



The Oak Leaflet

An Oak Street School PTO Publication

May 29, 2009



UPCOMING DATES:

TODAY -- Kindergarten screening

June 1-5 -- Cogats testing for grade 5

June 3 -- Staff Appreciation Luncheon

June 4 -- Battle of the Books Championship, grade 4

June 5 -- Battle of the Books Championship, grade 5 & End of Year Social from 5:30-8:00pm (rain date is 6/12).

June 10 -- Field Day (rain date is 6/12)

June 12 -- Hat Day

June 15 -- BOE meeting, 7:00pm @ Board offices

June 16 -- Immigration Day, grade 5

CONGRATULATIONS TO OSS READING SPECIALIST, MRS. KRISTIN BOBOWICZ, FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE 2009 SOMERSET COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

END OF YEAR SOCIAL -- The annual PTO End of Year Social will take place on the lower playground on Friday, June 5th from 5:30 – 8:00pm. This year's theme will be "Family Picnic". Look for more details in the **May 22 Friday Folder**. All OSS families are invited so pack up your picnic dinner and bring your lawn chairs and blankets. There will be a CAKE WALK and special entertainment will be provided by Leaps-n-Bownds: Canine Frisbee Aerialists! (That's means were having a FRISBEE DOG SHOW!!!) So mark your calendars and make sure you attend this fun family event!!!! If you can contribute a homemade cake for the CAKE WALK, please email Maureen Dazzo at mdazzo@verizon.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT TO ORDER! – The OSS PTO will be offering school supply kits for the 2009-2010 school year. No more running from store to store trying to find every item on your list!!! Each supply kit will contain exactly what all OSS teachers request and are packed with high quality brand name products. Purchasing the supply packs from the PTO is not mandatory but will definitely save you lots of gas, time and hassle! **The Back To School Supply Packs ORDER FORM and more information can be found in the May 8 FRIDAY FOLDER.** Deadline to submit your order form and payment is **June 5th**. To access order form, go to www.bernardsboe.com, click on the header "Parents & Students" then click on "Friday Folder Archives". *Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.* Supply packs will be ready for pick up at the end of the summer, before school starts. The PTO will earn \$5 from every pack sold so order yours today, support the PTO and forget the hassle of shopping all over town for school supplies!!! If you have any questions, please contact chairperson, Jennifer Asay at 340-4280 or asayj@optonline.net.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COOKIES AND JUICE REMINDER - - Parents of battle team members who are sending in cookies and juice, please send in your refreshment items by Tuesday, June 2. Please do not send in the items on battle day; those days are much too busy and I would like to get set up beforehand. Thanks so much for being willing to help out in this way! :) Mrs. Philhower

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE NEXT WEEK! -- Parents of Battle team members are invited to watch the battles! Please join us for the 4th grade competition on Thursday, June 4 and the 5th grade competition on Friday, June 5 at 9:05 am in the Oak Street auditorium. Please allow some extra time to get parked and sign in at the office before coming down to the auditorium. After the competition please join us in the Oak Street Library for an awards celebration! Bring your cameras!!! This battle event last most of the morning, FYI. See you at the battle!

FIELD DAY IS COMING! -- Field Day is fast approaching and will take place on Wednesday, June 10 (rain date is Friday, June 12). We have a great day planned for all students with lots of games, activities, and a special performance by the STREET BEATS GROUP. This New York City based dance and percussion troupe delivers the excitement and energy of Off-Broadway hits like "Bring In Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk", "Stomp" and "Blue Man Group" with their original, high-energy music and choreography. The troupe makes music using such everyday objects as pill bottles, traffic cones, computer keyboards, Tic Tac boxes, trash cans, brooms and briefcases. To see more about this exciting group, visit their website at www.thestreetbeatsgroup.com. **We will not be providing Field Day tshirts for the students this year so please have your child come dressed to school that day in red and white to show their Eagle spirit. Students should dress for appropriate outdoor play, wear sneakers and apply sunscreen before they leave the house.** We are still in need of volunteers to work this event so please email carol_hipsher@verizon.net or heidivigant@yahoo.com and let us know which time slot you can help out...either K-2 or grades 3-5.

DIRECTORY UPDATES -- We are in the process of collecting family information (name, home address, home/cell phone numbers & email address) for next year's student directory. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses since our last publication please email your changes to Jen Staples at staplesfive@hotmail.com. If nothing has changed from this year's directory (except teachers/grade) then you do not need to do anything. Your same information will be repeated in next year's edition.

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

LAST CALL FOR FAMILY DINING -- If you missed your family dining date, never got one, or joined Oak Street recently, there is still time to schedule! Don't miss this opportunity to have your entire family join your child for lunch and see how the café functions! There are currently dates open for all grades except grade 2. Email Kathy Morgan at jmkamorgan@verizon.net to reserve your date. Please include your child's grade and a 1st and 2nd choice of dates from now until the end of school. You will receive a confirmation via email as to the availability.

ART-RAGEOUS ART CAMP – All students entering grades 1st – 6th for the 2009-2010 school year are invited to join art teacher, Ms. Braun this summer for some creative fun!! This camp, located in the OSS art room, will feature new and exciting art projects and techniques in drawing, painting, sculpture, oil pastels, printmaking and more. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be offered. Registration form and detailed information can be found in the **May 1 Friday Folder Archives** at www.bernardsboe.com. Classes fill up quickly and registration forms are due by June 30th. Questions? Contact Ms. Braun at Jennybraun77@yahoo.com.

TRANSPORTATION TALK -- If you would like for your child to ride the bus next year to and from school, please go to the district website at www.bernardsboe.com and click on "Subscription Busing" to find out more information. Our district provides free transportation to all students who live *outside* a 2 mile radius of their K-8 school. If you live within this radius and would still like for your child to ride the bus, the cost is \$675 per student for transportation. **To secure a seat on the bus for your child, your Subscription Busing Registration Form must be turned in with your payment by June 12th!!!**

TESTING, TESTING – All 5th grade students will be taking the Cogats test next week on June 1-5. Please make sure that your 5th grader is in class on those days and has a good breakfast each of those mornings!!

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION -- We still need food/drink donations and volunteers to help with our Staff Appreciation Luncheon taking place on Wednesday, June 3. If you would like to help, please contact chair person Tracey Taylor at ttaylor@no-trace.net by May 31.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROALD DAHL DAY - This year, the third graders will end their school year with a celebration honoring the children's author Roald Dahl. Roald Dahl Day will take place at Oak Street on Friday, June 19th from 9:30am – 1:00pm. A committee of parents and teachers has been busy planning many fun-filled activities for the children. All activities will highlight and feature characters and events from a variety of Roald Dahl books. To make this day a success, we still need volunteers both to help prepare for the events and to run the activities on June 19th. If you are willing to help run the activities, serve lunch, and/or set up and clean up on June 19, please send an e-mail to dicesarebeth@yahoo.com at your earliest convenience. As always, thanks for your cooperation.

SUMMER FUN -- The Bernards Township Summer Activities Program brochure is now available on the district website. Please go to www.bernardsboe.com and click on **2009 Summer Activities Program** to check out the wide variety of enriching courses offered in the month of July for students in grades kindergarten through fifth – cooking, art, rocketry, theater, math, foreign language, gaming, sports, fashion, writing, engineering, science, photography, scrapbooking, jewelry making and more. For further information contact Mrs. Sloan Scully at sscully@bernardsboe.com

A MESSAGE FROM SEÑORITA DONAHUE: Muchas gracias to all the parents for their generous fiesta donations, time, and effort. Fiesta was a huge success this year!

A PRECIOUS PEARL GALA is scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, NJ. This event is sponsored by the Bernards PEC (Parents for Exceptional Children) and is a fundraising gala to benefit the students in our community with learning disabilities. The funds raised during the event will be channeled to special needs students in the school district and will help offset the budget deficits. The PEC is committed to giving back to our community that gives our children so many services and support. Please take the time to read the event invitation in the **May 22 District Friday Folder Archives** and get involved in this very worthwhile cause.

BOXTOPS UPDATE – You only have 3 more weeks to turn in your **pink BOXTOPS** coupons for our Spring contest. The grade that submits the most **BOXTOPS** will receive an **ICE CREAM SUNDAY PARTY** during lunch the last week of school. The totals so far: K - 2033, 1st grade – 1623, 3rd grade – 1377. You can find the **BOXTOP** coupon on the packaging of various grocery items so look for it before you throw it away!!!

DOLLARS FOR DOGGIES -- It's not too late to donate pet food and supplies to the Plainfield Area Animal shelter! We are also hoping to collect at least one dollar from each student at Oak Street School. That would give us \$607.00 to contribute to this wonderful shelter in great financial need. Imagine if everyone gave two or more dollars??!! All supplies and cash donations may be sent in with your child and delivered to any kindergarten room or dropped off in the main office. Please place all cash donations in an envelope marked "Dollars for Doggies". Thank you for helping us with this worthwhile cause ----The Kindergarten Team

MOVIE NIGHT CANCELLED -- The Ridge High School Peer Organization's "Parents Night Out/Movie Night" scheduled for this Saturday, May 30 in the RHS auditorium has been cancelled.

HOORAY FOR HATS -- The Student Council has chosen Friday, June 12 to be HAT DAY at OSS. Students can show their school spirit by wearing their favorite/crazy hat that day.