



Oak Meadow Montessori School Parents' Association Newsletter

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From The Chair

~ from Elizabeth Hacala, OMPA Chair

Let me start by saying THANK YOU to all the parents who contributed to the success of Fall Fest. You all once again proved we have a wonderful and dedicated parent community at OMMS.

Come join the party, party! We are expanding on the role of Volunteer Coordinator and forming a committee to focus on special events like the International Night. Whether you can help out once, or would like to contribute on an ongoing basis, there is a role for you.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to our next open meeting at 8:45am on Monday, November 9th. We will be discussing the Book Fair, early planning for end-of-year festivities, and International Night Celebrations.

Library News

~ from Kathleen Princi, Library Coordinator

Thanks to all who are volunteering in the Library. I appreciate everyone's willingness, enthusiasm, and patience.

The CH classes get a story and craft each week. Come in to the Library and check out the "Tree of Leaves" they created for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon -- it was a huge success!

There is plenty of work available in the Library beyond the children's library time. Books need to be checked-in and shelved, and the shelves always need a little organizing. On most Mondays, you can find me in the Library after drop-off (unless there is a Parent Group Tour scheduled) trying to get caught up. Please feel free to come in and join me. If that day/time doesn't work for you, please email me with your availability and we'll arrange a suitable time: katprinci@gmail.com

Once again, thank you for volunteering!

Staff Appreciation

~ from Andrea Sorgi, Appreciation Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Appreciation Fund. We are keeping very busy. We just had our first Luncheon. A huge thank you to the classrooms of Mrs. Berrier, Ms. Coughlan, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. McKay, and Miss Wise. The food was delicious and the parent volunteers were fabulous!

Please remember to email all those recipes to amsorgi@yahoo.com as we are still trying to create an Oak Meadow Cookbook!

We went "batty" over our Staff on Halloween as well, with treats for all in the Staff Room. Stay tuned for our next event!

Did you know?

~ from Ginny Maher-Cooper, OMPA Treasurer

Target Card Holders: HELP US HELP OUR SCHOOL!

It is called *Take Charge of Education*. **Here's how it works:** Visit www.target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. Then, just use your Target credit card as usual and Target will donate up to 1% of purchases made by you directly to OMMS! Grandparents, alumni, friends, and neighbors can participate, too. All are welcome to check our school's progress at www.target.com/tcoe. *The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school and our children.* For more information, see the flyer in the lobby.

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Another easy way to collect money for our school is to collect box tops from over 100 of your favorite products. Every box top turned in means another 10¢ for our school! A collection bin will be kept outside the Reception Desk.

~ more info on back!



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Ways you can help ...

Box Top Coordinator - Collect and submit box tops for our school

Library Shelf Helpers - See Library note above

Book Fair - Needs volunteers to man the cash register during hours of operation; contact echandler@gmail.com

Community Event Organizers - Help arrange some community fun, like a night out at a Lowell Devil's game or roller skating during a Professional Development Day

International Night (January 22, 2010) - Now in its 3rd year, this event includes fabulous stage performances, fascinating exhibits, and a scrumptious potluck dinner! Whether you want to learn something new, meet parents in our community, or just help make this event a success, we welcome you to join in. Be on the look-out for the announcement of our first planning meeting, or email Maria Powers (OMPA Secretary & International Night Chair) with questions, comments, or offers of help: jamartre@gis.net



Your ideas/suggestions are always welcome!

Email OMPA@oakmeadow.org
and/or come to our next meeting:
Monday, November 9th at 8:45am

Upcoming Events

**Scholastic Book Fair
Landing at Oak Meadow
December 1st, 2nd, & 3rd**



This year's Oak Meadow annual Book Fair will be supplied by *Scholastic*, a leading source of popular titles for children of all ages.

Please visit the Book Fair and shop for holiday gifts for your friends and family. Teacher's Wish Lists will also be available.

The Fair will be open each day after drop-off, at pick-up, and select hours during the day:

8:20 - 9:30am

11:30am - 1:00pm

3:00 - 6:00pm

Special Thursday Hours:

9:00 - 9:30pm after "The Journey"

Bonus: A "Grand Breakfast" on December 2nd

Please invite your child's grandparents and other special friends to visit the Book Fair on Wednesday from 8:20 - 9:30am when we will be serving pastries and coffee!



**Cocoa & Cookies
Friday, December 18th
Community Gathering Room
8:45 - 10:00am**

Share your favorite cookies with old friends and new! Bring 8 - 10 dozen of your specialty treats along with container(s) to take home an assortment. A great time is guaranteed -- and don't forget to submit your recipes for the cookbook!