

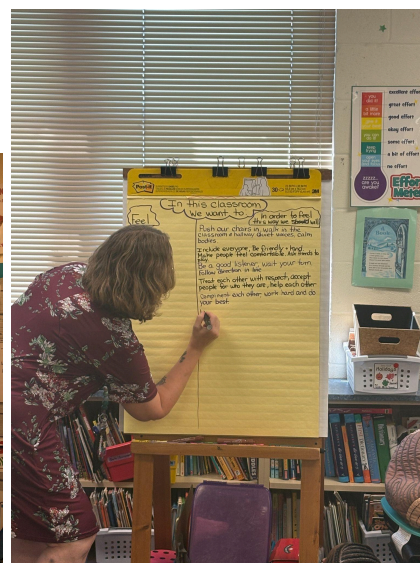
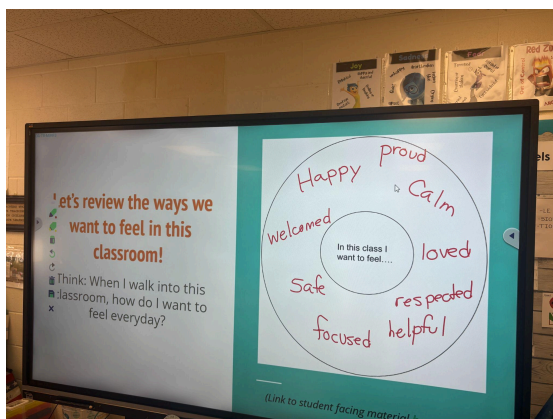
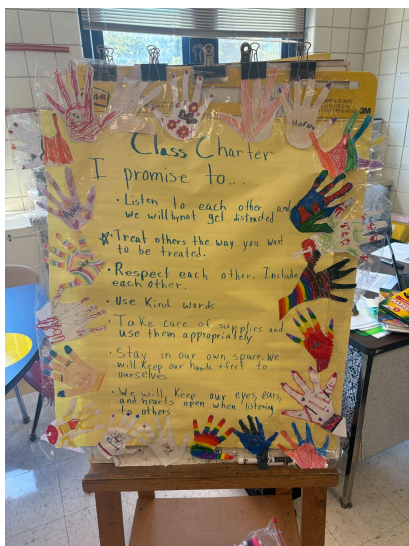
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My Fellow Lions,

We had a wonderful week at OAS after the long weekend! Students quickly settled back into their routines and kept building strong classroom communities. In many rooms, children have started working on their Classroom Charters—special agreements that each class creates together.

Classroom Charters help students think about how they want their classroom to feel (safe, kind, respectful, fun) and what actions can make that happen every day. By creating these together, students take ownership of their learning space and set the stage for a positive and supportive school year. Want to learn more about Classroom Charters and why they're such an important part of building community? You can read more [here](#).



Important News -

- **Birthdays & Celebrations-** If your child is handing out birthday invitations in school, ALL students in the class must be invited. Otherwise, please refrain from sending them to school for distribution. Additionally, MPS Elementary schools have a “no food” policy in accordance to the [MPS Student Handbook](#). This policy keeps students safe due to allergy concerns. We do NOT use food as a part of our class celebrations (birthdays, holidays, end-of-year parties). Please do not send or bring food or candy to your children's classroom for parties or other reasons. For birthdays or other special events, we invite family members in to read a book or do a craft with students as part of the celebration. Please coordinate any visits with the classroom teacher well in advance.
- **Electronic Devices & Communication-** At the elementary level, no use of a cell phone/smartwatch or other personal communication device will be permitted during school hours. These devices must be turned off or on silent and left in backpacks, stored in a student's locker/cubby or other place designated by building administration. [Use of Cell Phones or Other Personal Communication Devices P-5131.81](#). Caregivers should not contact

their children via electronic communication during the school day; they should contact the main office. This ensures that we minimize distractions and interruptions during the school day.

- **Grade 4 & 5 Instruments** - Missed the Instrument information night? Not a problem at all. Additional information and registration can be found [here](#). Be sure to register before September 11th
- **Practice Drill** - Conducting emergency drills (fire, crisis, lockdown, etc.) is one of the most important ways we enhance our preparedness for students and staff during an emergency. Drills allow us to practice what we need to do when an emergency arises in our school. Orange Avenue School will be conducting a practice lock down drill next week. This will only be a drill and will be conducted in accordance with the School Incident Management Protocols established by the district and in collaboration with our local first responders. Please discuss the importance of our emergency drills with your children. If you have any feedback please reach out to me. We thank you for your cooperation and partnership in making our schools a safer place for learning.
- **Community Connections Center** - Be sure to check out this week's CCC news on the [CCC Website](#) which is updated with links to community resources.

PTA News-

- **Back to School Picnic, Friday September 12** - Come celebrate the start of the school year at the OAS Playground on September 12, from 5:30-7:30. In the grass field and big playground at the back right of the school. Bring a picnic dinner, hang out with friends, and make some new ones! Everyone is welcome!
- **"Laps With Leo" is back on October 9, 2025!**
Laps with Leo is our one big school wide fundraiser for the whole year! Students will run/walk laps with our mascot, Leo the Lion, all while raising money to fund ALL of our student, family and staff events for the year! Money raised pays for student and staff t-shirts, trunk or treat, school dance, field trips, and so much more!
Families can donate and share with friends and family members! Donate today and help us reach our goal!
You can start by visiting our fundraising page here
https://app.99pledges.com/fund/lapsforleo2?home_v2=true
Or you can donate through Venmo, with note Laps with Leo **Venmo @oaspta25**
- **After School Programs:**
Chess - The next OAS Elementary **After-School Chess Program** by The Dawson Chess Academy, developed by Chess Olympiad participant and local Milford resident David Dawson and his wife Julianna, begins September 19th, 2025. The Dawson Chess Academy will help your child learn the basics of chess and develop strategic thinking skills that will last a lifetime.

This program is convenient and local, and it's an excellent way for your child to develop deeper relationships with friends (new and old) and have fun while learning an important skill. Sign up today! Space is limited.

Click here to register: <https://thedawsonchessacademy.com/oas-after-school-chess-program>

Deadline: September 14th, 2025

Have a question? Need to make different financial arrangements?

Call or text code OAS to: Julianna Dawson at The Dawson Chess Academy, 203-489-2502

Peace, Love, Crafts - All grade levels welcome! 6 weeks of fun for \$150

Tuesdays starting 9/16, 3:25-5:00 at OAS

Thursdays starting 9/18, 3:25-5:00 at OAS

Email Nicki to join! Peacelovecrafts1155@gmail.com

Check it out on Instagram @peace.lovecrafts

- Come to our first PTA meeting of the year! Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 pm in the OAS Media Center. All are welcome!
 - Want to become a PTA Member? Support your school with no strings attached! [Click the link](#) and sign up!
 - Want to keep up to date on OAS PTA?
 - Follow us on [Facebook](#) and Check us out on Instagram @OAS PTA

Important Dates:

- [Printable 25-26 MPS full year calendar can be found here.](#)
- **Subscribe to the Orange Avenue Public Calendar** with all our events and activities by clicking [here](#).
- **Tuesday, September 16th** - Orange Avenue Open House at 6:00 pm. There are two identical information sessions. More info can be found [here](#).
- **Friday, September 12th 5:30-7:30** - OAS Back to School Picnic in back field.
- **Tuesday, September 23rd** - NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah
- **Wednesday, September 24th** - Early Dismissal for Professional Learning. Students dismissed at 1:25
- **Friday, September 26th** - OAS Fun Friday: OAS Goes Gold to support Pediatric Cancer Awareness