



### **UPCOMING DATES**

Monday, December 20 – BOE Meeting, 7pm

Thursday, December 23 – Abbreviated schedule -1:00 dismissal & *Comfy Clothes Day*

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

**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 Holidays from Jennifer Bozzo and Nancy Collins.

**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](mailto:staplesfive@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2011:** Information about the Battle of the Books program and participation contracts will be coming home via backpack mail with all 4th and 5th grade students this week. The forms will also be available in this week's Friday Folder. We are anticipating a great turnout for the program this year! All questions should be directed to our BOTB email address: [BOTB@oakstreetpto.org](mailto:BOTB@oakstreetpto.org)

**AND THE WINNER IS.....** Mrs. DeRose (K) with 921 **BoxTops**!!! Runners up were Ms. Corcoran (1st) - 643, Mrs. Russo (1st) - 571 and Mr. Denys (4th) - 500. Congratulations to all classes and to all parents for sending in your **BoxTops**! Our winter contest raised \$650 for the PTO which goes directly to helping our students. Please continue to send your **BoxTops** in to school with your child in a baggie or envelope clearly marked with their teacher's name. We will be starting a new contest in February so they will all count! Thanks everyone and Happy Holidays!

**SOUL STREET TAKES THEIR BEAT TO OAK STREET:** On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the incredibly dynamic dance troupe, Soul Street, showcased their unique form of hip-hop dance for Oak Street's students in their performance of *Taking it to the Street*. Soul Street's high energy, athletic dance moves captivated the students who learned about this urban art form's roots in Brazilian Capoeira (a type of martial art), house music, and break dancing. The performers not only danced, but also discussed the elements of choreography and classical dance composition. Some of Oak Street's students and teachers joined Soul Street onstage in two competing dance crews and showed off their own moves. Many thanks to the students, Mrs. Leonow and Mrs. DiEduardo for their fabulous performances! The PTO will sponsor two more whole school assemblies in the new year. So, be sure to check the calendar so you can start a conversation with your children about these presentations. The next assembly, *Jonathan Sprout American Hero's Concert*, is slated for January 19, 2011.

**HALF DAY KINDERGARTEN UPDATE:** There will be a parent meeting at the William Annin Middle School, 70 Quincy Road, on December 20th at 6pm, to precede the 7pm Board of Education meeting. All parents who are affected by the change to half-day Kindergarten are encouraged to attend. Important updates will be discussed. For more information, contact Adam and Janina Hecht at [arh1022@yahoo.com](mailto:arh1022@yahoo.com).

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Please update email address for the Freda family (Joey, Kristina) to: [freda.michele@gmail.com](mailto:freda.michele@gmail.com)