



# The Oak Leaflet

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## UPCOMING DATES

Friday, October 29 - Halloween Parade 2:00 PM – (parade will be cancelled in the event of rain)

Thursday, November 4 & Friday, November 5 – No school (NJEA Convention)

Monday, November 8 – BOE Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, November 17 – Picture Make-ups

**KINDERGARTEN, FIRST & SECOND GRADERS HEAR “TALL TALES”** On October 13<sup>th</sup>, students in Kindergarten, First and Second grade enjoyed Patrick Garner’s performance, “American Tall Tales,” the first of the PTO-sponsored Cultural Arts assemblies. Dressed as Uncle Sam, Garner was joined on stage by first graders, Samantha Balderson and Andrew Agresti, and second graders, Grace Ambrozy and Jack Prentiss. Garner and the student actors told the folk stories of Pecos Bill, Bess Coll, Annie Christmas, and Paul Bunyon, and the children laughed at all of the “whoppers” Garner shared.

**CULTURAL ARTS ASSEMBLIES** - Over the course of the year, the PTO will sponsor three whole school and two grade-level Cultural Arts Assemblies. Be sure to check the calendar so you can start a conversation with your children about these presentations. The next assembly, Fool’s Academy’s “Grammar...Mysterious,” is slated for November 10, 2010 and is for Grades 3 to 5.

**“HOLD THE DATE”** for Comedy Night on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 7pm at Stone House Restaurant in Warren. Cocktails, dinner and a balloon pop with great prizes all followed by a hilarious evening with popular local comedians. Get a sitter! Look for invitations coming home next month. Prize donations needed! Sporting event tickets, memorabilia, hotel and restaurant gift certificates and gift baskets are just a few of the fun prizes in the balloon pop. If you can donate any of these or other items, please contact Heather Lusardi at [heatherl1@optonline.net](mailto:heatherl1@optonline.net).

**FUNDRAISER FOR THE RUTKOWSKI FAMILY** - *Come see Toy Story 3 – Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Bernardsville Clearview Cinemas -- Please join us for a day at the movies to support the Rutkowski family of Basking Ridge as they journey through living with an illness. The dad, Robert, is unable to work due to needed medical treatment and we want to show them how much we care about them. Tickets are \$12 per person, which includes soda and popcorn. Movie reservations must be made by Monday, November 1. To obtain a movie ticker order form, email Laura Hartnett at [laurahartnett@verizon.net](mailto:laurahartnett@verizon.net).*

**BOXTOPS UPDATE** - Our Fall contest is going strong! Current class leaders are Mrs. DeRose (K) - 542, Mrs. HoAire (2nd) - 131, and Mrs. Leonow (K) - 110! 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 December. Remember, every **pink BoxTops** coupon that you submit will earn the PTO 10 cents!!

**IMPORTANT BOE INFORMATION:** Thank you to Karen Walsh, our BOE representative for providing us with these very important dates: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 2011-2012 Budget presentation will be online. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the budget will be presented by Dr. Goger at the BOE meeting. Dr. Goger plans to look at programmatic reviews and zero based budgeting. She will also present administrative recommendations for reductions. She plans to have an interactive and long (possibly 1 hour) Q&A period where parents can discuss the issues. This session will not be conducted in the usual manner with the podium and microphone but rather where members of the Board of Education and administration will sit in the audience. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the BOE will come back with their recommendations. The purpose of this early presentation is to give

parents ample time to know and understand the facts before the private school application process closes.

**The greatest gift a person can give another person is to believe in them...** Give the gift of belief and support to the efforts of the PEC (Parents of Exceptional Children). Our efforts are dedicated to the students in Bernards Township who receive special education services - nearly 12 percent of the student body. Our Second Annual Fundraising Event, A Precious Pearl Gala, will be held November 13th at Trump National Golf Club. Please be a part of this wonderful event while supporting an important cause... More information can be found on [www.bernardspec.com](http://www.bernardspec.com) or contact us at [bernardspec@gmail.com](mailto:bernardspec@gmail.com).

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU:** Mrs. Di Eduardo's kindergarten class would like to thank the families of Oak Street school for their contributions towards the coat drive. This year we collected 306 coats. Thank you again and keep saving those coats for next year!