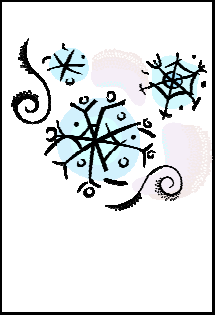


The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday, January 10 – BOE Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday, January 11 – OSS Band and Choir concert, Ridge PAC, 7pm
Friday, January 14 - School Store is open!
Friday, January 14 - **Mismatched** clothes days
Friday, January 14 - Movie Matinee for grades 3-5
Monday, January 24 – BOE Meeting, 7pm

MOVIE MATINEE will take place on Friday, January 14 right after dismissal. Movie Matinee is open to all student in grades 3 - 5. "Toy Story Three" will be shown and runs approximately 102 minutes. Parents should be ready to pick up at 5:00 at the car loop. All students attending must RSVP to Michelle Roberts at mmroberts@optonline.net by January 12th. In the email, please include your child's name, grade, teacher and contact information. Children will not be able to attend without an RSVP. You will receive a confirming email to your RSVP. Pretzels and water will be provided and you may send in your own snack with your child. This event is sponsored by the OSS PTO.

COMEDY NIGHT INVITATIONS – You should have received your "red colored" Comedy Night invitation sent home in the oldest child's backpack. Please RSVP "Comedy Night" through backpacks or to Mary Schiffer. Please see this week's Friday Folder for a copy. Can't make it? Please consider donating a ticket for a teacher. Comedy Night will be held on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 7pm at Stone House Restaurant in Warren featuring cocktails, balloon pop with great prizes, dinner and hilarious local comedians. Prize donations needed! If you know someone who runs a business and would be willing to donate a service (free dry cleaning, free oil change, free pet grooming, free lessons, etc.), gift certificates (dinner for two, hotel stays, etc.), gift baskets (flowers, spa products, etc.), tickets (sporting events, theatre, airline, etc), please contact Heather Lusardi at heather1@optonline.net.

MINI-UNITS ARE COMING! The spring mini-unit catalog will be posted on the [Oak Street homepage](#) and be in Friday Folder on Friday, January 21. There will be many exciting and creative after school classes for students in grades K – 5! The deadline for mini unit signups is Friday, January 28. Oak Street homepage: <http://www2.bernardsboe.com/oakstretelementaryschool/default.aspx>. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Corcoran at 204-2565 x341 or scorcoran@bernardsboe.com

4TH AND 5TH GRADE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IMPORTANT REMINDERS: All 4th and 5th graders who signed and returned participation contracts will meet in the library next Wednesday, January 12th and Thursday, January 13th during their lunch periods. On the 12th, battle teams will be formed and on the 13th battle books will be revealed and team member book selections will be made. Please consider packing a bagged lunch for your child on these days. Also, one parent from each battle team will need to volunteer as "team parent". The "team parent's" responsibilities will be discussed in detail at a mandatory meeting on January 24th at OSS (more info to follow), but his/her main responsibility will be to serve

as a point of contact for the PTO to the team. Each team should email the name of their team parent to BOTB@oakstreetpto.org by January 20th. Thanks for your support of this great program!

KIDS HELPING KIDS: This month, the 3rd-graders donated over 300 small gently-used stuffed animals from their own toy collections. They generously gave up Beanie Babies, Webkinz, and more to send to the Hearts for Honduras school in La Entrada, Honduras (<http://www.hfhonduras.org/index.php>). Last week, two student representatives and a teacher from the school (along with a translator) spent the day at Oak Street in Miss Foy's 1st grade, Miss Malone's 3rd grade, and Mrs. Bond's 5th grade to see what life in an American school is like and tell Oak Street students about life in their community and school. Thanks for your contributions, 3rd graders! They will bring lots of smiles to kids in need!

1st AND 2nd GRADERS HAVE FUN WITH SCIENCE FROM THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE – The Franklin Institute brought two CE programs to Oak Street School on December 15. *The Weather Show* for 1st graders revealed the science of weather, including tornadoes, thunder, lightning, and hail. They also learned where weather comes from and what factors make a sunny or blustery day. *Hot and Cold* for the 2nd graders explored the three states of matter and taught how liquid nitrogen is used in manufacturing, food preparation, and medicine. Ask your 1st and 2nd graders what the most interesting fact they learned was to see what they took away from these CE programs.

SAVE THE DATE- The Science Expo will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011. Calling all future scientists.....Do you want to explore how fingerprints are left at the scene of the crime, see how magnetic trains run, or make some interesting and sticky gloop? Now is your chance to show your stuff with your own science project! This event is open to ALL OSS students (Kindergarten - 5th grade), so grab your Bunsen Burners and get ready for this exciting event!!

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: Thank you for all the recess donations. The lunch aides greatly appreciate them.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL THE ELVES who baked, received, packed and distributed holiday cakes to the Oak Street School staff and friends. We realize it's the busiest time of year, yet more than 70 volunteers stepped forward to make our staff feel appreciated. We also thank our friends at the **OLDE MILL INN & GRAIN HOUSE** for donating cake boxes, which dramatically cut costs. Many thanks and Happy New Year from Jennifer Bozzo and Nancy Collins.

NEW FAMILIES: Please welcome the Guamon and Gentile families to Oak Street School! Their directory listings are as follows:

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Carmine & Mary

20 Ash Street

mycatieg@hotmail.com

Guaman, Richar (5-P)

C 908 477-8727

Louis Guaman & Margarita Gando

63 Morristown Road

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Please update any future email correspondence to the Freda family (Joey, Kristina) as follows: Michele Freda, new email address - freda.michele@gmail.com.

EXTRA DIRECTORIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE! If you've lost your directory or want a second copy for your car, just send in \$2 per copy and a note with your family's last name in an envelope marked "PTO Directory" via backpack mail. Your extra copy will be delivered to your oldest child's classroom. Contact Jen Staples at staplesfive@hotmail.com with any questions.