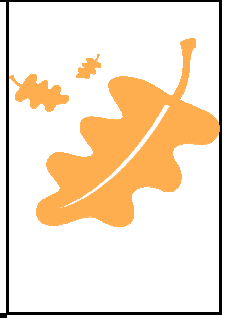




The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday, November 22 – Board of Education Meeting, 7pm

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

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

BAKERS/RECEIVERS/PACKAGERS NEEDED! In December, 150 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 cakes will be baked by our own PTO volunteers. At this point, **59** bakers have signed up (THANK YOU!); we are still in need of **16** 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 13 before school starts. We also need **six** 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!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE is coming on December 1st - 3rd. Your child should have brought home a letter/money envelope this week. This is the time of year when each class will visit the boutique during school hours and shop for the special people in their life. Please use the envelope to write down the names of people they are shopping for and the dollar amount you are allowing them to spend. Please do not forget to write their name and class on the top. Cash or check to OSS PTO is accepted. Envelopes may be sent in prior to the Thanksgiving recess. Their teachers will hold the envelopes until their shopping day. Students are not required to participate. However, we need to know that this is your intention so we ask that you send the envelope back to school indicating that your child will not be participating. Any questions, please contact Heather Lusardi HeatherL1@optonline.net.

CULTURAL ARTS' GRAMMAR ASSEMBLY FOR GRADES 3-5: Fool's Academy presented *Grammar...Mysterious* last week to third, fourth, and fifth graders. Several students actively participated in solving the mystery of the parts of speech including adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, and prepositions. The show incorporated mime, acrobatics, and acting to help students come away with memorable tactics for figuring out the parts of speech. The next Cultural Arts whole-school assembly is scheduled for December 8th with a music and dance performance by Soul Street.

5TH GRADE YEARBOOK: If you have not yet submitted a baby photo of your 5th Grader for the yearbook, please do so by November 30th. You can send a digital photo to gklmsmith@verizon.net or send a photo via backpack to the Yearbook Committee. For photos submitted via backpack, put your name on the back of the photo to ensure its safe return.

"HOLD THE DATE" for Comedy Night on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Stone House Restaurant in Warren. Cocktails, dinner and a balloon pop with great prizes will be followed by a hilarious evening with popular local comedians. Get a babysitter! Look for invitations coming home next month. Prize donations are 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 heatherl1@optonline.net.

COMFY CLOTHES DAY: Students may wear comfy clothes to school on Wednesday, November 24th. Please see the flyer in today's Friday Folder for details.

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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!!

A THANK YOU FROM DR. COSTA: Dr. Costa would like to extend her sincere thanks and gratitude to the PTO for purchasing a composter for the OSS Learning Garden. Students in grades 2-5 will learn about the art of composting from Vanessa Darras, a naturalist from the Environmental Center. She has begun teaching the students how to turn simple food scraps and garden debris into "Black Gold", i.e. nutrient rich compost. Ms. Darras will conclude her presentations on November 23. You might want to ask your child about the wonders of composting.

"Everyday is Earth Day at Oak Street School!"

The PTO and the OSS Staff would like to thank Brian Hubbard for assembling the composter that the PTO purchased for a mini-grant. The composter will be used to teach the children about composting as part of the green school initiative. The soil will be used in the Learning Garden.