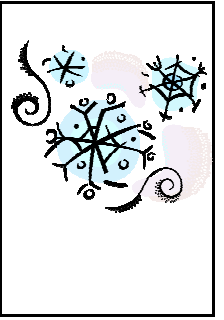


# The Oak Leaflet

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## UPCOMING DATES

Monday, December 13 – **Holiday Cakes distribution**

Monday, December 20 – BOE Meeting, 7pm

Thursday, December 23 – Abbreviated schedule – 1:00 dismissal

Friday, December 24 – Friday, December 31 – Schools closed for Winter Recess

**HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN:** Through the hard work of our children and the generosity of our families, Oak Street raised a record amount of money and sponsored 48 children for the Holidays for Children service project. We were able to provide some of the most basic needs for these children, including sheets, underwear, socks, and winter coats with mittens. We also gave each child a "want", which was mostly toys and sports equipment, and an educational toy, including books, flashcards, and art supplies. Thank you so much for your continued generosity in supporting this service project! The Oak Street community has made a difference in the lives of 48 needy children!

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS:** THANK YOU for all your time and support last week at the boutique. You made the days run so smoothly for me; I truly appreciated all of your help. I would also like to thank Kathy Morgan, my co-chair this year, for her time! It was great to see so many new volunteers come out and help the children pick and wrap their gifts. The joy on their faces due to your support made this event so rewarding for all during this Holiday Season. The donations of gift bags/tags were tremendous as well. If you would like to recycle any bags after this season, please send them to the office to my attention. I wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season with your friends and families. Heather Lusardi

**PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR COMEDY NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 4** - 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 [heatherl1@optonline.net](mailto:heatherl1@optonline.net). "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. Look for invitations to come home in the backpacks of your youngest child soon!

**ATTENTION: 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:vv** Colonial Day will be held on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> this year. The students are going to be immersed in 18th-century life on this day. All students and parent volunteers should come to school dressed in colonial attire. We still need volunteers to help in late March and on April 29th. Please see the attached file for information on the different centers and email Carolyn Campione ([ccampione@verizon.net](mailto:ccampione@verizon.net)) with your contact information and the area where you would be interested in helping. Carolyn Campione and Lisa Olmstead, Colonial Day Co-Chairs

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**WELCOME BACK MRS. PASQUALE!** Mrs. Pasquale, our school counselor, returned from a family leave on December 1, 2010. Her contact information is [mpasquale@bernardsboe.com](mailto:mpasquale@bernardsboe.com).

**RECESS:** Please note that unless the weather is inclement (rain, ice, snow) recess will be held outdoors. This includes the cold days of winter. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed properly for the winter weather (i.e., coats, hats, gloves/mittens).

**FORGOTTEN ITEMS:** Parents and students are not allowed to return after school hours to pick up forgotten textbooks or homework materials that were left in the classroom. This is to ensure the safety of our students and to keep confidential student records secure. It is also hoped that this will foster increased responsibility.

**TESTING UPDATE:** Please note the following change in test administration: The CoGats will be administered to Grade 2 on March 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2111. Grade 5 will not be taking the CoGats this year.

**WINTER INTRAMURALS:** If your child is interested in participating in the Winter Intramurals Program, all forms must be returned on **Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please refer to the Bernards Township Website's Friday Folder Archives from November 19<sup>th</sup> for information and permission slips. Any questions, please contact Ms. Velocci at [kvelocci@bernardsboe.com](mailto:kvelocci@bernardsboe.com).

**Please note** that the "Boobie" bracelets are prohibited at Oak Street School. They are a major distraction.