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My Fellow Lions,

A great week here with some signs of Spring on the horizon! It was great to start our second cohort of mindfulness sessions this week. Thanks to the funding from the PTA, Melissa Andersen of Just Be Yoga came in and worked with grades 3-5 and our Preschool program. These activities help students become more mindful and available to learn. Be sure to check out the home connection document with activities that you can use at home - [OAS Mindfulness Home Connection](#)



## Important News

- **Drop off loop** - Please only utilize the left lane to exit only after dropping off your students. If you are dropping off for Ready to Learn in the back, please stay in the right lane. Taking a right turn from the left lane causes back ups and potentially dangerous situations.
- **Spring Pictures - Thursday, March 6th** - Spring Picture Day. Ordering information is [here](#).
- **Spring Conference sign ups** - We are pleased to announce our Spring 2025 Elementary Conference Schedule:
  - Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00pm
  - Wednesday, March 19<sup>st</sup> 1:45-3:45 p.m.
  - Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1:45-3:45 p.m.

**\*Please note that we will have a modified early dismissal time on the conference days to accommodate the conference schedule. Therefore, students will be dismissed on March 18th, March 19th, and March 20th at 1:15pm.** Parents/guardians will once again have the opportunity to select a conference time through My Conference Time. **All conferences will be in person unless a parent/guardian requests a Google Meet link directly from the teacher.** Spring conference sign up information will be live on our school website from Wednesday, March 5th, at 9:00 a.m. through Monday, March 17th, at 12:00 p.m. \_If you prefer

a virtual session, please contact the teacher to request a Google Meet link to conduct your conference virtually after you have confirmed your conference time through My Conference Time Online Scheduler. We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning! *Quick tip: Look for emails from "noreply@myconferencetime.com" when searching email for conference confirmation communications.*

- **Community Conversation #2** - Join us as the Board of Education narrows down the options for the Long Range Facilities Plan, Which is slated to be finalized in the Spring. Saturday, March 1st 9:30-12:00 at Foran High School. The day will start at 9:00 a.m. with check-in, coffee, and light refreshments, and the conversation will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with a plan to wrap up by noon. Childcare will be provided. [Please sign up to attend here.](#)
- **OAS Mindfulness in Residence** -Cohort 2 (Grades 3-5) continues this week with classroom sessions on Monday (Classroom teachers will inform families of their class's date). Be sure to check out the Mindfulness Home Connection with weekly tips that were reviewed with students - [OAS Mindfulness Home Connection](#)
- **Kindergarten registration is open!** - More information is [here](#)
- **Community Connections** - Be sure to check out [this week's CCC News.](#)
- **Food Services links** - Visit the [MPS food service website](#) for lunch menus and account setup.

## PTA News-

### Dance

- Friday, March 28th 6:00-8:00 in the OAS gym
- OAS students and guardians only (sorry, no siblings!)
- This is not a drop-off event.
- Come dance the night away with DJ Saleski, snacks and more!
- [RSVP here](#)

### PTA Meeting

- March 13th 6:00 OAS Media Center

### Spiritwear

- Limited quantities of adult and child sizes for tie dyed Long Sleeve shirt and adult size of hat. Items will be sent home with your child.
- [Click here to purchase](#)

### Want to become a Member? No strings attached!

- [Click the link](#) and sign up!

### Want to keep up to date on OAS PTA?

- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Check us out on Instagram @OAS PTA
- Questions/Comments [ptaorangeavenue@gmail.com](mailto:ptaorangeavenue@gmail.com)

### Important Dates:

- [Printable MPS full year calendar can be found here.](#)
- **Subscribe to the Orange Avenue Public Calendar** with all our events and activities by clicking [here](#).
- **Saturday, March 1st: 9:30-12:00:** Community Conversations #2 at Foran. More information is [here](#)
- **Wednesday, March 5th:** NO SCHOOL for Teacher Professional Development.
- **Thursday, March 6th** - Spring Picture Day. Ordering information is [here](#).
- **March 18th- 20th-** Parent Teacher Conferences, early dismissal at 1:15pm for all students