



Panther Trax Newsletter

February 2008

OHS REGISTRATION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Ottawa Township High School Counselors will be at MES on **Friday, February 8**, to register the 8th grade students for classes this fall. **If your child will not be attending OHS in the fall, please send a note to school immediately.**

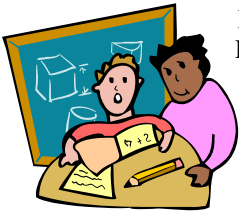
An informational packet will be sent home with your 8th grade student. The packet contains **several important articles** of information that you will need to know, including the **time** of your child's **registration appointment**. There are also **forms** in this packet that will need to be **completed and returned to school prior** to your child's appointment. Please be sure to check with your child regarding this informational packet!

GRADUATION GOWN PAYMENTS DUE

If you did not pay for a graduation gown at registration for your eighth grade student, you will need to make payment by **March 4th**.

You may call **795-2162 ext. 114**, to check on payment status.

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION DATE SET



Phone-In Pre-Registration for Kindergarten for the fall of 2008, will take place the week of

February 4th. Please call 795-2428 during that week to pre-register your child. You need to call the office **only** if your child does **NOT** attend preschool at MES. All MES preschoolers who are eligible to attend Kindergarten this fall were given a folder to take home and are

automatically pre-registered. Please complete forms in folder and return to school by Feb. 8th.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Since 1998, NEA's Read Across America has been an open invitation for all of America—young and old—to celebrate and share their own reading adventures. Research has shown that children who read outside of school do better in school.

You can also get more information on Read Across America at www.nea.org/readacross.



Voting for Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award and the Monarch Award will be **the week of February 11** during library time.

Box Tops for Education will be due by **February 27**, for this year's credit. Please continue to save them throughout the year!

The Book Fair in December was a success. Thanks to everyone who supported the fair. Look for the next book fair May 1st-6th. Family night is May 6th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Bicycles for Books winners were: **Madeline Trolinger and Devone Moyer!** Congratulations and keep reading!

Read for at least 360 minutes and become eligible for the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club! See how you can qualify for free theme park tickets at the School Library today!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE GETS GOING

The Community Relations Committee is a School Board Committee. The school would like to promote a partnership between the school, the families, the city council, and the community it serves. Anyone can attend the Community Relations Committee meetings which are held

every other month beginning in January on the second Thursday. The committee is comprised of two board members and people from the community who are interested in our school and how we can work together with the community. The meetings will be held in the school's library, are informal and last an hour beginning at 7:00 p.m. The committee can make recommendations to the Board, but the committee has no actual power to take action without Board approval. Presently, we are concentrating on three main categories: Communication, Volunteerism, and Community Collaboration. At our previous meetings, many ideas and suggestions were shared. Then the suggestions were presented to the Board, approved, and now are being implemented. We are always looking for ideas to improve and promote this partnership between the school and the community. Dee Crawshaw is the chairperson. If you have any questions you can reach her at 815-795-5697 or email her at dcrawshaw@mes150.org

Some of the things that have already occurred through this committee are: volunteer group, signs directing people to the school and panther paws painted on the street in front of the school.

Another way of reaching the public is our "Second Cup of Coffee" meeting which will be held the second Saturday of each month at Di's Deli from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**REMINDER:
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES ARE
FEBRUARY 11, 8:00 AM-
NOON AND 3:00-6:00 PM**