



**OXFORD CENTRAL  
NEWSLETTER  
October 23, 2009**

This coming week marks our annual celebration of positive life choices, Red Ribbon Week. Students are encouraged to wear Red shirts on Monday—let's try to avoid all those Phillies shirts ☺! A special thanks to the OCS Red Ribbon Week committee, Mr. Becker and the Oxford Twp. Municipal Alliance! The entire weeks' events were written in a recent note that went home and is also available on our school website.

This month we also had our Kindergarten through fourth grades participate in a Fire Safety program on October 23. Students learned many important things about fire safety and about fire prevention from the Oxford Rescue Squad and Fire Department! Special thanks to Mr. Kevin Murray for helping organize the day's activities.

Halloween will be here this week. This is always a good time to remind students about making the right choices, everyday. Life is about choices... from these experiences here at school, your positive influences at home and cooperation between us ...we can make sure that our students are going to make the best choices possible in life. This month we have been stressing OPTIMISM! Many recent studies show that being an optimist can have a positive affect on all of your day's activities. Ask your son or daughter what positive activities they can become involved in so they can resist the negative temptations that are out there in the world. Be sure to be involved in your child's life, talk to them, read with them or to them, go for a walk together. Let's try to keep the positive messages of this month and this past week alive throughout the entire year.

Thanks to the Washington Chapter of the International Rotary for coming by the school on Thursday to distribute dictionaries to each of our third graders! Mrs. Paola's and Ms. DeWitt's classes really appreciated the dictionaries.

Finally, on Wednesday we spent a very enjoyable day with Mrs. Dar Hosta as she visited our school to promote developing your imagination, writing with energy and a joy of cake! The students learned how a book is created and then they were treated to developing an art project based on words they had written. Judging from the positive response, the students enjoyed the day!

Conferences are coming up soon. Notes will be coming home so that you can schedule conferences. Conferences will be held in the day on Tuesday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 4, 2009. There will be night time hours on Monday, November 2, 2009. We avoided the night time hours on Tuesday, so that everyone could vote in this years gubernatorial election. These three days will be 12:30 dismissals for grades KG-8.

Till next time...

October, 2009

Dear Oxford Families,

Starting *on* Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Oxford Central School will be observing Red Ribbon Week. To celebrate this week, we have planned a variety of activities involving the students.

As in previous years, we will be having theme days, which we have listed below:

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** *"Walk Away From Drugs - We Dig Being Drug Free"*

- All students will be encouraged to wear red shirts for the day.
- Students will participate in a schoolwide kick-off event.

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**: *"I Can, You Can, We Can - Being Drug Free Comes in Cans"*

- To celebrate the "Can Do" spirit of Red Ribbon Week, we will be having a schoolwide canned food drive. Donations will be given to a local food pantry.

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**: *"Lei Off Drugs"*

- OCS students know that in order to succeed in life they need to "Lei Off" drugs.

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**: *"Stay in the Game - Be Drug Free"*

- Students are encouraged to wear sports jerseys/t-shirts to represent the day's theme.

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**: *"Don't Get Caught in the Web of Drugs"*

- In honor of Red Ribbon Week and also Halloween, students are encouraged to wear orange and black.

Thank you so much for your help and cooperation in making this week a success!

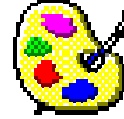
Sincerely,

The Red Ribbon Committee



# October Happenings

## FROM THE ART ROOM



We are in need of the following items for the art room:

- Wide-mouth Heinz ketchup bottles with the big white lid
- Empty box-type baby wipes containers, travel and regular size
- Ziplock-type plastic bags in snack, sandwich, quart and gallon sizes
- Styrofoam egg cartons
- Donations of yarn, any colors, but especially yellows, oranges, and black

I thank you and the OCS students thank you too.

Mrs. Nemeth



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

*The third grade is off to a great start of what promises to be an exciting school year! Through our life cycle study in science, we successfully raised 6 monarch butterflies from eggs to adults.*

*September's Apple Festival concluded our American tall tale study.*

*Our upcoming exploration of Native American communities and the colonial period will prepare us for our November field trip to Quiet Valley. There we will visit an original one-room schoolhouse and experience life as a colonial child. Our third graders are enjoying learning to write in cursive and using their brand new dictionaries. Multiplication and division are just around the corner, and students are anxiously awaiting their arrival!*



## **Upcoming Events**

**TRICK OR TREAT - Saturday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**November 2, 3, 4  
Parent/Teacher Conference**

**November 5, 6 – School Closed  
Teacher Convention**

**November 9 - Picture Retake Day**

**NOVEMBER 19 · BOARD OF ED. MEETING · *5:30 P.M.***

**November 30 – PTO Assembly  
Cow's Eye Dissection**



## Community Events



### Oxford Fire Department

Halloween Dance – Come and have a monster bash at the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department. Saturday, October 24, 2009. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. DJ and Karaoke. Food, soda, and punch. Costumes optional. Prizes for best costumes. **Ages 18 and older.** \$10.00 admission per person. To reserve a table call 908-453-2550. Sponsored by the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

**PTO** - The Stop & Shop A+ account is now ready to receive our school's parent card numbers to help us start receiving "Bonus Bucks". Each card may be connected to up to three schools, and the participants need the school's ID NUMBER. Ours is 06010. If anybody wants to e-mail me their 13 digit Stop & Shop card number, I can get it recorded for them. [rhayes3361@embarqmail.com](mailto:rhayes3361@embarqmail.com). Thanks, Marian Hayes

Warren County Food Waste Recycling Forum – "Save Today, Save Tomorrow" – November 2, 2009  
Warren County Administration Building, Rutgers Cooperative Ext. Service – 165 County Route 510  
South, Belvidere, NJ 07823 Telephone: 908-475-6532. 5:30 p.m. registration, 6:00-9:30 p.m. Free registration, sandwiches/dinner, etc. provided.



The K-KIDS are sponsoring a Soldier's Christmas Stocking Drive. The K-KIDS will be stuffing Christmas stockings to be sent to soldiers in Iraq. If you would like to contribute any items (list of acceptable items is in the main office (food/snacks, toiletries, miscellaneous items), please drop them off in the main office of OCS. We will be collecting until November 20, 2009. Please consider writing a note or card to include in the packages. Please show your support to our troops in the service so we can enjoy our freedom in America.

**State of New Jersey H1N1 Influenza Update**  
**Week of October 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **State Opens H1N1 Call Center** – New Jersey has opened a toll-free public information hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning October 6. The information line number is **1-866-321-9571**. Call center operators will be able to provide general information about H1N1, vaccine safety and availability information, symptoms of H1N1 and flu preventive measures.
  
- **State H1N1 Website** - The most up-to-date H1N1 influenza and vaccination information can be found at: **[www.nj.gov/health/flu/h1n1](http://www.nj.gov/health/flu/h1n1)**.
  
- **Vaccine will Arrive in Stages Over a Three-Month Period** - Shipments of the H1N1 vaccine – both nasal spray and injectable vaccine - will continue to arrive throughout this month and into November and December. Vaccine availability will be very limited at first and will increase over time. The injectable H1N1 vaccine is expected to begin arriving in the state over the next few weeks—again in staggered shipments.
  
- **Limited H1N1 Nasal Mist Vaccine Supply Arrives in New Jersey** - A small number of local health departments and health care providers received initial shipments of nasal spray H1N1 flu vaccine this week. Plans for the administration of the vaccine that arrived this week and additional shipments that will continue to arrive are being finalized by providers. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved nasal mist for healthy people between the ages of 2 and 49 who are not pregnant.
  
- **Nasal Mist Targeted for Healthy Children Ages 2-18 and Healthcare Workers** - The H1N1 nasal mist vaccine is only recommended for healthy people between the ages of 2 and 49 who are not pregnant. Due to the limited initial supply, the Department of Health and Senior Services is targeting the nasal mist for healthy children between the ages of 2 and 18 and healthcare workers.
  
- **H1N1 Vaccinations are Not Mandatory** - While H1N1 vaccinations are strongly encouraged, they are not mandatory.



**PARENTS  
EDUCATORS  
ADMINISTRATORS  
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Officer Erik Heller, DARE officer in Harding  
Twp,

Well-known, State-wide presenter  
with Kathi Peri, paraprofessional, Franklin Twp School  
aunt of a child who died after engaging in risky behavior  
& Pauline Albrecht, school psychologist, Franklin Twp School

## **RISKY BEHAVIORS**

*Find out about the risky behavior behind the choking  
game,*

*the dangers, the signs, how to talk to your child.*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**7:30pm**, all-purpose room, Franklin Twp  
School

52 Asbury-Broadway Rd, Washington, NJ 908-689-2958

**This information is SO IMPORTANT that we are  
offering**

**DOOR PRIZES — GIFT CARDS to SHOPRITE &  
TARGET!**

**OXFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**2009-2010 PARENT/STUDENT Handbook  
Acknowledgment Form**

I confirm that my child and I have read and reviewed the Oxford Central School 2009-2010 Parent/Student Handbook. I further acknowledge that we understand and agree to abide by the policies and procedures described in this publication. I further acknowledge that we understand both student and parent rights and responsibilities as outlined in the handbook.

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN***