



# The Oak Leaflet

A Publication of the Oak Street School PTO



## UPCOMING DATES

Friday, 12/2 – School store open, grades 1-5  
Wednesday, Dec 7 – Franklin Institute Assembly, Gr. 1,2, 5  
Thursday, 12/8 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade DARE Graduation, 1:45 PM  
Monday, 12/12 – Holiday Recognition Project  
Wednesday, 12/14-Friday, 12/16 – Holiday Gift Boutique  
Friday, 12/23 – Spirit Day! Theme: Comfy Clothes Day!  
Friday, 12/23 – 1:00 Dismissal  
Monday, 12/26 – Monday, 1/2 – NO SCHOOL  
Sunday, 1/29 – Wizards of Words

## BAKERS/RECEIVERS/PACKAGERS/DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED!!

We are still in need of 8 bakers for this year's Holiday Recognition project. The recipe is simple (and yummy!) and is created using a cake mix. We ask each volunteer to bake two bundt cakes, which must be delivered to Oak Street on Monday, December 12 before school starts. We also need 5 more volunteers to receive and package the cakes on the morning of December 12, from 8:45-10:45 AM. Without your help, this wonderful opportunity to say "Thank You" to our teachers and staff will not continue! Interested? Please email your name and whether you'd like to bake and/or receive/package/distribute to Nancy Collins at [n\\_collins@msn.com](mailto:n_collins@msn.com). Thank you in advance from co-chairs Jennifer Bozzo and Nancy Collins!

## THE WIZARDS ARE COMING! SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 2012

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PHOTO UPDATE:

The 5th grade photo has been distributed to those who ordered it. If you have not yet received it, please check with your child to make certain he/she didn't leave it at school. If you still haven't received it, please contact Christine Ziegler at [cugz@optonline.net](mailto:cugz@optonline.net).

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who donated cans of food and frozen turkeys to make our Thanksgiving Food Drive a huge success! We collected 50 turkeys and 109 bags of food. The student council, led by Mr. Persily and Mr. Davis, did a great job of organizing this event; and the Food Bank Network of Somerset County as well as their clients, are very appreciative.

## **HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN:**

Through the hard work of our children and the generosity of our families, Oak Street raised a record amount of money and sponsored over 50 children for the Holidays for Children service project. We were able to provide some of the most basic needs for these children, including boots, underwear, socks, and winter coats with mittens. We also gave each child a "want", which was mostly toys and sports equipment, and an educational toy, including books, flashcards, and art supplies. Thank you so much for your continued generosity in supporting this service project! The Oak Street community has made a difference in the lives of 53 needy children!

To our classroom volunteer shoppers: You should have received your classroom's share of the money raised by our students. Please remember that it is in the child's best interest that you stick to the budgeted amounts, and the gifts specified on the Wish List. Many of the children have siblings sponsored by other classes, and we wish to avoid one child receiving a disproportionate amount of gifts. Please have gifts and wrapping supplies returned to the classroom by December 8th. Thank you for being so generous with your time!

Any questions about the Holidays for Children service project, please contact Mary Schiffer [marykaylbi@gmail.com](mailto:marykaylbi@gmail.com).

## **HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE IS COMING!!**

The Holiday Gift Boutique will be held from December 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will visit the shop with their classes and purchase inexpensive gifts for their family members. The PTO has been providing this shop for many years now and we are thankful to the Oak Street staff for allowing us to do so. Next week your child will be coming home with a brief letter/money envelope. Please make sure their name/class is on the envelope and fill out the names of family members they are purchasing gifts for. Our volunteers do use those envelopes to help the children purchase the appropriate gifts. The teachers of younger grades hold onto the envelopes until shopping day, so you should not worry. Cash or Checks made out to: OSS PTO. If you wish not to have your child participate, please still send envelope back marked-not participating with name on it.

## KINDERGARTEN BOOK CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Kindergarten teachers are looking for parent volunteers to come and organize their book closet. Plastic book bags need some minor repairing as well as alphabetizing, counting books and re-organizing book bins. If you're interested in helping, please contact **Mrs. DeRose by email at [Jderose@bernardsboe.com](mailto:Jderose@bernardsboe.com) before December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## NEW EMAIL

The Hipsher Family has a new email [carol\\_hipsher@me.com](mailto:carol_hipsher@me.com) . Please update your directory with the new information.