

MLT



Weekly Buzz

Be Safe...Be Kind...Be Healthy...and Be a Good Friend!

April 2, 2026

[Elaine Watson](#) - Principal

[Tara Maroney](#) - Administrative Assistant

[Corinne Reher](#) - Office Assistant

[Leeann Deloma](#) - MLT School Nurse

Reminder - to all kindergarten parents – if you need to make any changes to PikMyKid (PMK), you can until 2:00 pm. On minimum days, you can make dismissal changes until 11:50 am.

Also, if you are picking your child up early, you do not need to add them to the car line in PikMyKid.

Important: Please send [Tara Maroney](#) an email if your child attends 21st Century & you are changing transportation.

To access the District's website, go to: <https://www.oess.org/>

Click below to view the

[2025-2026 Updated School Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 Holidays](#)

(Not all holidays are a day off.)

[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

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No School Tomorrow-Enjoy the Weekend!

Ride in a Police Car to School

(won at the Children's Fair)

Paul Karkos and JP Avena with Detectives Artabane and Bailey



Breakfast with My Teacher

(won at the Children's Fair)

Matthew Greene and Mrs. Ocampo; Sadie Roseman-Hosie and Mrs. Ryczer; Madelyn Dupee and Mrs. Vitti; Sophia Papachristou and Mrs. Haskos; Leona DeFrancesco and Mrs. Gloria; Marc Vasil and Mrs. Improta; Chase Billings and Mrs. Biro; Theo Smith and Mrs. Gehr; Lucy Montanaro and Mrs. Brooks; Hreem Trivedi and Miss Perrelli; Abigail Shamilov and Mrs. Hine; James Doyle and Mrs. Bakonyi; Isabella Scarinzi and Mrs. Luberti





Camp Invention Program Held at Peck Place School

Location: 500 Peck Lane, Orange, CT 06477

Dates: June 15–June 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM *(For families needing full-day coverage, 21st Century will be offering an afternoon camp option.)*

Grades: The program is open to children entering grades 1–6 (rising 1st–6th graders). Students entering 7th grade have the option to participate in our Leaders-in-Training (LIT) program.

Tuition: Campers: \$440/Leaders-in-Training: \$340

Program: Spark Camp Invention is a hands-on, engaging program where students explore creativity, problem-solving, and innovation through fun STEM-based activities. Campers collaborate to design, build, and think like real inventors while developing confidence and critical thinking skills.

This year's exciting activities include:

- **Fur-ensics:** Campers become detectives, using forensic science to solve a “critter crime” while building sleuthing gadgets and analyzing evidence.
- **Make Waves:** Campers explore entrepreneurship through ocean-inspired innovation and learn how to turn their ideas into marketable inventions.
- **Space Morphers:** Campers imagine life on a new planet, creating inventions to support human habitation while building their own rockets.
- **The Infringers:** Campers design inventions to solve real-world problems and learn how to protect their ideas through intellectual property concepts.

Please see the attached Camp Curricula Highlights for additional details - [FLYER](#)

Screen Time Finding the Balance: Orange Youth Services will be hosting guest speaker **Jeff Baer** LCSW, a psychotherapist, who will discuss the effects of screen use on developing brains, behavior, and the emotional well-being of young people. He will share realistic parenting strategies and practical techniques to help parents set healthy boundaries around screen use. Please join them for dinner, discussion, and childcare on **Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Peck Place School.**

[Letter about the workshop](#)

[Flyer](#)

[Registration link](#)



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026-2027

All students who are 5 years old by September 1, 2026 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents may begin the **initial contact form for registration.**

Students who will be 5 years old between September 2, 2026-January 1, 2027

- A written request must be provided to the Mary L. Tracy School's principal, **Mrs. Elaine Watson**, in order for your child to be considered to enter kindergarten.
- Once a request is received you will be sent confirmation of your request.
- An appointment will then be scheduled for your child to be screened for early entry.
- After the assessment has been conducted you will be notified if your child is able to attend kindergarten.

Celebrations

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a Christian holy day that remembers when Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed by



people waving palm branches. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and is a time of both joy and reflection, as Christians remember this celebration and look ahead to Jesus' suffering and crucifixion.



Passover

Passover is a Jewish holiday that remembers the story of the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. It is a time to reflect on freedom, faith, and tradition, and is often celebrated with a special meal called a Seder, where families retell the story and share symbolic foods.



Good Friday

Good Friday is an important day in Christianity that remembers when Jesus Christ died on the cross. Christians see it as a serious day because they believe Jesus' death showed love and forgiveness. Many observe it through church, prayer, and quiet reflection. Although it is a sad day, it is called "Good" because it brings hope. It takes place during Holy Week, leading up to Easter.



Happy Easter

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For Christians, it is a joyful day representing hope, new life, and renewal. It comes at the end of Holy Week, the most sacred time in Christianity, which remembers the final days of Jesus' life, including his Passion, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Kindergarten and Preschool - Dates To Remember

April 1-9

Passover Celebrated

Kindergarten and Preschool - Dates To Remember

April 3	Good Friday - No School
April 5	Easter Celebrated
April 7	PTO General Meeting @ 7:00 Virtual
April 13-17	Spring Break - No School
April 20	Orange BOE Meeting @ 7:00 PM (A pop-up link will be posted on oess.org the day of the meeting)
April 22	Author Visit - Stephen G. Bowling & Marie Nichols
April 23	New Kindergarten Parent's Orientation @ MLT 5:30-6:30PM

screen-
free
week



PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
ORANGE SCHOOL PTO/As
APRIL 27 - APRIL 30, 2026

**All OESS families are encouraged to unplug
and join us at these FREE community events!**

MONDAY, APRIL 27 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

ICE IS NICE AT TURKEY HILL SCHOOL

Join us for delicious Italian ice and on the
Turkey Hill School playground!

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM

OBSTACLE COURSE AT MARY L. TRACY

Join us for an obstacle course on the soccer field!
In the event of rain, this will be held in the gym.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY COLOR BLAST AT PECK PLACE

Join us for rock painting and chalking the walk along the
Peck Place School blacktop and playground.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM

TOUCH A TRUCK AT RACE BROOK SCHOOL

Join us at Race Brook School to touch and climb on
all of the vehicles seen around town!



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

4/27/26 - 5/1/26

Load your child's [e-Wallet](#) starting 4/6

The Fair will be open during

MLT's screen free night on 4/28

**If you'd like to volunteer to help at the bookfair please
sign up [here](#).**



Please  **any photos you have
from school events [here](#) so that we can add them to
the yearbook.**

Thanks in advance!

TO PURCHASE A BOOK
FOR YOUR
STUDENT PLEASE SCAN
QR CODE OR USE
THE PROVIDED LINK
BELOW- ONLINE STORE
CLOSES 4/12/26



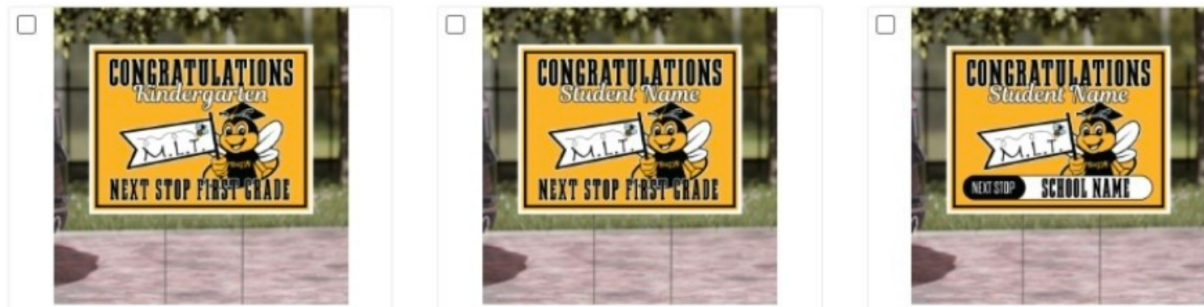
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AUTHOR

Visit

AT MLT APRIL 22ND 2026

THE AUTHORS WILL SIGN YOUR BOOKS PRIOR TO THEIR VISIT



Graduation Yard Signs are now available to order:

<https://spirithero.com/collections/mary-l-tracy-school-class-of-2026-grad-signs>

Pick up for yard signs at the AGTS Gallery Night (DTBD)
Any questions or concerns- email Shawna Pelliccia
rmparentmlt@gmail.com

New School Spirit Store!
Graduation T-Shirt & so much
more merchandise! Check it out!

Anything purchased from the 1st Place Spirit Wear store
will be shipped to your home. Orders over \$85.00 ship free

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/>



JOIN US FOR OUR
FÜNdraising
 EVENT at **CHUCK E. CHEESE®**
 Turning Fun into Funds™

WE'LL GET
20%
 BACK FROM ALL SALES

generated from food & gameplay at our event!
 This includes dine-in and carryout orders
 when our organization is mentioned.

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FR Panel #8337

BUY 1, GET 1 FREE*
ADVENTURE ZONE ADMISSION

EXPIRES 12/31/26

*Coupon type 3B. May not be combined with Membership or Fun Pass redeemables or discounts. At participating Chuck E. Cheese locations. Redeemable on the night of hosted fundraiser event. Limit 1 per guest. Coupon must be surrendered at the time of redemption. Height restrictions apply. Subject to change. ©2025 CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P. All rights reserved.

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE.**

TIME: 3:00PM-9:00PM

ORGANIZATION: Mary L. Tracy School PTO

EVENT DATE: Friday, April 24, 2026

EVENT ADDRESS:

Chuck E. Cheese Orange

82 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477

To find out more, check out chuckecheese.com

CHUCK E. CHEESE.

FR Panel #8166

120
 PLAY POINTS **for \$30**

EXPIRES 12/31/26

Coupon type 1B. Redeemable in-store only at your Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser event. Limit 1 per transaction. Valid at participating locations. Play Pass card or band activation required and is not included. May not be combined with any other coupon, promotion or discount. May not be combined with Membership or Fun Pass redeemables or discounts. Play Pass terms apply. ©2025 CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P. All rights reserved.

CHUCK E. CHEESE.

FR Panel #5996

\$29.99 | **1 Large 1-Topping Pizza
 & 4 Regular Fountain
 Drinks**

EXPIRES 12/31/26

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*At participating locations only. Must book your fundraiser event at least 3 weeks in advance. Sales include all game play, food, drinks and merchandise purchased at the registers the night of your reserved fundraiser when your school or organization is mentioned upon ordering. Delivery & Carryout. Orders placed directly at chuckecheese.com also apply when you add the item "School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out. ©2025 CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P. All rights reserved. CEC-25-0048

There's still time!  Join The PTO Click here to join	 Click here to sign up. <i>All volunteers must be paid members of the PTO and have a 2025-2026 school year volunteer form on file.</i>
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***Earn Cash for Our School**
[Learn about Box Tops For Education!](#)

Check out the MLT PTO website!
<http://mltppto.com/>

Get School Reminders on Remind:
[text @f7bchg to 81010 on your phone.](#)

Community News

Orange Historical Society is Celebrating 1776 with Families - [Click Here](#)

Fastbreak Basketball Camp Flyer

Amity Spartans Youth Football Spring Registration

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree through the Case Memorial Library! [Click Here](#) for more information!



[Orange Soccer Association Sign ups are open for the Spring 2026 Season! Click Here for more information!](#)



Infinite Science Club for 4th and 5th grade girls! Please [click here](#) for more information!

Learn to build with Robotics at HPCC! [Click here](#) for more information for ages 6-9 and [Click here](#) for information for ages 8-14!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is full! If your child has lost something, please remind them to check the lost and found in the office.

Lunch Menu - [Click Here](#)

Celebrating Your Child's Birthday Reminder: Parents can send in non-food goody bags for each student in the class or they can arrange to read a story to the class. School Phone: 203-891-8028