

# The Core



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## Important Dates

Picture Retake  
October 18th

No School  
October 19 & 20

Movie Night  
November 3, 2017

Early Release  
November 10  
12:30pm

International  
Night/Book Fair  
November 16  
5:30—8PM

### *Dear Parents & Guardians,*

The Fun Run today was a real success for Everyone! I was totally impressed with how our Orchard Runners gave it their best to run across the finish line. The PTO did an amazing job organizing the event, there were so many parents here cheering on the kids, and everybody left the track happy and proud. This was our most successful fundraiser yet! There is still time to submit last minute donations, they would be greatly appreciated. Photos to follow and more details regarding totals and prize winners will be posted soon.

I am excited to introduce our new 4th Grade Teacher, Kathryn Wood. You may recall, our 4th grade classrooms grew to over 25 students each and the school board approved to hire an additional teacher to bring classroom sizes down. Once we received approval, our teams jumped into action and we hired a terrific candidate.

Special thanks to our PTO for their help clearing out one of our last spaces—there was a lot of stuff! Also, hat's off to our custodial team for putting the room together. Finally, to our 4th grade team for all their time and effort to make Kathryn's transition to Orchard School a successful one. We had a beautiful morning for our Walk to School. The students started their day refreshed and ready to go. Wednesday was also Fire Safety workshops with Senior Fire Fighter Brad Dattilio. These workshops are very helpful to prepare our students to think of fire safety and we appreciate the SBFd for providing these lessons to our students.

Remember this is a short week coming up for students—no school on Thursday (teacher in-service) and Friday (holiday).

*Have a great weekend, take some time to read with your child.*

*Mark Trifilio*

### ~ PTO News ~

**School Picture Retake Day is Wed, October 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
Pictures will be taken during the school day.

**Today's Fun Run was a success:** Thanks to all the volunteers, cheerleaders and sponsors!! We've raised over \$16,000 so far and will provide a final count once all of this week's donations are tallied.

Additional raffle tickets will be sent home with students next week. Tickets will be drawn and winners announced the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Photographers joined us on the course today. Stay tuned for how to view photos from the event.

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**The Orchard Tag Sale raised \$2, 286  
last weekend! All proceeds go to  
support our gardens!**



3rd Grade Fun Runners!

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**Directory:** The PTO student directory was sent home this week with students. Please contact the PTO if you need a second copy.

**Save the Date – Movie Night Friday, November 3rd:** The Orchard 5th grade hopes you will save the date for the first Orchard Movie Night of the year - Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The movie will be Captain Underpants! Please take a look at the movie night information form that went home in today's Friday folders. All proceeds will go to the 5th grade fun day event that takes place in June.

**Save the Date - International Night & the Book Fair – Thursday Nov. 16 from 5:30-8pm**

Sign-up sheets are going home today for International Night tables—share your traditions and travels with your friends!

**Magic Club:** Thank you for your interest. The Gathering Club will take place in early 2018, when more space is available at the school.

**Drama Update:** SIGN-UPS for THE WIZARD OF OZ ARE OPEN, and must be done online on the Orchard PTO website or through the link below. Don from the Very Merry Theatre visited our 4 & 5th grade students this week to get them excited about this year's production. Ask your child about the details!

**Important Drama Dates to remember:**

**Oct. 16:** MANDATORY PARENT MEETING - for all parents that have kids in cast/crew or chorus for the FIRST TIME. Orchard cafeteria @ 6:15 2nd /3rd Chorus info and @ 7:00 4/5th Cast/Crew info.

**Oct. 18:** SIGN-UP Deadline for 4th & 5th Grade Cast and Crew. Registration must be complete online by 10 PM of Wednesday October 18th - we cannot accept late submissions. You will find the link on the PTO Web site <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/drama-homepage/4-5-cast-information-and-1>

**Oct. 24:** 4th Grade Auditions

**Oct. 25:** 5th Grade Auditions

**Oct. 26:** 5th Grade singing solos auditions

**Nov. 17:** SIGN-UP deadline for 2nd & 3rd Grade chorus. Registration is open now and will close at 10PM

**Nov. 17:** 2nd grade will rehearse on Thursdays and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will rehearse on Tuesdays.

**Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto](http://www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/>

Email: [orchardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:orchardschoolvt@gmail.com)

Photo: Orchard Celebrities last Sunday taking part of the 2017 Buddy Walk. These heroes walked for the National Downs Syndrome Society, Go Team Sophia!



## Lunch Menu from October 16-20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Taco Bar Spanish Rice Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	BBQ Chicken BBQ Tofu Roasted Carrots Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>