



The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 15 – Schools Closed, Spring Break

Friday, April 22 – Schools Closed, Good Friday

Wednesday, April 27 - School Board & Budget Elections

Friday, April 29 - Colonial Day for Grade 4

SPRING BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

The Spring Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to our very generous Oak Street families! We appreciate your support so much! The profits from this book fair will help sustain the Oak Street Library program! A very special thank you goes to our Book Fair Chairs - Paula Atkinson, Ann Van Baalen, Heather Lusardi, and Keelie Rao! These moms put in so much time and effort before, during, and after the fair to help make it a successful venture! Thank you to the PTO treasurer Kathy Krell who helps us balance our records on the financial end as well! Many parents helped with book fair set up, preview days, sales, and pack up. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

BOOK FAIR SPECIAL ORDERS

All the special orders have been delivered to the classrooms. If you prepaid for an item at the book fair and did not receive it, ask your child if they have it at school or if it is in their backpack. If they did not receive the item please contact Mrs. Philhower at sphilhower@bernardsboe.com as soon as possible so that we can get the order to you.

SAVE THE DATE - FIELD DAY 2011

Believe it or not...it's almost that time again!! Field Day 2011 is just a few short months away and we need your help! Time to start your training programs, run sprints, jump rope and work on improving your speed on your water gun trigger fingers! Please save the date for FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd with a rain date of TUESDAY, JUNE 7th. For all our Kindergarten parents and new families, this is the day to play hooky from work, schedule a long "lunch" or grab a babysitter - your kids will be so happy to see you there! More details will follow in early May.

BOXTOPS UPDATE

Our Spring Contest is going strong! It's a tight race between 1st grade and Kindergarten classes! Current class leaders are Ms. Corocran (1st) - 535, Mrs. Leonow (K) - 454, and Ms. Velocci (1st) - 410. Send your BoxTops in to school with your child in a baggie or envelope clearly marked with the Teacher's name. There is plenty of time to take the lead. The winning class will be treated to a prize in June. Every pink BoxTops coupon that you submit will earn the PTO 10 cents...Thanks for your help!

CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT FOR 5th GRADERS' CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

The Sixth New York Independent Battery members brought the Civil War to life on Friday. The Reenactment provides the opportunity to extend the students' learning beyond the classroom. The 5th graders were engaged by President Abraham Lincoln, saw how soldiers lived, viewed war-time relics, and learned about artillery from the 1800s. Take this opportunity to find out what your 5th grader gained from this experience.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON

Celebrate spring at NJ Audubon's May Day - Visit Scherman Hoffman Sanctuary in Bernardsville Saturday May 7 from 10:00 to 4:00 pm for a free family event featuring live music and entertainment; hands-on nature activities; live animal demonstrations; displays from local organizations and more! Bring the kids for lots of fun nature crafts and games for the little ones, Nature's Treasure Hunt and free face painting provided by local Girl Scout Troops. Visit www.njaudubon.org/go/MayDay for more details, and we hope to see you there!

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.

THE SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011. IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR 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.