

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 7-18, 2009

A Note From the Principal:

I hope that many of you were able to attend the Winter Concert on Wednesday night. The students in band, chorus, and orchestra did a wonderful job performing for family and friends. I would like to commend Mr. Killough-Miller, Mrs. Guilbault, and Mr. Janack for working hard to prepare the students for the concert - thanks for a job well done!

As many of you know, we will be holding a flu clinic at Oakham Center School next Wednesday, December 9th. The H1N1 vaccine will be administered on a first come-first served basis, and the clinic is open to the public. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Mrs. Brewer, at 508-882-3392.

A note was sent home this week in regard to holiday gift giving. The staff here in Oakham has asked that, rather than purchasing teacher gifts, parents and students take part in community giving, whether it be donating to the upcoming food drive to benefit the Barre Food Bank, taking a tag from our Giving Tree, or helping someone in the community who could use a little support during the holidays. We hope that, through community giving, students will be encouraged to *Offer* a helping hand, and *Act* with kindness, both goals of our SOAR program.

It seems that the school year has just begun, however, our first trimester is already coming to a close and report cards will be sent home next Thursday, December 10th. If you have any questions regarding report cards, please contact your child's teacher by phone or email. Kindergarten and first grade teachers are meeting with parents next Tuesday and Thursday to discuss individual progress and any concerns.

Mrs. Worthington



Miss "O" is in need of old vinyl record albums for a project she is working on with 6th grade students. If you have old albums that you NO LONGER WANT, please send them in. Please note, they will not be returned.



PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

Mrs. Poirier is collecting any and all types of postage stamps. A collection jar is in the office. Thank you!

SCHOOL BANKING
Tuesday,
December 8th
December 22nd



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed., Dec. 9 Flu Clinic at OCS, 3:30-5:30 pm
PAC Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Registration, 6-8 p.m.
- Thurs, Dec. 10 Report Cards home today!
- Wed, Dec. 16 K-3 Winter Program, 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16-18 Holiday Marketplace
- Wed, Dec. 23 Holiday Festivities!
Piñatas at 8:30 , Floor Hockey at 10:30
- Dec. 24 – Jan 1 **NO SCHOOL – Holiday Break**

Candy Donations Needed!



We are preparing for our annual holiday festivities to be held on December 23rd, and are accepting donations of small, soft candy for the piñatas. If you would like to help out, please send candy donations into the school office. Thank you!!

PAC is looking for donations of wrapping paper and tape for the Holiday Marketplace. There will be a drop-off box in the lobby for donations. Volunteers are also needed for the Marketplace. If interested, there will be a sign up sheet on the PAC bulletin board in the lobby or you may call Joanne Fay at 508-867-5738. Thank you!

HELP WANTED!

WORKSHOP ON PARENTS RIGHTS DECEMBER 8TH

The Quabbin Regional School District and the Special Education Parent Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. in the Quabbin Regional School District's Professional Development Center located at 872 South Street in Barre.

Director of Student Services, Jason Newton, will conduct a presentation titled "Parents, Students, and Schools as Partners: Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education". This presentation will provide information about special education disabilities, parents' rights, and special education services available for children. Parents will have opportunity to ask questions about special education procedures and programs.

All parents of children who receive special education services or may be eligible for services are invited to attend. Community members and educators are welcome to attend and participate. For additional information, please call the QRSD Student Services office (978) 355-2055.



TREE LIGHTING IN BARRE

On Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Waterwheel Realty will hold their annual tree lighting at their Barre Office at the junction of Routes 122 & 32. All are welcome to come and see Santa and enjoy warm cider, fresh hot popcorn, cookies, holiday music and lots of smiles.....