

**Membership fees support the National, Local and OAS PTAs.
Help us reach 100% participation!**

Yes, I want to ensure the OAS PTA is able to do great things for our children. Count us in:

Family Name(s): _____

Member #1 _____ **\$8.00**
Name

Member #2 _____ **\$8.00**
Name

Member #3 _____ **\$8.00**
Name

Member #4 _____ **\$8.00**
Name

Donation **\$** _____

Please consider a donation—100% of your contribution goes directly to OAS PTA

TOTAL Membership/Donation **\$ _____**

**Please make check payable to OAS PTA
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH**

**Return completed forms and payment to Celeste Kirkikis
by September 28, 2011.**

Membership questions? Contact Celeste Kirkikis at photogreetingcj@aol.com.

OAS PTA 2011/2012

Chairperson/Volunteer Sign-Up

Below is a list of the OAS PTA sponsored events. **Volunteers are needed for all events**, and a chairperson/co-chair is needed for all events except where indicated. If you are willing to offer your time to any event, please indicate by checking the box next to the event(s) you are interested in, complete the contact information at the end of this form, and return the entire form to the office in an envelope marked "PTA Volunteers." **If you have questions about any of the events, please contact Teresa Wilson at (908) 653-0539 or by email at tszwilson@comcast.net.**

2011/2012 Chair (s)	Previous Chair (s)	Event Date*	Event Name/Responsibilities	I am willing to:	
				Chair/ Co-Chair	Volunteer to help
Irene Brennan	Irene Brennan	Fall	Class Parent Coordinator: Prepare information and coordinate placement of class parents.	Chair Filled	/
Carolyn Smaka Merry Ragno	Alisha Hooey	Monthly	Newsletter: Organize, write, layout, and post on-line monthly Orange Gram.	Chair Filled	/
	Jodi Klimko	Monthly Nov to May	Student of the Month: Organize monthly breakfast; coordinate with teachers on attendees.		
	Alisha Hooey	ongoing	Outdoor Beautification: Beautify school grounds by planting, weeding, and planning improvements.		
Cathy Kanterman	Cathy Kanterman	ongoing	Front Sign: Update to reflect current PTA/school events.	Chair Filled	
Amy Wischusen Nancy Rothman	Amy Wischusen Nancy Rothman	Fall	Spirit Wear: Advertise OAS clothing and accessory, collect and process orders, distribute purchases.		
	Lisa Durant	Fall	OAS Magnet Sales: Create flyer, coordinate sales.		
Kristen Mallon Sue Besnecker	AnneMarie Robertson	Sept 7	6th Grade Luncheon: Organize schedule review, coordinate lock distribution, serve pizza, set-up and clean-up	Chair Filled	
Kerry Rokicki Kim Lopes Jen Garrison	Kerry Rokicki Kim Lopes	Sept 16	School Picture Day: Work w/photographer, organize sign-ups and distribute printed portraits.	Chair Filled	
Tracey Tully	Tracey Tully	Oct 3	Mum Sale: Work with local nursery to sell Fall flowers and coordinate at-school pick up.		
Jennifer Mehr	Cheryl Gesslin	Sept/ Oct	Directory: Gather and type set contact data. Work with printer to proof and distribute.	Chair Filled	
	New Committee 2011/2012	Ongoing	Indoor Lunchtime Enrichment: Coordinate parent volunteers to share interest/skills during lunchtime programs (i.e. teaching chess)		
Kristin Ganley Jennifer Murray	Tracey Tully	Oct 12	4th Grade Bike Rodeo: Working in conjunction w/police, outdoor bike safety seminar.	Chair Filled	
	Jane Smith Cathy Kanterman	Nov (1) wk	Fall Book Sale: Order materials, advertise, set up/break down fair, schedule and assist students in purchasing books.		
Kerry Rokicki C. Concannon	Kerry Rokicki C. Concannon	Oct/ Nov	Reflections Art Program: Advertise, coordinate submissions of PTA sponsored art competition	Chair Filled	
Jennifer Murray	Jennifer Murray Melina Thompson	Dec 14	Holiday Tea: Identify location, send invitation, organize food, set-up and clean-up.		
	Alisha Hooey	Dec 14	Holiday Tea House Sponsor: Volunteer your home as the Holiday Tea House. <input type="checkbox"/>		
	AnneMarie Maglino Kathy Davis	Dec 8,9	Holiday Boutique: Purchase items to be included, advertise and set up classroom schedule, set/clean up.		
Iris Filimonczuk Amy Icklan	Iris Filimonczuk Amy Icklan	Jan 21	Family Discovery Day: Help plan and coordinate and afternoon of family educational fun	Chair Filled	
	Jorge and Kristen Santos	Feb 3	Grade 3,4,5 Game Night: Advertise and coordinate Bingo Game Night. Purchase prizes.		

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	New Event 2011/2012	TBD	Family Roller Skating: Coordinate an OAS family skate day at Woodbridge Skate Arena		
Tracey Tully	Tracey Tully	TBD	Grade 3,4,5 Movie: Coordinate outdoor movie evening		
Alex & Carolyn Bernstein	Mary Sterling	March 16	6th Grade Comedy Night: Organize and run event	Chair Filled	
Paula Taylor	Paula Taylor	March 23	Band Night Fundraiser: Plan, organize and run event		
Wanda Giannobile Cindy Kelly Jennifer Kelly Kristin Ganley	Margie Vizzanni Carolyn DeSimone	April 20	6th Grade Social: Organize and run event	Chair Filled	
	Sheena Higgins	April 27	7th Grade Social: Organize and run event		
Kristin & Jorge Santos	Kristin & Jorge Santos	May 11	Staff Breakfast: Arrange for food, set/clean up	Chair Filled	
Karen Capone, Maria Curry, & E. Wessolock '10/'11 and '11/'12		May 8	Staff Appreciation Luncheon: send invitations, organize food and volunteers	Chair Filled	
Dawn Joyce	Dawn Joyce Tracy Harris	May 11	Plant Sale: Prepare order form, order plants and organize volunteers and schedule classes, deliver plants		
Angel Eimer	Angel Eimer	June 1	Grade 3,4,5 Field Day: Organize and run event		
	Cancelled last year- No Chair Volunteer	June	Family Pool Night: Coordinate w/OA pool family pool party, coordinate activities and food		
	New Committee in 2011/2012	1-2 days	Family Beautification Day: Plan and coordinate family outdoor clean up days w/Beautification Chair.		
	New Committee in 2011/2012	ongoing	Indoor Beautification: Coordinate parent volunteers to work on school selected projects.		
	Cheryl Gesslin	ongoing	Box Tops for Education: Advertise program, track progress, ship box tops.		
	Cheryl Gesslin	ongoing	Cartridge Return Program: Advertise program, collect and ship empty cartridges.		
	Jessica Waters	Spring	Discount Amusement Tickets: Coordinate w/vendor, advertise, order & distribute tickets.		
	Karen Dankosky	ongoing	PTC Junior Rep: Coordinate wreath sale fundraiser between PTC and OAS PTA		
Sheena Higgins	Sheena Higgins	ongoing	PTC Senior Rep: Represent OAS on scholarship committee	Chair Filled	
	Celeste Kirkikis	ongoing	Helping Hands: Organize volunteers and meals for OAS families in need.		
	New Committee in 2011/201	Ongoing	PTA Bulletin Board: Work with the PTA Board and committee chairpersons to advertise recent and upcoming PTA events on the designated PTA bulletin board.		
Jennifer Mehr	No Chair Volunteer Last year	ongoing	Publicity: Gather photos and info from various events and fundraisers and send to local papers.	Chair Filled	
	Danielle Lore Lauren Balkan	ongoing	Going Green Committee: Help our school become more environmentally friendly/aware		
	New Event 2011/2012	(1)Fall (1)Spring	Parent Social: Plan events for OAS parents to facilitate relationship building and school involvement. Organize a casual parent social at a local venue 1-2 times per year.		

*Unless noted, exact date to be determined by PTA/Committee Chair.

Name: _____ **Grade(s) of OAS student(s):** _____

Contact Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Comments/Suggestions on new or existing offerings: _____

Are you interested in becoming CLASS PARENT for your child?

If so, please return by Wednesday, September 14th to your child's teacher.

Your Name: _____ Phone # _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

- () I have never been a class parent
- () I have been a class parent for this child for grades(s) _____
- () I have been a class parent, however, not for this child
- () I cannot devote the time for being class parent, but would wish to lend a hand when needed.



Reminder: You must be a current member of the OAS PTA in order to be considered for class parent position.

May we use your home information (parents' name, address and home phone#) in compiling a PTA Class List for your child's class?



Your Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher/Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Father/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

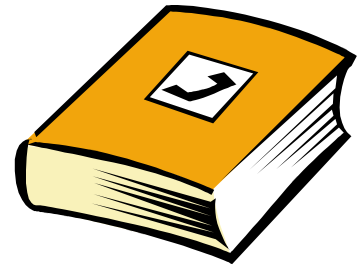
Please check one:

- () Yes, I would like our name, address, and home phone to be included on my child's voluntary class list.
- () No, thank you. Please do not include our information on my child's voluntary class list.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, please contact PTA Class Parent coordinator, Irene Brennan ibslbrennan@verizon.net or at 653-1684.

Orange Avenue School PTA
STUDENT DIRECTORY
2011-2012



Family Name: _____

YES, please include us in the directory. **NO, please don't include us.**

Please complete fully, even if contact information has not changed from previous year. Please print clearly. Information will appear exactly as shown. Use back of form if additional space is needed.

Parent(s): 1) _____

 2) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent #1 Cell: _____ Parent #1 Email: _____

Parent #2 Cell: _____ Parent #2 Email: _____

Child #1 Name: _____

 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Child #2 Name: _____

 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Child #3 Name: _____

 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Child #4 Name: _____

 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

**For students in upper grades, please indicate homeroom teacher's name.*

YES, I also want to purchase the directory! **No, thank you.**

Please send me _____ directories at \$4.00 each for which I have enclosed \$_____

Please make check payable to OAS PTA. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

Directories only will be sold to those families whose names are authorized for inclusion. Grandparents and Caregivers are considered OAS Family.

I VERIFY THAT I WILL NOT USE THIS DIRECTORY FOR ANY FORM OF SOLICITATION OR PROVIDE THE DIRECTORY OR ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY OUTSIDE THE OAS FAMILY.

Signature _____ Date _____

Due to a strict deadline with printer, completed form & payment must be returned to Jen Mehr by 9/28/11 to be included in this year's directory. No exceptions can be granted.

Directory questions? Contact Jen Mehr at 309-4072 or jenmehr@yahoo.com. Email preferred.



OAS PTA MUM SALE



Please consider supporting this PTA fund-raiser.

You Can't Beat The Service: Mums brought directly to your home Monday, Oct. 3!

Orders Due to Main Office

Friday, September 23rd

How many mums would you like? All plants provided by Dreyer Farms and are \$5.50 each.

- White
- Lavender
- Yellow
- Bronze
- Red/Burgundy

Total number ordered _____ @ \$5.50 each = \$ _____

Please **add \$1 donation** to my order. This will go toward beautifying the OAS school grounds

YES NO

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Please no cash. Checks payable to OAS PTA.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Check here if you're available to help with delivery. We'd appreciate it!

Deliver to (address) _____

Leave mums on or by _____ (front steps, back porch, garage, etc.)

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“One Awesome School”
T-shirts
Now Available

T-shirts printed with the fireworks logo were made available to OAS staff last Spring. In a continuing effort to cultivate school pride, these school-specific shirts will now be available to all students and our OAS families. Students will be encouraged to wear their OAS shirts and/or Blue and Gold spirit wear on designated spirit days and events throughout the year. Traditional Blue and Gold spirit wear will also be available for purchase at a later date.

T-shirts will be sold in white preshrunk 100% cotton jersey material (short-sleeve only). The tri-color “One Awesome School” logo will be printed across the front of the shirt. For sizing purposes, shirt samples are available in the office and will be on display at Back to School Night.

If you are interested in purchasing an OAS T-shirt, please complete the order form below and return it, along with a **check** payable to OAS PTA. Orders should be submitted to the office in an envelope marked “OAS spirit wear.” All orders and payment must be received **no later than Wednesday, September 28th**. T-shirts will be available for in-school pickup the week of October 24th. Specific pickup times TBD. If you have questions regarding your order, please contact Teresa Wilson at (908) 653-0539 or at tszwilson@comcast.net

Student Name: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____ Parent: _____

Contact #: _____ Email: _____

	Youth Sizes				Adult Sizes					# of Items	Amt. Due
	YS 6/8	YM 10/12	YL 14/16	YXL 18/20	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A 2XL		
T-Shirt \$7.00/per											
Add an additional \$1.00 for each 2XL item ordered											
Checks Payable to OAS PTA.....Total Amount Due:											

Checks Only Please

8th Grade Class Notes

Welcome back OAS 8th Grade Class of 2012! As our new school year begins, I am looking forward to a great year for the 8th grade class. There is a lot going on this year, so I wanted to summarize the successes and the key points coming up in the next few months.

Successes!

- The School Supplies Fundraiser was able to raise **\$1950 toward the 8th grade activities** in the coming year. Thanks so much to Kathy Rogan and Irene Brennan!

Upcoming Activities in September/October

- **PARENTS' MEETING – 20 September 7PM.** This will be held right before the Back To School Night. We will talk about upcoming activities as well as plans for the year. Please consider where you are able to help and sign up accordingly. **We still have several sub-committees without any chairs or volunteers.** If there are no volunteers, we will not be able to provide these items to our kids!
- **PRETZEL SALES:** The 8th grade Class will be selling pretzels after school the 2nd Friday of each month (except in November and April when it is the 3rd Friday due to school closure). Proceeds will go towards funding Class Night and other 8th grade activities. Since this fundraiser has done so well in the past, it is our goal to expand this to other sports (beyond soccer). If you have any questions please contact Cathy Triano at cktriano@verizon.net or Helen Marti at hmarti16@verizon.net.
- **YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER – Sale Dates: 23 September – 07 October.** This fundraiser provides a great opportunity to get started on holiday shopping. The order forms will be handed out to the students in mid-September. 8th grade students who participate will earn 40% of their total sales which will assist the individual with the cost of the class trip. We are still looking for a Subcommittee Lead, so you are interested please contact Jo Kornberger at Johanna.A.Kornberger@accenture.com.
- **8TH GRADE CLOTHING DRIVE – Saturday 15th October, 8AM – 2PM, OAS front parking lot.** Please help us get the word out to your friends and neighbors about this fundraiser for the 8th grade class. We are collecting clothes, coats, bedding, towels and stuffed animals as well. This has the potential to be a big money maker for us and proceeds will benefit Class Night and a variety of 8th grade activities thru the year. We would like to see our 8th grade students get involved as volunteers. Please contact the subcommittee lead, Stacy Gunther, at stacygunther@hotmail.com.
- **7TH / 8TH GRADE DANCES** will be held 7-9:30PM at OAS. They are scheduled on **28 Oct, 09 Dec, 10 Feb, 30 Mar.**

Ongoing Preparations

- **DVD – Keeping looking for pictures!** See the email blasts, other entry in this OrangeGram or contact Kim Reiber (creiber@verizon.net) or MaryAnn and Bill Tompkins (mommyt@hotmail.com) for more details.

In closing, I will be sending out more information regarding the 8th Grade Class of 2012 with monthly updates in the OrangeGram and via email blasts. If you or someone you know are not receiving the email blasts but should be, please let me know.

Jo Kornberger – 8th Grade Coordinator
Johanna.A.Kornberger@Accenture.com 973-809-3065

Attention 8th Grade Parents!!!

We need your help with preparations for the 8th Grade Class of 2012 DVD. It celebrates the culmination of their grade school years, before going off to high school. What a special memento for our families, one that we will cherish for many years to come. ***The only way to ensure that your child is represented in the DVD is to help us by providing pictures of your child as outlined below.***

- Your job is to find:
 - **3-5 photos** of your child and his/her friends **before 6th grade.**
 - **One baby picture** which we will also use for the wall at the end of the year.
 - **1-2 photos from 6-8th grade.**
 - **1 additional 8th grade photo** which we will also use for the wall at the end of the year.
- Here's the Rules:
 - There **MUST** be at least 2 children in each photo, preferably more (except for the baby pic and the additional 8th grade photo....both for the wall at the end of the year).
 - Please try to pick photos that are very clear and bright, with the people as the main subject. Dark, blurry, far away photos do not work well, so they cannot be used.
 - Please label each photo with your child's name first, followed by the names of friends in the photo, along with your name and phone number.
 - We **MUST** have **ALL** photos and the attached consent form by September 30th. We will **NOT** accept photos without a consent form. Please put them in an envelope labeled "8th Grade DVD" in the box in the office with the same name.
 - Digital photos can be submitted on a disk or emailed to Kim or Jo. If you are emailing the photos, please send them as large as possible, and one at a time with the same identification info as described above.

This DVD is a HUGE undertaking, and requires many hours of work to complete, but it brings back so many memories and lots of laughs. If you are interested but have not already signed up to help, please contact Kim. We will begin this process in early October.

See you soon!

Kim Reiber (DVD Sub-Committee Co-Chair; 908-337-4418)

MaryAnn and Bill Tompkins (DVD Sub-Committee Co-Chairs; 908-276-8070)

Orange Avenue School – Class of 2012 DVD Consent Form

Dear OAS Class of 2012 Families –

As has long been the tradition at our school, we will be creating a Class DVD for our graduating 8th Grade Class of 2012. In addition to sharing this DVD on Channel 35 to celebrate our kids at the end of the year, we hope this will serve as a memento of fond memories for years to come. That being said, we do understand that some parents/guardians may have concerns about having their children’s photographs included in this type of project, and, for that reason, we ask that you please relay your preferences to us via this consent form so that we may honor your wishes.

Please be advised that photographs may be submitted by other families that could include your child. If a situation occurs where a submitted photo includes a child who does not have parental permission to participate, we will not use that photo. Our plan is to only make enough copies of the DVD for each of our 8th grade graduates. The DVD Committee will not make any other copies for distribution and/or sale.

Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me or the DVD Committee with any questions. Thank you!

Jo Kornberger – 8th Grade Coordinator (Johanna.A.Kornberger@accenture.com)

And the Class of 2012 DVD Committee (Kim Reiber, creiber@verizon.net)

Orange Avenue School – Class of 2012 DVD Consent Form

Please complete this form and return it to the OAS Main Office before September 28th

OAS 8th Grade Class of 2012 Student’s Name _____

Please check one of the following choices:

_____ **YES**, I give you my permission to USE my OAS 8th Grade Class of 2012 Child’s photograph(s) in the OAS 2012 DVD and to show that DVD on Channel 35.

_____ **NO**, you DO NOT have my permission to use my OAS 8th Grade Class of 2012 Child’s photograph(s) in the OAS 2012 DVD.

Name of Parent/Guardian (print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Date _____

Attention all OAS families...

**The OAS Class of 2012
8th Grade Clothing Drive
Fundraiser is coming
October 15th!**

**Drop donations off at the OAS front parking lot
between 8am-2pm.**

**Let the students make some money off of your
used clothes, shoes, bedding, coats, and
stuffed animals...**

**The more we collect...the more money we
make for the 8th grade activities!**

**Let your used items wind up in the hands of someone
who really needs them.**

Absolutely nothing is shredded or wasted.

Thank you for supporting the OAS Class of 2012!

**We are still looking for some 8th graders to help the day of
the drive. Please contact
Stacy Gunther at stacygunther@hotmail.com**

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 First day of school!	13	14 <i>Picture day forms due</i> <i>Class parent forms due</i>	15	16 OAS Picture Day	17
18	19	20 OAS middle school open house, 7pm	21	22	23 <i>Last day for mum sale orders</i>	24
25	26	27 OAS elementary school open house, 6:45pm	28 <i>Forms due for:</i> <i>-OAS T-shirt orders</i> <i>-8th grade DVD consent form</i> <i>-Directory orders and information</i> <i>-PTA membership</i>	29 Rosh Hashanah SCHOOL CLOSED	30 Rosh Hashanah SCHOOL CLOSED	
Coming up in Oct! Mum sale 10/3 PTA Meeting 10/11, 7:30pm 8 th grade clothing drive, 10/15 7 th /8 th grade dance, 10/28						

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PATCH to School Night

Cranford Patch would like to welcome the community to PATCH TO SCHOOL NIGHT on Sept. 13 at Hillside and Orange Avenue Schools.

Meet the Patch staff, enjoy light refreshments and help fill backpacks with school supplies for needy children.

Patch will be asking community members to bring school supplies such as: backpacks, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, markers, crayons, notebooks, binders, pencil cases, safety scissors, rulers and loose-leaf paper. Feel free to stick around and help organize and fill the backpacks, which will be donated to children whose families may be struggling to afford these basic supplies.



Talk with the Patch staff, ask questions, give story ideas and offer comments about Cranford Patch. Cranford Patch is proud to be part of the Cranford community and can't wait to bring news, photos and videos about the local school district to our online readers.

The event and backpack drive will begin in the morning at Orange Avenue School at 7:30 am until the start of the school day, and conclude in the afternoon at Hillside Avenue School (1:30pm until the end of school day) in order to make it convenient for as many residents as possible to attend one (or both) sessions.

For questions or information, please contact Cranford Patch Editor Toniann Antonelli at toniann.antonelli@patch.com or (908) 380-1403.



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Friday, September 23, 2011 at 7 p.m.

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**For information/reservations: (RSVP by Sept 10th)
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