



The Oak Leaflet

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday, April 4 – 4th Grade Battle of the Books Championship, 6:00 PM – OS Auditorium
Wednesday, April 6 – 5th Grade Battle of the Books Championship, 6:30 PM – OS Auditorium
Wednesday, April 6 - Dr. Goger School Budget Presentation, 7:00 WAMS
Thursday, April 7 - Board Candidates Night, 7:00 Ridge PAC
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

"TIP-OFF" AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH WITH THE HARLEM WIZARDS

Join the Bernards PEC and HOPE Autism Foundation as we co-sponsor Trick Hoops and Alley-Oops with the Harlem Wizards vs. the Ridge Devils in honor of Autism Awareness Month. Game day is Sunday, April 3rd from 2-4 pm at Ridge High School Gym. Tickets are limited, so order yours now. For ticket information please see www.bernardspec.com. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Don't miss the fun! Come get your game on for a great cause!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2011!

The fourth grade Battle will take place on Monday, April 4th at 6:00 PM sharp. The fifth grade Battle will take place on Wednesday, April 6th promptly at 6:30 PM. Both Battle of the Books will take place at the Oak Street School Auditorium. Refreshments will be available for the 30 minutes prior to the start time on both nights for a nominal fee courtesy of the 5th grade baking committee.

All Oak Street students and families are welcome to attend both events with one exception. Fifth grade students and families will not be permitted at the fourth grade Battle as some questions may be repeated or be similar to those used at the fifth grade competition. Hand-held electronics will be prohibited and all attendees will be asked to turn off their cell phones during the program. Also, there will be no talking during the event so please make the decision to attend with small children carefully. We hope you can join us for what will undoubtedly be an exciting event!

5th GRADE BAKE SALE AT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The 5th Grade Baking Committee will sell baked goods and snacks at the Battle of the Books for the 30 minutes prior to the start of the Battle of the Books on April 4th and 6th. This is our committee's last chance to raise money for our year-end events so please stop by and buy a snack to support our 5th Graders! As homemade goodies are baked in volunteers' homes, we do not know what ingredients are used. If you have food allergy concerns, we suggest you do not purchase our baked goods.

THE PTO NEEDS YOU!

All of the PTO Board positions will be vacant at the end of this year and we ask that you consider volunteering your time and take a position on the Board. The Oak Street PTO is a wonderful organization which works hard to make Oak Street a fantastic place for the students to learn and grow and for the staff to teach. Being on the Board will enable you to become part of the decision making process and you will guide the future of the PTO. Descriptions of the individual positions can be found in the March 18th Friday Folder Archives. Please be aware that all of the positions require a two year commitment. You may contact the individual Board members if you have any questions about their experiences or Christine Ziegler at cugz@optonline.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Mrs. Philhower, Oak Street's loveable librarian, has registered on the National Teacher Registry. She has listed the books that Oak Street Library could use to help teach our children to love to read. To purchase a book for the Oak Street Library go to <http://www.nationalteacherregistry.com>. At the top, click on Find a registry. Type in the school name - Oak Street School, click on Sue Philhower and then select a book to purchase for the library!

WANTED: IMMIGRATION DAY VOLUNTEERS

Immigration Day will be held on June 1, 2011, for our 5th graders and we need your help. This event is meant to simulate immigrants' arrival and processing at Ellis Island at the turn of the 20th century. It also complements the social studies unit on immigration. If you are the parent of a 5th grader please consider lending your time and talent either prior to or the day of the event. Fourth grade parents are needed too. This is a wonderful opportunity to kick start your child's celebration of Immigration Day next year. Please email Jean Wyman at jeansmail1@msn.com for a variety of volunteer opportunities.

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.