



The Oak Leaflet

A Publication of the Oak Street School PTO



UPCOMING DATES

Friday, March 25 – Science & Art Expo and last day of spring book fair

Monday, March 28 – Board of Education Meeting, Oak Street School Auditorium

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

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

Wednesday, April 6 - Dr. Goger School Budget Presentation, 7:00 WAMS

Thursday, April 7 - Board Candidates Night, 7:00 Ridge PAC

Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 15 – SCHOOLS CLOSED, SPRING BREAK

Friday, April 22 – SCHOOLS CLOSED, Good Friday

Wednesday, April 27 - School Board & Budget Elections

EVERYONE'S INVITED!!! Come join us TONIGHT 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.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2011! The 4th grade Battle will take place on Monday, April 4th and the 5th grade Battle will take place on Wednesday, April 6th both at the Oak Street School Auditorium. The 4th grade competition will start promptly at 6:00pm and the 5th grade competition will start promptly at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be available for the 30 minutes prior to start time on both nights for a nominal fee courtesy of the 5th grade baking committee.

All Oak Street students and families are welcome to attend both events with one exception. Fifth grade students and families will not be permitted at the 4th grade Battle as some questions may be repeated or be similar to those used at the 5th grade competition. Hand-held electronics will be prohibited and all attendees will be asked to turn off their cell phones during the program. Also, there will be no talking during the event so please make the decision to attend with small children carefully. We hope you can join us for what will undoubtedly be an exciting event!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DR. SEUSS "LORAX" BOOKS BY APRIL 1ST FOR USE ON EARTH DAY. THEY WILL BE RETURNED THE FOLLOWING WEEK!

THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS HOLDING A "JIGGLE YOUR CHANGE FOR JAPAN" CAMPAIGN. STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE LOOSE CHANGE IN CONTAINERS SET UP IN THE CAFE AND IN THE OFFICE. YOU MAY SEND IN CHANGE WITH YOUR STUDENT IN BAG MARKED "JIGGLE FOR JAPAN". ALL DONATIONS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE RED CROSS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.

5th GRADE BAKE SALE AT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS The 5th Grade Baking Committee will sell baked goods and snacks at the Battle of the Books between for the 30 minutes prior to the start of the Battle of the Books, April 4 and 6. This is our committee's last chance to raise money for our year-end events so please stop by and buy a snack to support our 5th Graders! As homemade goodies are baked in volunteers' homes, we do not know what ingredients are used. If you have food allergy concerns, we suggest you do not purchase our baked goods.

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 are included in this 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!

THANK YOU PTO FOR A GREAT WIZARDS OF WORDS WEEK! Parents, did you hear these names around your house last week - Tony Abbott, Tedd Arnold or Cynthia Lord? The Oak Street students had an exciting week with visiting authors, thanks to the PTO's funding and support! On Monday, March 14, Tony Abbott visited grades 2 - 5. Tony is famous for writing the Secrets of Droon series as well as award winning fiction for the older kids. Tony talked about how he gets ideas for his writing, the life and work of an author, and the writing process. Award winning author and illustrator Tedd Arnold was a hit with grades K - 3 on Tuesday, March 15. The creator of Fly Guy entertained the children with the story of his journey as an author. Tedd illustrated throughout his presentation and he brought many props to use as he spoke. On Wednesday, March 16, Newbery Honor winner Cynthia Lord visited Oak Street. With grades K-1 she shared how she wrote her picture book Hot Rod Hamster and she read the book to the children. Grades 4-5 enjoyed a wonderful PowerPoint presentation about her journey as the award winning author of Rules. The students got to see her Newbery Medal too! Both Cynthia and Tony talked to the students about how to get writing ideas. It was an exciting week for students! A HUGE thank you goes to WOW chairs Janet Petrillo and Teri Forand! Booking authors, scheduling, book orders, overseeing decorations, hosting during WOW, and much more go into making this popular event a success and Janet and Teri were amazing! Kelly Islinger and her creative crew of parents did a wonderful job painting decorations for the week! The school and library looked fantastic and the authors appreciated the festive school atmosphere! *Thank you PTO for your commitment to provide great programs for our kids! Wizards of Words is surely a highlight for the students each year as we continue to encourage them to read, read, read, and write, write, write. Sincerely, Mrs. Philhower*