



The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, October 19 – Friday, October 22 – Parent Teacher Conferences (**1:00 dismissal**) and Fall Book Fair

Monday, October 25 - Board of Ed Meeting (7:00) WAMS

Tuesday, October 26 - Joint Board of Ed Meeting + Town Council (7:00) Municipal Building

Friday, October 29 - Halloween Parade

Thursday, November 4 & Friday, November 5 – No school (NJEA Convention)

THE FALL BOOK FAIR is right around the corner! Join us in the library during conferences on October 19 - 22! The Allbook Book Fair offers a terrific selection of books for every age and reading level! Top quality literature, educational games, activity books, and unique gift items are offered at the fair. Don't forget to buy for those special occasions coming up – Christmas, Hanukkah, birthdays, etc! All book fair profits benefit our Oak Street PTO! For more info please contact one of the Book Fair chairs - Paula Atkinson (pauladanell@gmail.com); Ann Van Baalen (annvanbaalen@verizon.net); Keelie Rao (thelittleraos@gmail.com) and to volunteer in any aspect of the book fair contact Heather Lusardi (HeatherL1@optonline.net) See you at the Book Fair!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for NEXT WEEK'S BOOK FAIR!! Please try to volunteer for a few hours to help during SALES HOURS on Tuesday, October 19th 12:45 – 3:00 pm and 3:00 – 5:00 pm; Wednesday, October 20th 12:45 -3:00 pm; Thursday, October 21st 5:15 – 7:00pm; Friday, October 22nd 12:45 – 3:00 pm and PACK UP at 3:00 pm!! Contact Heather Lusardi at HeatherL1@optonline.net

HOSPITALITY UPDATE: Annabella Biondo is currently in the hospital recovering from her surgery. Please send notes to: 3333 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45229, B building, 5th floor, Room 535, Annabella. Thanks! Paula Atkinson, Hospitality Committee

A+ SCHOOL REWARDS Welcome to another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011, Oak Street School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program. All you have to do is log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online **OR** dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs. You must re-register your card even if you registered it last year! Remember, you can support three schools with your card.

5TH GRADE YEARBOOK – Believe it or not, we are beginning to put together the 5th grade yearbook! So that we can see how our 5th graders have grown, please send in one baby picture of your child by NOVEMBER 1, 2010. Please either e-mail a digital photo to gklmsmith@verizon.net, or send in a photograph via backpack in an envelope marked “PTO- 5th Grade Yearbook.” Kindly put your name on the back of the photo to ensure its safe return. **If you already have e-mailed a photo to me at my optonline account, please resend to the Verizon account indicated above.** Thank you!

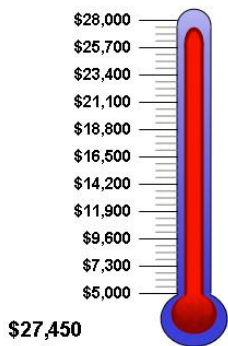
BAKED GOODS AND BOOKS - PERFECT TOGETHER! The 5th Grade Baking Committee will offer pretzels, water and baked goods for sale during the first two days of the Fall Book Fair. Look for the 5th graders and their parent helpers right outside the Book Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday; all items will be sold for \$1. As our homemade goodies are baked by volunteers, we do not know what ingredients are used and therefore recommend that anyone with allergy concerns not purchase the baked goods. Thanks for supporting our 5th graders! All proceeds are used for the 5th grade end-of-the-year events.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS KICK-OFF – The PTO-sponsored Curriculum Enhancement (“CE”) programs began last week with the Dirtmeister’s program for the 4th grade. The students learned about how rocks and minerals are formed and where they are located in the earth. This assembly supported the 4th grade science curriculum. This week the 3rd graders met the great inventor, Thomas Edison, performed by Patrick Garner. Mr. Edison delivered an informal, fun-filled lecture about his life, his inventions and the lessons those inventions taught him. This program expands upon the 3rd grade social studies curriculum on inventions. Over the course of the year, the PTO will sponsor two CE programs for each grade. CE programs expand upon the core curricula to enhance students’ understanding of various subjects. The PTO calendar sets forth the dates of the CE programs scheduled through January 2011. Spring programs currently are being scheduled. Be sure to check the calendar so you can start a conversation with your children about these terrific programs. You will be amazed at what they learned – a lot more than “nothing”! And, remember, as wonderful as the programs are, they are for students and teachers only.

NEW DIRECTORY INFORMATION: The following two new families have provided additional information for the directory. Please modify their listing and welcome them to the Oak Street community!

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Stephane & Iris Latorre
55 Juniper Way; Basking Ridge

OSS PTO Pledge Drive



Our pledge drive is officially over, however it is not too late to join the PTO to get your directory and calendar. All of your pledges fund the many magnificent programs and events we offer at Oak Street. Thank you to all of you who have contributed and who have helped us surpass our goal of \$25,000! The Board would also like to thank Kathy Mastriano for keeping track of all of the pledges, to Candida Keller for putting together the calendar and finally to Jen Staples for coordinating and distributing the directory.