

Welcome Back to School!

It's official - we're back and off to a great start!! The kids (and teachers) are becoming comfortable with the routines of each day, specials classes have begun, and happy faces continue to fill our little school with the wonders and joys of learning something new each day. Thank you, parents, for helping your children to be prepared each day and ready to go! Here are some things you can do to help your child as the school year moves along:

- Having started the year with fresh, new, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, etc... remember to check in periodically to see if they need to be refreshed. Having the right tools for any job makes that job much easier!
- To ensure a positive start to each day, students should be to school on time. As we try to train our children to be responsible at their "job," please be sure to leave the house with plenty of time to get them in line for the start of our day at 7:50. Students are tardy if they are not in their homerooms by 8:00 a.m. Three unexcused tardy days result in an after school session for students in grades K-8.
- Please be sure to familiarize yourself with our school's uniform expectations. The entire uniform policy can be found in your student/parent handbook. The warm weather uniform will be in effect until October 1st. Sneakers are for gym day only. All other days, students must wear school shoes. All black sneakers are still sneakers and not a part of our school's dress code.

Being on the same team as we work together to give our students the best educational experience is essential. Please call or email your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Communication is the key to success!!

After School Art Classes

Young Rembrandts is back at OLA this fall with all new lessons. Come join us Wednesday afternoons 2:30-3:30pm. Each week is a new lesson where students will practice specific art techniques. Classes are upbeat and positive and no drawing experience necessary. Our first session of the year will be **Sept. 19th - Oct. 24th**. All class information is in the attached flyer. Registration is online at <https://swboston-centralma.asapconnected.com/?org=4036#eventid=1262582>

Meet the Teacher Night

Wednesday, September 12th, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. plan to come to school to introduce yourself to your child's teachers. You will have the opportunity to ask curriculum questions, see the classrooms, and become familiar with your child's routine while at school.

OLA Parent/Teacher Organization

The first meeting of the OLA PTO is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th, at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of an organization that does WONDERFUL things for the students of

our school, plan to join us! We are always looking for new faces, fresh ideas, and helping hands!!!

School Band and Violin Lessons

Tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m., members of the Paul Effman Music Company will be at OLA to introduce our students to the possibilities of becoming a member of the school band - learning to play the drums, trumpet, clarinet, flute, bells, saxophone, trombone, or violin. Band lessons are on Thursdays, during the school day, with Mr. Cook. Members of the school band perform 2 concerts each year, one in the winter and one in the spring. Parents who are interested in the band for their student are welcome to come to school tomorrow morning to meet Mr. Cook and find out more information. If you are unable to attend tomorrow morning's informational session, please watch your child's backpack for more information regarding registration for the school band.

RenWeb - Parent Web

Have you remembered to create and update your parent web? This will be your connection to all things OLA School, from weekly newsletters to progress reports, behavior notifications to report cards, we will be incorporating more and more aspects of this student information system as the year goes on. You may have noticed that there are no longer paper "emergency record cards" to be completed. This information should be on your parent web, including medical information for your child as well as who you authorize to pick up you child in case of an emergency. Please be sure to log on and ensure that this information is provided.



Small Things That Make A Big Difference

Our school collects General Mills BoxTops for Education. Just clip, save, and send them to school with your child. Each BoxTop is the equivalent of \$.10 which adds up pretty fast if we're all doing our part!

If you shop at Price Chopper, please register your Price Chopper card for OLA School. Cards registered and used at Price Chopper earn our school "points" that can be redeemed for playground equipment, school supplies, classroom decorations, etc....