

## **Peekskill CSD PTO Committee/Building Report Form**

Submission Date: May 2, 2016

Month & Year: May 2016

Committee/Building: Oakside Elementary School

Items Requiring a Vote:

N/A

### **Items Requiring Discussion:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field Days at Oakside are quickly approaching. It's a day filled with fun, teamwork, and our students showing off their athletic abilities. We are requesting the PTO to support us in keeping our students hydrated throughout both days. We are asking for 20 bags of ice to be purchased each day. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field day is Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field day is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade awards assemblies will be the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be recognized for their hard work this year in the areas of English Language Arts, math, and special areas. Parents will be invited if their child is receiving an award. We are requesting the PTO purchase cookies for each student at Oakside as a special treat regardless if they received an award. Everyone's a winner at Oakside! We would need 500 cookies for all the students.

**\*\*The next two items were on last month's agenda. We have not received notice if these items will be funded\*\***

The students of Oakside have read and responded to over 6,000 books! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Super Reader Reward will be a "Spring Training" theme in which the school community has the opportunity to participate in athletic related games where the students work together, challenge their minds and bodies, and have FUN! Stations will include potato sack races, soccer and kickball games, and much much more. We are asking for drinks and snacks for our youngsters to keep them hydrated and fill their bodies with a healthy snack to give them the energy they need to participate in the games.

Lastly, our end of the year celebration for the Super Readers will be an Oakside Carnival. Classes will design carnival games, create an expository piece explaining the objectives, rules, and how to play their game as well as a diagram. It would be wonderful if we could have funds to pay for the materials needed to create the carnival games. We would need paper supplies like poster boards and trifold presentation posters as well as carnival decorations. We would also love to get popcorn and drinks for the children so they really feel like they are at a carnival.

### **Items for Information Only:**

- Oakside's S.W.A.T. Team (Students Working to Advance Technology) has been working on technology/science projects. As a team, we have been working on putting together a solar powered rover, a salt water powered robot, a water bottle rocket and a weather observation station. In addition to our group projects, the team chose individual projects that they are working on at home. We will then have a mini-science fair for each class to come and observe. Once the mini-fair is over we will kick off our home-to-school science fair for the end of the year. All students will be encouraged to participate and a list of websites and ideas will be sent home to aid in the process of choosing projects.

- The Oakside grade 2 Music Enrichment opportunity has been given to a new group of students this marking period. In Music Enrichment, students learn to use classroom instruments (such as xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels and hand percussion) to dramatize a story. The culminating project is to choose a story, develop the dramatization and then perform it or create a video of the performance. The first group chose to dramatize “Clickety Clack” by Rob and Amy Spence, the second group chose “Off We Go” by Jane Yolen, and the third group chose “My Many Colored Days” by Dr. Seuss. The fourth group will be selecting a story to dramatize soon.
- Save the date! The Oakside Spring Concert is almost here!  
Gr 2 – Tuesday, May 17 at 9:15 AM  
Gr 3 – Wednesday, May 18 at 9:15 AM  
All performances will be in the Oakside Cafetorium. Gr 2 will be singing songs and Gr 3 will be singing and playing the recorder. The Oakside Strings will also perform on their violins.
- Library Enrichment this quarter has been focused on library skills and animal research. The class is in the middle of creating habitats for their chosen animals.
- Art Enrichment:  
It has been my pleasure to work with students who have the talent, interest and energy to learn something new and use their talents in ways I don’t get to see in the classroom. I have designed my enrichment class to be sculpture (3D) based and the students seem to enjoy it greatly. During the third quarter we have been working on five small murals in the building. It is truly a rewarding experience to see the students happy, engaged and learning new techniques.
- During the month of April, all students received classroom lessons on the importance of demonstrating citizenship. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Enrichment leadership students have organized a school wide recycling project where everyone has the opportunity to make a difference in our school and community. Each class has a box created into a recycling bin for students and staff to recycle plastic bottles. We are providing students with the opportunity to build community and encourage team work and collaboration. Students are engaged and excited about helping our environment while learning different ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle!  
“No job is too big, no action is too small for the care of the Earth is the job of us all”
- Cup Stacking Event: hosted by our Physical Education Teachers – Coaches Tim Murphy and Demetric Gardner  
We had 62 kids come and participate raising \$570 for Cystic Fibrosis. Coach Murphy gave out 5 scholarships to students. We had well over 100 parents and siblings there watching and cheering their children on. Students earned medals for their speedy stacking in the 3-3-3, 3-6-3, and pyramid races. Each student was given a raffle ticket and at the end of the evening we raffled off 15 sets of cups!

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