



The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, November 17 – Picture Make-ups

Wednesday, November 24 – Abbreviated Schedule – 1:00 dismissal

Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26 – NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Recess

FOOD DRIVE - The Food collection runs from Monday, November 8th to Thursday November 18th. We will be collecting any non-perishable food, including canned meats, canned gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, tuna, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, hot and cold cereal, canned tomatoes. Frozen turkeys will be collected on Thursday, November 18th ONLY and should be dropped off first thing in the morning by 9:00. All donations will be going to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County.

HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN Information about this wonderful program has gone out in the backpacks. The children that the school sponsors ask for the most basic of needs - pajamas, sheets, and math books are just a few examples. We make such a difference in the lives of these children, so thank you for your continued generosity. Please send donations in with your children by November 18th.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE is coming up December 1-3 and we still need more VOLUNTEERS. This is the time that the children will be coming with their class to shop for the special people in their lives. All our gifts are priced between \$1-\$10 with most averaging \$2-\$5. Letters and money envelopes will be coming home in the next few weeks. EMAIL Heather Lusardi, HeatherL1@optonline.net to spend some time volunteering on the following days: SET UP - November 30th after school at 3:15pm, SALES – Wednesday, December 1st and Thursday December 2nd from 9-12 or 11:45-2:45 pm and on Friday, Dec 3rd from 9-11:30am or 11:15-1:30 pm. You may sign up for more than one shift if you have time. Thanks!!

THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE could use your extra small/medium size gift bags for wrapping the great gifts the children will be bringing home. Contact HeatherL1@optonline.net to arrange a pick up time.

5th GRADERS EXPERIENCE PHYSICS FUN – The Newark Museum brought Physics Fun to Oak Street on October 27th. This Cultural Enrichment program for the 5th grade covered gravity and Newton's laws of motion. Ask your 5th grader how many feet high the miniature rocket launched and about the human gyroscope to engage them in a conversation about this program.

PICTURE DAY RETAKES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th - Retakes are available if you would like to have your child's individual photo retaken. Please review the flyer in this week's Friday Folder for information about picture retakes.

5th GRADE YEARBOOK – Believe it or not, we are beginning to put together the 5th grade yearbook! Please send in one baby picture of your child by NOVEMBER 12, 2010 so that we can see how our 5th graders have grown, 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 Laura Smith at her Optonline account, please resend to the Verizon account indicated above. Thank you!

BAKERS/RECEIVERS/PACKAGERS NEEDED! In December, cakes will be given to each and every staff member at Oak Street School in recognition for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The 150 cakes will be baked by our own PTO volunteers. At this point, 47 bakers have signed up (THANK YOU!); we are still in need of **28** bakers. The recipe is simple and is created using a cake mix. We ask each volunteer to bake two cakes, which must be delivered to Oak Street on Monday, December 14. We also need **nine** more volunteers to receive and package the cakes on the morning of December 13, from 8:45-10:45 AM. Without your help, this wonderful opportunity to say "Thank You" could not continue. Interested? Please email your name and whether you'd like to bake or receive/package to Nancy Collins at n_collins@msn.com. Thank you in advance from co-chairs Jennifer Bozzo and Nancy Collins!

"HOLD THE DATE" for Comedy Night on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 7pm at Stone House Restaurant in Warren. Cocktails, dinner and a balloon pop with great prizes all followed by a hilarious evening with popular local comedians. Get a sitter! Look for invitations coming home next month. Prize donations needed! Sporting event tickets, memorabilia, hotel and restaurant gift certificates and gift baskets are just a few of the fun prizes in the balloon pop. If you can donate any of these or other items, please contact Heather Lusardi at heather11@optonline.net.

BOXTOPS! Keep sending in those **BoxTops!** Just 4 more weeks until our fall contest ends on December 10th. Current class leaders are Mrs. DeRose (K) - 542, Mrs. Russo (1st) - 303 and Ms. Corcoran (1st) - 300! Send your **BoxTops** in to school with your child in a baggie or envelope clearly marked with the Teacher's name. There is plenty of time for your class to take the lead! The winning class will be treated to a Pizza Party! Remember, every **pink BoxTops** coupon you send in earns our PTO 10 cents!!

NEWSPAPERS, NEWSPAPERS - Did you know that the Franklin Township Animal Shelter uses 15 sheets of newspaper to line each cat cage and there are 100 cages?? Do the math...that's 1500 sheets of newspaper or more a day!! In an effort to provide the Shelter with the newspaper it needs for clean and comfy living conditions for our feline friends, Ms. Rayner, in conjunction with members of the Student Council, will be collecting your recyclable newspapers and unfolding them so that they are ready for use at the Shelter. How can you help? Just send in your newspapers to Oak Street School! The cats and kittens thank you for your support!!