

Orchard School PTO News: April 2009

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13th at 6 pm in the Art Room

► PTO meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Meeting minutes are available on the Orchard website at www.orchard.sbschools.net.



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ORCHARD SCIENCE FAIR SEEKS NEW COORDINATOR

This year's Science Fair held on March 11th was extremely successful. In total 52 projects were featured involving 67 kids! However, next year will be the last year of service for the current science fair committee chair.

Ideally, the new coordinator could assist with the event next year to be prepared for the 2011 Science Fair.

If you would be interested in running this event, please contact any PTO officer to express your interest (see contacts next page).

ORCHARD MEMORY BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE!

The perfect keepsake of the 2008-2009 school year! Orchard Memory Books can be ordered for \$13.00 per book; send checks made out to Orchard PTO in an envelope marked Susan Gregoire, or email Susan with questions at susancgregoire@yahoo.com

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Monday, April 13th during the school day

Thank you to room parents, volunteers and contributors for coordinating this year's luncheon in honor of Orchard teachers and staff. Don't forget to send donations in to school on Monday morning as we express our thanks and support.

S.L.I.M.Y. PTO TAG SALE at Orchard Gym
(Sustainable Living Initiatives Motivating Youth)
Friday, May 1st 3pm-7pm for school families
4pm-7pm to the full community

Saturday, May 2nd 8am-2pm

Please look for the printed flyer with a return slip if you can sign up to help with drop offs or during the sale!

The sign up poster is in the front lobby as well!

Time to Clean Out? Please reuse, reduce and recycle while supporting our summer garden opportunities for our children! Our summer coordinator work will also include work in our woodlands this summer.

Tag sale items: bikes in good shape, children's clothing in bags by size is most helpful, household goods, books, toys, sport equipment and the like.

We do not accept computers, skis, televisions, and large items without permission.

Several local organizations receive donations from our sale. All seasonal clothing and other items goes to Wheeler School for their Monday give-away which they so appreciate!

SPRING FLING

Evening of Friday, May 8th, at Orchard

A celebration of spring for Orchard families!

Join us to share in the food, music, activities & fun!

Orchard School t-shirts will be available as well. This committee is seeking volunteers to lend a helping hand as well as donations of food, supplies, and various items for the activities. If you are able to help out on the evening of Spring Fling, or if you would be able to send in a donation of supplies, please contact Kara Strempek at kstrempek@comcast.net

Recent News from Orchard School...

ORCHARD ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM 2009

Recently, a team of seven Orchard School students had a chance to show off their creativity and ability to think quickly at the Vermont Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. The team was made of second through fifth graders, Aland Rinehart, Alex Pollack, Audrey Clay-Streib, Avery Cyr, Damien Hellen, Kailei Eustis, and Kieran Fiacco. They had met every week and sometimes twice a week since December, to put together a solution to a Long Term problem called Superstition. With the facilitation of coaches Nancy Pollack and Pam Cyr, they worked together to create a skit which included two well known superstitions and one invented by the team. The team also had to create a two-person costume. Their solution was titled The Dog, Dad and the Nail.

The team also practiced spontaneous problems, which takes quick thinking while trying to come up with creative and unusual answers.

The team members spoke enthusiastically about their Odyssey of the Mind experience. Aland said, "It was fun seeing my whole team work together." Kieran learned, "It doesn't matter who you are with, you can still work together as a team." Kailie commented, "Fun is what it's all about! Our team is a star!" adding, "It was awesome performing at the tournament."

Audrey explained, "The more you do it (Odyssey of the Mind) the better you get at it." She thought that out of all their practices, their performance at the tournament was the best.

"The spontaneous practices were really fun, it helped the team be more creative," said Alex. Damien added, "I liked my role as the Dad and making the Nail (a prop) was fun." Alex and Damien both shared that they enjoyed watching other teams at the tournament. "I thought it was fun and I am glad for the teams that came in first and second," commented Avery, adding, "I recommend OM to anyone who wants to have a good time!"

Odyssey of the Mind is an international program which focuses on team work and creativity. In the fall new teams are formed and each year volunteers are needed to coach teams and to judge at the tournament. The coaches and parents would like to thank the Orchard PTO which supported the Odyssey of the Mind team. To find out more and see pictures of the Odyssey of the Mind Vermont State Tournament visit <http://vt.odysseyofthemind.org/>

ORCHARD SKATE NIGHT

Orchard Skate Night was a huge success. We had over **350** skaters circling the ice, having fun. The Basket Raffle and Student Raffle winners are listed on the next couple of pages. The communities' generosity helped to raise over **\$2600** for the PTO's general fund. Thank You to all who helped to prepare and run the event; we couldn't have done it with out you. Thank you to everyone who came out for a night of family fun.

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TEACHER'S BASKET WINNERS

Mrs. Adams	A snack/treat for you and your class	Ryan Sargent
Miss Susie Cicerello	Art Teacher for a day	Molly Burke
Mr. Ebel	Principal for a day	Jackson Young
Mrs. Genzinger	Ice Cream Sundaes for you and your class	Jordan Thrane
Mrs. Gurwicz	Gift Certificate to Barnes & Noble	Michael Finnegan
Mrs. Howley	"Theme Party" for you and your class	Max Capano
Mrs. Larrow	Ice Cream treat with a friend at Friendly's	Donyea Cotton
Mrs. Lawrence	Trip to Flying Pig Bookstore to chose a book	Helen Wang
Mrs. Macdonald	Care of the Library Pets for a day & Gift Certificate to Scholastic Book Fair	Alex Pollack
Miss Mallory	Bike/Rollerblade on bike path with a stop for Ice Cream	Trevor Daniels
Missy Marcell	Take you and Friend to the movies, with popcorn and a drink	Lydia Ambaye
Miss McCray & Miss Cross	Gift Certificates to Movies for you and a friend	Mason Edmunds
Mrs. McDonald	Movie for you and friend	Ben Rogers
Mrs. McQuillen	Handmade King and Queen Crowns	Bear Ludlow
Ms. Munger	Walk my dog and Ice Cream for you and a friend	Kyra Dewey
Miss O'Brien	Take-Out Lunch with a friend	Eric Schwaigert
Mrs. Pecor	Take-Out Lunch with a friend	Maggie Fitzgerald
Mr. Pecor	Golf Lesson at Driving Range with me	Ann Wong
Mrs. Poor	Gift Certificate to KidsTown	Aidan Otsby
Mr. Jemison & Mrs. Pernelos	Trip to Barnes & Noble for a book & Treat at the Café'	Abby Stein
Ms. Rehm	Gift Certificate to KidsTown	Emily Fleury
Mrs. Sala	Trip to Friendly's for you & a friend	Colton Corley
Mr. Schmidt	After School Pizza Party for you and 3 friends	Audrey Clay-Streib
Mrs. Soules	Swim in my heated pool with 3 friends	Olivia Steinfeld
Mrs. Tate	Take you and Friend to the movies, with popcorn and a drink	Elizabeth Sargent
Mrs. Vachereau	Rootbeer Floats for you & your class	Tess Wilkinson
Mrs. Wheeler	Ice Cream treat at Friendly's with a friend	Kylie Corley
Mrs. Waltien	Trip to Flying Pig Bookstore to choose a book	Evan Jones
Mrs. Weatherly	Trip to Friendly's for you and a friend	Sara Kunin
Mr. Wright	Gift Certificate	Avery Marti
Mrs. Yadow	Take-Out Lunch with a friend	Rachel Charash



ORCHARD FAMILY SKATE NIGHT BASKET WINNERS

~ Please Support Our Contributors ~

Arbonne Make Up Basket	Amy Frostman
Baseball Bonanza Bag	Harshith Khandavalli
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream	Banach Family
Bikram Yoga	Molly Pizer
Burlington Country Club	Kate Cunningham
Burton	Rawlings Family
Burton	Wilkinson Family
Cairns Arena & Burlington Bagels	Eustis Family
Cynthia's Day Spa	Carrie Jenkins
Diana's Italian Home Cooking	Eustis Family
Fundue Fondue	Alexandra Escaja
Get Moving from Dr. C. Hebert	Schwaigert Family
Hoblein Art Supplies	Dani Tarver
Ice Cream & a Movie	Dakota Hamilton
Inlu.com	Tim Hopper
Made In VT Delights	Donna Macdonald
Mikey Welsh	Barb Masterson
Missy Marcell	Lisa Rovner
Moe's	Ida Ludlow
Olive Garden & NEC Ballet	Missy Marcell
Orchard Veterinary Hospital	Rich Pearl
Otter Creek Custom Closets	Tonia Karnedy
Palace 9 & TGI Friday's	Eustis Family
Pizzeria Uno's	Hannah Fisher
Play It Again Sports	J. Weinberg
Seventh Generation Gift Bag	Ostby Family
Small Dog Electronics	Laura Leigh Vetter
SpareTime Bowling	Ethan Moore
Sports & Fitness Edge	Amy Frostman
Sweetflower Design Jewelry	Lillie Edwards
Talent Skate Park	William Wong
Trader Duke's	Nancy Vetter
VT Toy & Hobby	Sabian York
Winter & Summer Footwear.com	Ostby Family

THANK YOU
EVERYONE!



~ Classroom Basket Themes ~

Artistic License / Sally Wong
Backyard Play / Sue O'Brien
Bon Appetit / Brown Family
Candyland / Ed Borrazzo
Champlain Quadricentennial / Melinda Tate
Cookie Monster / Sally Wong
Day at the Beach / Andrew Macdonald
DEAR (drop everything and read) Kelly Eddy
Divine Indulgences / Lisa Rovner
Eat the rainbow: Bounty of Botanical Adam Wood
Family Movie Night / Zagursky Family
Happy Birthday! / Tracy Fornaiser
Man's Best Friend / Diana Schwiagert
Picnic in the Park / Wendy Webster
Sleepover / Ida Ludlow
Take Out, Dine In / Abigail Clay
The Cats Meow / Eric McLenithan
The Sizzler (backyard BBQ) Kara Strempek
Think Spring / JTG
Treats / Ambrosino Family
What's the scoop? / Burns Family