



The Oak Leaflet

A Publication of the Oak Street School PTO



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, March 22 – Friday, March 25 – Spring Book Fair

Wednesday, March 23 - PTO Meeting, 7:00pm Auditorium

Friday, March 25 – Science & Art Expo

Tuesday, March 22 – Friday, March 25 – Parent Teacher Conferences/1pm dismissal

Monday, March 28 – Board of Education Meeting

Monday, April 4 – 4th Grade Battle of the Books Championship

Wednesday, April 6 – 5th Grade Battle of the Books Championship

COME JOIN US!

The next PTO Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. The evening meeting is scheduled so that working parents have an opportunity to be involved. We are hoping to have a BOE Member speak regarding the upcoming budget process. We will also be voting on a large gift to the school.

THE PTO NEEDS YOU!

All of the PTO Board positions will be vacant at the end of this year and we ask that you consider volunteering your time and take a position on the Board. The Oak Street PTO is a wonderful organization which works hard to make Oak Street a fantastic place for the students to learn and grow and for the staff to teach. Being on the Board will enable you to become part of the decision making process and you will guide the future of the PTO. Descriptions of the individual positions were included in last week's Friday Folder. Please be aware that all of the positions require a two year commitment. You may contact the individual Board members if you have any questions about their experiences or Christine Ziegler at cugz@optonline.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

EVERYONE'S INVITED!!!

Come join us on Friday, March 25th, from 6:00-8:00pm for the Science & Art Expo. See our very own OSS scientists in action in the gymnasium for an exciting evening. Come and walk through a spectacular art gallery in the Cafe. The 5th grade baking committee will be selling some delicious treats too.

**Science Expo participants should drop off their projects in the gym on Fri., 3/25, between 4:30-6:00pm. Please check in when you arrive for your table assignment at the registration table. Questions? Contact: Jennifer Davidson at mjtsdavi@optonline.net or Concetta Ayers at Concetta@concettaandjeff.com.

ONE BOOK/ONE SCHOOL

The entire school will be participating in the One Book/One School Program in which all students and staff members read the same book. This year, we will read "The Lorax" by Dr.

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Send via email to Sue Frost at sue_frost@mac.com.

Seuss during the month of April. During our celebration of Earth Day on Thursday, April 21st, all classes will buddy up and break into groups to discuss the story of "The Lorax" and its message. In keeping with the Earth Day theme, we would like to borrow as many copies of "The Lorax" as possible. If you have a copy of the book that you would be willing to loan the school, please send it in with your child with his/her name on it and the teacher's name. We will have a collection box outside the office if you prefer to drop it off. If you would like to donate a copy to the school, simply put your child's name in the book and write donation under it. All books should be delivered to the school on or before Friday, April 1st.

THE SPRING BOOK FAIR IS NEXT WEEK!

The Fair is open March 22 - 25 during conferences in the Oak Street Library. See the flyer in today's Oak Leaf for hours and other important information! We are looking forward to seeing you at the fair. Proceeds from the Spring Book Fair benefit the Oak Street Library program.

BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Mrs. Philhower, Oak Street's loveable librarian, has registered on the National Teacher Registry. She has listed the books that Oak Street Library could use to help teach our children to love to read. To purchase a book for the Oak Street Library go to <http://www.nationalteacherregistry.com>. At the top, click on Find a registry. Type in the school name - Oak Street School, click on Sue Philhower and then select a book to purchase for the library! Thank you to all of the families who have already purchased a book for the library.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PARTICIPANTS

Please note that the starting time for the 4th grade battle has been changed to 6pm sharp on Monday, April 4th. All 4th grade team members and parents must arrive no later than 5:45pm. The 5th grade battle will still start at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 6th with members and parents due by 6:15pm. Both 4th and 5th grade participants should aim to finish their third book by the end of next week. Also, spokesperson names are due in by 3/21. Any questions about outfits, practices, or event procedures should be directed to botb@oakstreetpto.org.

JAZZ-A-MA-TAZZ BRINGS A NEW VIBE TO OAK STREET

Joined by members of Oak Street's own Intermediate Band, Hayes Greenfield and his ensemble performed "Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz," an engaging, high energy cultural arts program about jazz music. Describing jazz as "food for the soul and creative process," Mr. Greenfield brought jazz to life for the audience by having them shout out, sing, scat, and clap to his music. Student volunteers also joined Mr. Greenfield on stage to sing and scat.

The highlight of the assembly was the performance by the Intermediate Band of an original piece composed by Mr. Greenfield. The students not only performed and improvised the piece under Mr. Greenfield's direction, but also had the opportunity to perform solos for the audience. Congratulations to the band members for their outstanding performance and to Mrs. Whiteley for her hard work with the band!

WANTED: GUIDED READING BOOK CLOSET VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a couple of parents who would be willing to volunteer approximately ½ hour every other week to help maintain order in our Guided Reading book closets. You would be responsible for keeping the book baskets clean and organized and can come in at your own convenience. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Bobowicz (kbobowicz@bernardsboe.com) or call 908-204-2565 x 358.