

Oxford School News

February 4, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Don't forget to help your child master the grade level skills outlined in the math challenge flyer that is coming home today. The students have 5 weeks to learn their math facts with quick recall. The best way to have them practice is by using 1 minute timed tests. If they have too much time to think about the answers they do not commit the facts to memory. The kindergartners will be writing their numerals and the test will not be timed. —

Janet Levenson

PTA News PTA NEWSFLASH!

Tuesday **February 9th** is our next PTA meeting.

The actual meeting will be from **6:30 to 8:00 PM with dinner available starting at 6:00 PM.**

Childcare will start at 6:30PM when **Tarah Fleming** will lead parents in the next in our three part series addressing how we make Oxford a welcoming community for all children and families.

Last month we took a very general look at what respecting difference looks like in a classroom setting. This month we will take a more personal look at how to talk to our kids in developmentally appropriate language about race, class, family diversity and other topics that we may find challenging. **Tarah Fleming** is a dynamic presenter who really gets your body and mind moving so I hope you will all consider coming! **You are bound to get something out of it!**

—**Chrissy Meuris and Melanie Green, PTA Co-Presidents**

School Calendar

- 2/1 Staff Development Day (*no school*)
- 2/4 TODAY! OASIS Gala, 3:30PM *at school*
- 2/9 PTA meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM, with dinner starting at 6:00 PM
- 2/12 Lincoln's Birthday (*no school*)
- 2/15 President's Day (*no school*)
- 2/23 All School Panoramic Photo
- 2/26 Student performance with the *Berkeley Symphony Orchestra* at 10:20AM in cafeteria
- 3/12 Schoolwide math challenge tests
- 3/8 RIF Day
- 3/18 Raffle, Dance, Auction at Oxford
- 3/29-4/2 Spring Recess (*no school*)

Calling all Grandparents!!

Your help in grading the tests for the **Spell-a-thon** was invaluable. *Are you willing to help correct the tests for the schoolwide math challenge?* The students will take the tests at the beginning of the day on **March 12th** so we anticipate grading could be completed between **10:00 AM-12:00 PM.** **Please let Lety know if you are available to help.**

Photos and Lots More on Our Oxford Website

Don't forget to check out the wonderful and very up-to-date **Oxford Elementary School website** that our fabulous webmaster, **Lynn Garnica**, maintains.

Have a look! <http://oxfordelementary.org>

I am a Performer Concert

All Oxford students will perform with the **Berkeley Symphony Orchestra** on **February 26 at 10:20 am in the cafetorium**. The 4th and 5th graders will play their instruments, the 3rd graders will play their recorders, the 1st and 2nd graders will play rhythm instruments and the kindergartners will sing. **Don't miss this wonderful event!**

Reminder: Haitian Relief

We are collecting money in the school office to send to Haiti. We will be collecting money from *now until February 15th*.

Submissions for the Oxford School Newsletter

Please email submissions to:

OxfordSchoolNewsletter@gmail.com

as attached MS Word documents. Submissions received by Fridays will go out in the Newsletter the following Thursday. Please send an email to the same address if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. *Thank you.*