



September 2008

Hello parents and guardians and welcome to school year 2008-2009!
This letter is to introduce you to the officers of OPAC (Ottoson Parent Advisory Council), to let you know what we do and the role we play at Ottoson, and to ask you this one and only time all year for a contribution.

Our officers this year are:

- Co-chairs: Cindy Starks & Sandy Stergiou
- Treasurer: Peter Fuller
- Secretary: Debbie Magalhaes
- Communications: Nancy Flynn Barvick

We also have many positions that are still available to be filled, which include:

- Cluster parents – these parents will be a liaison to a specific cluster for organizing things like the school directory and help ensure communication to parents of the cluster in case of an emergency.
- Teacher Appreciation Chair – Someone to organize the teacher appreciation events over the year.
- 8th grade recognition chair – someone to organize the 8th grade recognition night at the end of the year

OPAC meets once a month and our meetings this year will be held from 7-8:30 PM in the teachers lounge or the Media Center at Ottoson on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 9/16/08
- Tuesday, 10/21/08
- Tuesday, 11/18/08
- Tuesday, 12/16/08
- Tuesday, 1/20/09
- Wednesday, 2/25/09
- Tuesday, 3/17/09
- Wednesday, 4/29/09
- Tuesday, 5/19/09

We hope that you will join us for a meeting or two. We often have interesting topics and speakers and will announce the focus of each meeting in the principal's weekly email out to parents.

OPAC's role is to improve communication and to create a sense of community at Ottoson Middle School. As such our only fund raising is this letter asking you for a donation. We request \$50/student and promise not to ask again all year or make you sell anything. This money goes toward funding teacher requests, student enrichment opportunities, as well as teacher appreciation and other social events. We are set up with Paypal online if you would prefer to give that way (<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/Ottoson/main/OPAC.htm>) or you can complete the form below and mail it to us. We thank you for your donation and hope that you will consider becoming an active OPAC member!

Sincerely,

- Cindy Starks (acmi@comcast.net)
- Sandy Stergiou (stergiou4@verizon.net)

OPAC DONATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Student's name & cluster: _____

Amount: _____

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