



The Oak Leaflet

A Publication of the Oak Street School PTO



UPCOMING DATES

Monday, 1/9 – BOE Meeting WAMS

Wednesday, 1/11 – PTO Meeting 9:15am, Eagles Café

Friday, 1/13 – School Store at Lunch Grades 1 - 5

Friday, 1/13 – Movie Matinee Grades 3-5, 3:30pm in the Auditorium

Monday, 1/16 – Band/Chorus Concert 7:00pm at Ridge PAC

Friday, 1/20 – Spirit Day! Theme: College Day

Monday, 1/23 – BOE Meeting WAMS

Tuesday, 1/24 – Strings Concert 7:00pm at Ridge PAC

Friday, 1/27 – Craft Night Grades K-2

Sunday, 1/29 – Harlem Wizards Basketball Game

HARLEM WIZARDS TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!

The Harlem Wizards will be playing the staff and parents of Oak Street on Sunday, January 29th at 1:00pm.

In the 12/23 Friday Folder Archives, you will find the order form to order tickets for the Harlem Wizards game vs. the Oak Street Eagles. Advance ticket sales are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. You may fill out a form and return it (with payment) via backpack in an envelope marked "Harlem Wizards" by Wednesday, January 25th. You may also go online to www.harlemwizards.com to get "will call" tickets. Please note that there is a \$ 1.00 charge per online transaction. All children under 2, sitting on an adult's lap are free. Any children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Last time we hosted the Wizards, we were at capacity, so please don't wait until the last minute to order your tickets, as you may not be able to get in. If there are any tickets available the day of the event, the cost is \$15 per ticket at the door. Any questions can be addressed to Christine Ziegler at cugz@optonline.net. **On January 11th, the Harlem Wizards will be visiting OSS and will conduct mini presentations to each grade level.**

TRAINING FOR 3RD GRADERS

The PEC (Parents for Exceptional Children) is sponsoring the Sensitivity Training for all 3rd grade classes in our district again this year. The training focuses on how to be a friend with someone who looks or learns differently than you - and will be led by Melinda Jennis, from Montville Pathways. During the workshop, there are stations where the children "experience" a disability - including physical disabilities, dyslexia, vision, and fine motor skill deficiencies. We are looking for parent volunteers to help direct the children at these workshop stations. Please email Jeanette Jaworski (jeanette@jjaworski.com) if you are interested in helping and when you would like to help out. It is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience. If you have questions regarding the training, contact Jeanette Jaworski (jeanette@jjaworski.com) or Monique McHenry (moniquealb@aol.com). Thanks in advance for your support!

Submissions to the Oak Leaflet must be made by **5:00pm on Tuesday** of each week.
Send via email to Sue Frost at sue_frost@mac.com.

MANY THANKS!

The physical education department and the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders would like to thank our very own Oak Street parent, Mrs. Barry, for coming to school and teaching us hula hoop dance. A lot of fun was had by all and everyone learned unique and neat hula hoop tricks. To see some of what we did please look at the website www.rosiehoopsify.com. Once again, thank you to Mrs. Barry for all of her hard work and time put forth teaching Oak Street Hula Hoop Dance.

MOVIE MATINEE

PTO is organizing a Free Movie Matinee on January 13, 2012 at Oak Street Auditorium. We will show the movie "Dolphin Tale" from 3:30-5:30pm. This event is opened to all 3rd-5th graders. If your child is interested in attending, please RSVP to Shirleylee999@gmail.com no later than January 11, 2012. A confirmation will be sent to you via email. On the day of Movie Matinee, your child will be dismissed directly to the auditorium after school. Pick-up will be at the Oak Street car loop at 5:30 PM. Volunteers are needed; please email Shirleylee999@gmail.com if you can help for any duration of the time, especially at pick up time.

GET READY, GET SET, START YOUR READING!!

Three great authors and illustrators will be visiting OSS February 27 through March 2 for Wizards of Words week. Take a trip to the OSS or Bernards Township libraries this month and start to explore the great books of Margie Palatini, Dan Gutman and Brian Pinkney. Margie, a NJ native, is the author of many popular books for young children. All of her books cannot be published until they first pass her son's "giggle test." Dan Gutman, just a "regular NJ guy" is a prolific writer well known for his baseball card adventure stories and the My Weird School series. His appeal is universal. Brian Pinkney, a Caldecott Honoree, is an acclaimed artist and illustrator who often collaborates with his wife, Andrea. Together they have written and illustrated nine picture books. Check out next week's Oak Leaf for details on the book sale. Many book titles will be available for sale and the visiting authors will personalize books. It's a great opportunity to provide your child with a book(s) they will hopefully hold onto for a lifetime!

WOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever seen the great decorations around OSS prior to Wizard of Words week? They can instantly put a smile on your face and they are super motivation for the students to read and learn about the visiting WOW authors. We need you to help us create these jumbo works of art taken straight from the books of Margie Palatini, Brian Pinkney and Dan Gutman. The process involves enlargement, tracing and painting of illustrations. It's fun, relaxing and a great way to help support this OSS event. We will begin tracing in the week of January 16th. If you are interested please contact Beth DiCesare at dicesarebeth@yahoo.com or 908-313-5611. We need at least 7-8 more helpers and there are many shifts to choose from.

OUTSIDE PLAYGROUND or BLACKTOP

Some parents have asked if there is no snow on the playground, why we can't use the playground area. We have looked into this question and have found out that each day the grounds are inspected by Mr. Graber and if conditions permit, the children are allowed onto the playground. When we have a freeze overnight, the grass by the playground thaws out and then leads to muddy conditions by recess time and then we are unable to use the playground area and then have to use the blacktop area.