



**OXFORD CENTRAL  
NEWSLETTER  
October 9, 2009**

Mid-October bulletins are always the hardest to put together. We have been inundating everyone with the information that needs to be disseminated at the start of the year and there is not much left. But I'll give it a shot...

The Halloween festivities and parade will be held on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be coming home.

Please, Please Please!! Fill out the Parent Handbook Sign-Off sheet and send it back to your homeroom teacher. It will save Ms. Dachisen and I time trying to get them all by making individual phone calls!

Remember there is no school on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>! Teachers have a county-wide in-service day. School will resume on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The results of our recent "Before and After School Care survey" will be made available soon. I am also putting together a survey to measure our school climate. Please look for it to hit the website soon.

The Washington Rotary Club will be stopping by on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to give our third grade students their own dictionary. The Rotarians have been doing this world-wide for many, many years and we are thrilled to have this program continue here at OCS!

The Oxford Volunteer Fire Department will be here to educate our KG-4 grade students about fire safety. This program is always a success and thanks to Kevin Murray for his help in organizing the program!

Well, I did it! I guess I am never at a loss for words!

Till next time...



### **V-P VIEWS**

#### **OCS CORRECT PROGRAM**

The OCS students continue to learn about good character traits. The CORRECT program is part of the school's Character Education effort. October is "OPTIMISM" month. Some student thoughts are: looking on the bright side of things, believing in myself and never giving up on myself, having a "CAN DO" attitude, and staying motivated despite any challenges.

Red Ribbon Week is October 26-30. Look for more details as we celebrate drug free lives.

# October Happenings

What a great start to the school year! The second grade students have done an excellent job in transitioning from first to second grade. Their cooperation, respect, and diligent work habits have all contributed to our successful start. We look forward to a great year together!



Our first unit of Language Arts is coming to a close. Next week, October 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting our first unit benchmark test. This test incorporates reading comprehension and writing skills. We have completed our Social Studies introduction and are now beginning to talk about communities. We will discuss ways communities form, different types of communities, and ways people in communities can get along. We have already completed our first unit of Math and will soon complete our second unit as well. Our second grade will be having a test later this upcoming week. Unit 3 discusses place value, a review of money, and time. Finally, in Science, we will conclude our unit on earth science with our discussion of caves. We will be making rock candy, simulating the formation of stalactites. We have also performed several other experiments to simulate different Earth phenomena.

## 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**

## **Upcoming Events**

**School Closed – Monday, October 12  
In-Service for Staff**

**October 15 – PTO Assembly  
Dragons & Dreams**

**October 22 - Board of Ed. Meeting**

**October 22 - Parent Volunteer Meeting  
5:00 p.m. in the school lunch room  
All parents invited who wish to volunteer**

**October 23 – PTO Assembly  
Science Circus**

**October 23 – Fire Prevention  
Kdg.-4<sup>th</sup> grade**

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

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

**November 9 - Picture Retake Day**

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



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.

# Community Events

## Oxford Emergency Squad

Friday, October 9 – Tricky Tray & 50/50 Raffle

St. Rose Lima Parish Center, 10 Jonestown Road, Oxford, NJ

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and drawings begin at 7:00 p.m. Must be 18 years old to enter.

Fall Fundraiser in October – Toilet Seats!!

Toilet seats are dropped off at various homes throughout the town - asking for a donation for the Oxford Emergency Squad.

## Oxford Fire Department

Oxford Fire Department Annual Golf Outing will be held on October 16, 2009 at High Bridge Golf Course. \$95.00 per person. Starts at 1:00 p.m. Call with four-somes or any questions. Chelsea Calabrese 908-283-3394 or Jessica Boyd 908-328-7166.

Horrific Haunted Hayride down Oxford Lake Road. Saturday, October 17 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. \$6.00 per person (Rain date Saturday, October 24). Park at St. Rose of Lima Church, 85 Academy Street. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds benefit Oxford Volunteer Fire Department. Costumes welcome. Questions, please call 453-2720. Mention the work **PUMPKIN** and receive \$1.00 off everyone in your group.

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.

**Country Gate Players**, a non-profit community theatre in Belvidere, NJ will again offer fall workshops for young actors. Tuition for each workshop is \$125.00. For more info, [www.countrygate.org](http://www.countrygate.org) or 908-475-1104. Country Gate Players is located at 114 Greenwich Street, Belvidere, N.J.

**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 Hills Community Sports Development Organization(WHCSDO) – This is a non-profit organization that does fundraising for area sports programs. Bring the kids to Oakwood Lanes in Washington, NJ on Monday, October 12 from 11:00-1:00 for a Bowling Party. \$10.00 admission includes 2 hours of bowling with shoes. RSVP by emailing your name and the number of people in your group to [info@whcsdo.org](mailto:info@whcsdo.org). This way, a lane will be reserved for you. Admission fee will be collected at the door. Questions? Call Deb Childers at 689-0571. WHCSDO.org

Local Yahoo group where you can post their items for free:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freeorforsalewarrencountygroup/>

**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.

# **BUY A PUMPKIN FOR YOUR PUMPKIN**



**BUY A PUMPKIN FOR A FRIEND, TEACHER,  
OR SOMEONE SPECIAL.....**

**\$1.00 per pumpkin**

**Orders and money due Oct.22**

**The pumpkins will be delivered Oct. 29**

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING K-KIDS**

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

***PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN***

**Warren Hills Regional School District**  
*Special Education Advisory Council*  
**Presents**



**Overview of NJ's Child Behavioral Health System**

- ♥Madeline Lozowski, Executive Director  
Family Support Organization of Hunterdon/Somerset/Warren
- ♥Linda Zimmerman, Community Resource Manager  
Tri-County Care Management Organization
- ♥Susan Laputka, Program Director  
Catholic Charities Mobile Response

**Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

**7pm. to 9pm.**

**Warren Hills Regional  
Middle School  
Library**

**Parents & Professionals Welcome!**