



OAK STREET SCHOOL

October 22, 2009 - Edition #4

A Place Where Hearts & Minds Continue to Grow



School Hours - 8:15 AM – 2:25 PM

Internet - The Plattsburgh City School District Internet address is www.plattscsd.org

News & Notes: Welcome to our **FOURTH** edition of News & Notes for the 2009/2010 school year. **News & Notes will be sent home usually the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.** Please take time to read News & Notes regularly as it is one of our main vehicles for communicating with families.

Parent Representative - Pam Salvamoser – 562-8028 or at psalvamoser@verizon.net

Intramurals: Soccer intramurals are underway. Team Rosters and schedules are posted on the gymnasium bulletin board.

Free & reduced meals: Mrs. Zales would like to remind families about our free and reduced breakfast and lunch program. Proper nourishment is very important to the learning process.

Please take the time to fill out an application if your income qualifies you to do so. If you need information on the income eligibility guidelines, please call the office (563-4950).

News from Mrs. Quinn, PSCD Health Coordinator:

A reminder to all of our district families and friends: smoking is prohibited on school grounds. Please refrain from using all tobacco products while waiting in parking lots, attending school events and chaperoning school-sponsored events. Also, there are so many benefits to maintaining a smoke-free home and vehicle; the greatest benefit is that you have the power to remove the health risks associated with second-hand smoke to your family. Plus your home will smell better, your food will taste better, you'll spend less time, energy and money cleaning your curtains, rugs, windows and walls. Your health insurance rates may even go down and your kids and pets will be healthier. Two resources that may assist families are New York State –Smoker's Quit Line (1.866.697.8487) and Freedom From Smoking On-line (FFSONLINE.ORG)



Our Busy Bees! –

Our behavioral expectations for children, staff, and families at Oak Street Elementary are the following:

We will be safe by respecting others physically and emotionally, we will act responsibly and we will respect others and ourselves. The following children have been recognized recently for showing others one or more of these behavioral expectations:

Michael D.	Eusung C.
Carson C.	Kobe A.
Thomas C.	Cecelia E.
Chucky D.	Dianna H.
Ashley F.	Elisa M.
Kristian P.	Gretchen B.
Claire K.	

(If your child is not recognized in this newsletter this does not mean we do not acknowledge your child's appropriate behavior in some way. This is only one tool we use. We always try to let our children know how important it is to follow these expectations ...it helps sustain the peaceful school Oak Street Elementary is...)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

The district will no longer be handing out perfect attendance recognitions this year due to the expected number of illnesses that may be caused due to the H1N1 virus. Therefore, perfect attendance will not be a determining factor in identifying those students who will receive a Jaguar Card. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.



HALLOWEEN: As we did last year, we will have an Oak Street costume parade in the gym @ 1:30 PM on Friday, October 30th. Students should bring their costumes to school and plan to change during their lunch period on that day. Parents are invited to sit on the bleachers to view this festive event.

We are again promoting a non-violent Halloween theme. **For safety purposes, NO masks are allowed.**

PARENTING CLASSES – CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

(1, 2, 3 MAGIC) will be held at Oak Street Elementary on the following dates: **October 22 FROM 9:30 – 11:30, January 21 FROM 2:30 – 4:00, and April 22nd FROM 9:30 – 11:30.** Refreshments will be served.

If interested in attending, please call Jane Pike, Child Advocate, at 563-4950 and indicate the date(s) you would be attending. Should you not be able to attend on these dates, please call me and I will coordinate a time to meet with you. Hope to see you there!

Voice mail: Oak Street School has voice mail. Parents can call and leave a message before school starts regarding their child's absence or tardiness from school that day. Hopefully, this will make it easier for parents to call at their convenience. If you wish to talk to our secretary, Mrs. Bonnie Waldron, please call back. When the line is busy voice mail automatically picks up the calls. If you have an emergency you can call 561-4760.

Please call before **2:00 PM** regarding any changes to your child's after school arrangements. This will enable us to deliver the message before school ends.

School Breakfast and Lunch Programs:

The following are a few reminders that will help us greatly in the cafeteria:

- A. The breakfast and lunch programs are already underway. Breakfast is \$1.25 Lunch is \$1.85. All milk products are \$.65.
- B. Payment to the students account can be made at anytime. If paying by check please make it out to the Plattsburgh City School District.
- C. There is no charging. Students will call home if they forget their lunch money or their lunch.
- D. Please label all lunch boxes with child's name and the classroom teacher's name. This is critical in ensuring that we find the lunch box if it is misplaced.

REMINDERS

Parent Luncheons: Parent Luncheons will be held every month throughout the school year on the 2nd Friday of the month. On Parent Luncheon Day, we encourage you to eat lunch with your child in the Oak Street Cafeteria. **Our next Parent Luncheon will be Friday, November 13, 1009.**

Just a reminder, that you are always invited to eat lunch with your child at Oak Street School. **If you are buying the cafeteria lunch please call the office and let us know that you are buying the lunch.** We look forward to your visits to Oak Street School.

Below please find a list of the times for Lunch/Recess

3H – 11:45 – 12:30	3K – 11:40 – 12:25
3L - 11:50 – 12:35	4M – 12:00 – 12:45
4P – 12:05 – 12:50	4S – 12:10 – 12:55
5E – 12:25 – 1:10	5K – 12:15 – 1:05
5L – 12:20 – 1:00	

VISITORS

- 1 Check in with the secretary/sign in
- 2 Take a visitor's badge
- 3 Wait in the lobby unless directed otherwise
- 4 Return badge and sign out of the building when exiting. Thank you.

This is to be done every time!!! We cannot ensure safety of the children unless this procedure is followed every time. We ask that parents sign in automatically. If you are asking yourself- "I wonder if I have to sign?" - the answer is **YES**. It is important that this procedure is followed.

In addition, if a student has to leave school for any reason before the end of the day, we need a note from the parent. The parent must also sign the sign-out book in the main office before a student may leave the building.

Bottle and Can Drive - Friday Mornings - The FSA will continue to oversee the weekly bottle and can drive. Every Friday you may drop off your bottles (in a box) and cans in the container at the front entrance of the school. This is another FSA fundraiser and the money raised will go towards purchases and events to better our schools.

Campbell's Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education:

This year Oak Street will be encouraging parents to save those labels! We will be collecting General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels in an effort to raise additional money for school projects. Participating in the program is easy. Simply save the UPC's from participating Campbell's product and cut the Box Tops and send into school. A container is available in the office and items can be dropped off during school hours. **We appreciate ALL that you do and thank you for your continued support to help out school !**



Fall Festival & Picnic– October 23rd Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Bailey/Oak Fall Festival on Friday, October 23 from 6 – 8 PM at Bailey Avenue. There will be free games and activities, a bake sale, a raffle for mums, pumpkins and a **BIKE !** *** Tickets for the bike raffle will be on sale from October 19 – 22 **AFTER** school. There is one bike for each school – Oak Street and Bailey Avenue.



December 10th
February 4th

April 22nd
May 13th

Parking Lot: The parking lot is a very busy one. It is always a good idea to avoid the parking lot especially during the heaviest traffic times.

We remind everyone that a school bus with flashing lights must never be passed. The drivers are instructed to call the police if the bus is passed with its flashing lights on. Please note the following times.

8:00 breakfast begins.

8:15 the students enter the building.

2:25 dismissal

Indoor Recess: During inclement weather indoor recess will be conducted in the assigned areas of the building. We would like to encourage students to bring a quiet activity from home to use during this time. Please be sure anything brought from home has the child's name clearly written on it. Trading cards are not allowed in school.

We remind everyone that we only stay inside for recess during inclement weather. We ask that you dress the children in the morning assuming that we will be going outside for recess.

School Attendance and Arrival: It is very important that your child is in attendance at school unless he/she is ill or affected by a family emergency. It is also important for students to arrive at school by 8:15 am. All minutes of instruction time are valuable. When students are tardy, their transition into the school day is affected and basic instruction has often begun. We are also shaping important understandings and habits related to the importance of being on time and responsible when children are young. These habits continue into the middle, high school and post secondary and employment stages of a person's life.

Tshirts, Sweatshirts and Jag Mags
Are available for purchase in the Main Office



Important Dates for Future Reference:

Early Releases Dates (11:20 Dismissal)

October 22nd March 18th

T shirts - Youth M or Youth L - \$10.00

Sweatshirts - Youth M or Youth L - \$25.00

Jag Mags - \$5.00

FSA Meetings –November 18th, December 15th,
January 26th, February 24th, March 24th, April 21st, and
May 26th and June 16th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on:
December 3rd (6:00 PM– 8:00 PM)
December 4th (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM) no school for
students on this day

No School for students Grade K –Grade 5
Parent Teacher Conference Day – December 4, 2009

Holiday/Vacation Dates – school closed

November 11th and November 25th – 27th

December 24th – January 1st

January 18th

February 15th – 19th

April 12th – 16th, May 31st

This Just in !



MAKE UP DAY FOR
PICTURES IS NOV. 19TH