



The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Friday, April 22 – Schools Closed, Good Friday

Wednesday, April 27 - **School Board & Budget Elections**,
polls open 2-9

Wed. April 27 - Fri. April 29 - Camp Bernie for 5th Grade

Friday, April 29 - Colonial Day for Grade 4

Thursday, May 5 - Chorus/Band Concert - Ridge PAC

WALK FOR HOPE

The Walk for Hope will be held on April 22nd beginning at 11:00 AM at Harry Dunham Park in Basking Ridge. It will benefit the Cronins, an Oak Street Family. This is to show support for Gary Cronin. We will be accepting donations at the park the day of the event or you can be sponsored for walking laps. We are asking everyone to carpool as parking is limited. We will also have a bake sale and would welcome any baked goods you would like to donate. We hope you can join us, as well as help spread the word. Pledge forms can be had by contacting Donna Giordano at donnagio22@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

WANTED: IMMIGRATION DAY VOLUNTEERS

Immigration Day will be held on June 1, 2011, for our 5th graders and we need your help. This event is meant to simulate immigrants' arrival and processing at Ellis Island at the turn of the 20th century. It also complements the social studies' unit on immigration. If you are the parent of a 5th grader please consider lending your time and talent. If you know a second language, we have a special job for you. We also need fourth grade parents to volunteer. This is a wonderful opportunity to kickstart your child's celebration of Immigration Day next year. Please email Jean Wyman at jeansmail1@msn.com for more volunteer opportunities.

ADDITIONAL ROALD DAHL DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The third grade class will be participating in the 4th Annual Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday, June 21st. The Roald Dahl Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help the day of this fun-filled event. If you are a 3rd or 2nd grade parent interested in participating, please contact Dawn Wiehe at wiehe@optonline.net. We are definitely looking for 2nd grade parents to get some experience for next year's celebration!

AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to this year's 4th grade Battle of the Books champion - the Oak Street Olympian Readers! Team members are Caitlin Gardiner, Stephanie Davidson, Tarin Clott, Max Yu, and Alexa Farrell. Contratulations to the 5th grade Battle of the Books champion - the Super Cool Jersey Lit Experts - Claire Castagno, Sophia Restaino, Elyse DiCesare, Lucie Scaglione, and Julia Smith! And congratulations to all the 4th and 5th graders who enjoyed participating and competing in Battle this year!

CONGRATULATIONS, PTO, ON A TERRIFIC BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Each year the 4th and 5th graders at Oak Street are able to participate in an exciting reading incentive called Battle of the Books. Teams of students read great books and at the end of a few months are quizzed about those books. After months of reading, practice, teamwork, and bonding, the teams meet for a night of exciting competition in the Oak Street auditorium! This year was Battle's 10th year at Oak Street and 144 students participated in the program! After a change in library scheduling last year the PTO took over running the program and is committed to continuing this highlight for the 4th and 5th grades. A huge thank you goes to the PTO coordinator of Battle of the Books - Jen Staples! For the second year in a row, Jen has spearheaded Battle of the Books and has provided superior organization, team parent encouragement, enthusiasm, and huge time commitment all along the way! Along with Jen, the Battle of the Books committee members contributed their time, efforts, and support as well. Thank you so much to Beth DiCesare, Kelly Islinger, Lisa Keenan, Maureen Marquart, Robin Prince, Robyn Sabel, Ann Van Baalen, and Karen Walsh. Thank you for your commitment to continuing this program! Team parents are another integral part of Battle of the Books. These parents volunteered to "coach" a team so that they were ready for competition. The met with their team a number of times to practice and encourage them in their quest to compete in the battle. Thank you to the following awesome team parents: Pam Abel, Beth Anderson, Kristin Bobowicz, Maria Carola, Ingrid Cordasco, Jennifer Davidson, Christine dePoortere, Kristina DiPalo, Tom Jurewicz, Lisa Keenan, Julie Lafakis, Shirley Lee, Christi McCarthy, Alyson McCauley, Laura McInerney, Mandy Merrigan, Tracy Paul, Kris Petraitis, Robin Prince, Carol Regner, Leslie Restaino, Michelle Roberts, Windie Scarola, Laura Smith, Heidi Vigeant, Heather Wenzel, Kelly White, Jean Wyman, Mira Younger, and Sue Zimmermann. Thank you so much for all you did for the children this year! Again, congratulations, PTO, on another great year of reading, excitement, and fun! Mrs. Philhower

THE SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011. IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION, PLEASE CLICK ON <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections/voterinfo.htm>. IF THE BUDGET DOES NOT PASS, THE TOWN COMMITTEE MAY DECIDE TO CUT MORE MONEY FROM THE ALREADY LEAN BUDGET.