

Oquenock News

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*Protecting our children. Empowering our parents.
Working with our teachers.*

A Message From Our President



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce your new Executive Committee - Genia Radigan, President; Demitria Gildard, Vice President; Diane Schlosser, Treasurer; Kathleen

Gagliardi, Recording Secretary; Michelle Martinez, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Louise Cairo, Council Delegate; Rosa Meyer, Historian, and to assure you that the Oquenock PTA is secure and has been very busy making plans for the 2007-2008 school year.

We are really excited about trying several new ideas (along with some old ones) and are in great need of your support. Please remember that any time you can give is greatly appreciated and remember that your donations help to pay for events for all the children. Without your support, all the activities brought in by the PTA would not be available.

This fall, we ran **THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK** fundraiser instead of your usual wrapping paper fundraiser. There were a lot of new companies in the book this year. Order forms were sent home with your children

and we hope you took advantage of this book. We hope you will enjoy all the new companies to choose from in the new Entertainment book.

On **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2007** from 8:00 pm to midnight, we will be hosting our second annual **MOONLIGHT BOWL** (adults only) at Babylon Bowl. Information has been sent home. Don't wait to get your group together. As always, you don't have to be a PTA member to have fun with us. Anyone is welcome to attend. Lanes will be set with 6 bowlers. Don't worry if you don't have a group, we will find one for you. All adults are welcome. Since everyone loves to win, we'll also have great raffle baskets and grand prizes. However, we can't make these baskets without your help, so please send in your classroom donations. Additional donations or donations from businesses are also greatly appreciated. Let us know if you need more information on making a donation.



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Principal's Note

Welcome back!

It's hard to believe that September is over, and November is almost upon us! After relaxing summer vacations, students have adjusted well to the routines of a new school year; and eagerly enter the building each morning with smiles on their faces, and excitement in their eyes. Thank you to all of the parents, students, and staff for the warm welcome that I received during the past two months. I am thrilled to be part of such a wonderful school; and look forward

to working as a team to continue the traditions and academic accomplishments of Oquenock School.

Best wishes for a delightful Fall!

Dawn Morrison
Principal



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Next time you're online, visit **boxtops4education.com/club** and sign up to support Oquenock Elementary School.

PTA Box Tops Committee
Suzanne Farrell

Technology Matters

Oquenock recently received 106 new computers for use throughout the building!

Upcoming Programs and Events

Date	Event/Program	PTA Contact
Saturday, November 3	Moonlight Bowl 8:00 pm @ Babylon Bowl	Sue Sesto 321-8263
Monday, November 5	Book Fair Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:00-9:00 pm	Ellen Conner 321-4626
Tuesday, November 6	No School/Parent-Teacher Conferences Book Fair Open	Ellen Conner 321-4626
Friday, November 9	Bedtime Stories 7:00-8:00 pm Parent Workshop 7:15-7:45 pm	Julie Siano 893-4205
Monday, November 12	No School/BOE Meeting 8:00 pm @ Bayview	
November 13 & 14	Kindergarten Registration PTA Meeting 7:30 pm	Genia Radigan 422-0817
Friday, November 16	Rocket Readers Deadline: 5 books must be read in order to receive a piece of candy	Rosa Meyer 968-8271
Monday, November 19	Picture Make-Up Day	Lori Kelly 669-7598

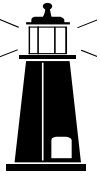
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Class Chatter

4th Grade

The fourth graders have just finished their science unit on magnets. The students had the opportunity to experiment with all types of magnets. The boys and girls learned about attraction, repelling and how magnets were first discovered. The students also learned the importance of magnets and how they help us today.

After studying the geography of both New York State and Long Island, the students created maps depicting the most important locations. These maps will be utilized throughout the school year as our primary focus will be on New York State history.



In addition, the students are eagerly anticipating their first field trip to the Fire Island Lighthouse scheduled for November 1, 2007.

5th Grade

The fifth grade students at Oquenock have settled in nicely this year. The NYS Social Studies Test is scheduled to be given on November 14 and 15, so the students are busily preparing for it. They are brushing up on their writing skills and mastering the art of interpreting documents. In addition, they are drawing upon their previous social studies knowledge and experiences to meet the challenges of the test. GOOD LUCK, FIFTH GRADERS!!!

Bedtime Stories Are Here...

Please join us on **November 9, 2007** from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for stories and snacks. To ensure that you are in the mood to snuggle and get comfy, please wear your favorite P.J.'s, slippers and bring your favorite bedtime friend.



Parents can enjoy a special workshop or help out with refreshments while waiting in the building during the readings.

PARENTS MUST REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL, STUDENTS CAN NOT BE DROPPED OFF.

Bedtime Story Committee
Laurie Jankoski

A Message From Our President

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On Friday, November 9, 2007, the teachers will be entertaining the children with bedtime stories. Since **parents must remain at the school**, we have set up a workshop for you to attend while your children are being read to. Please look for the flyers and RSVP, so we may accommodate everyone.

A family bowl day has been tentatively scheduled for February 3, 2008. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would be interested in attending this exciting event so we can try to get a head count on how many lanes we will need.

This year we are having a Variety Show on March 8, 2008. This should be lot of fun. Please look in your child's backpack for more information as we get closer to the event date.

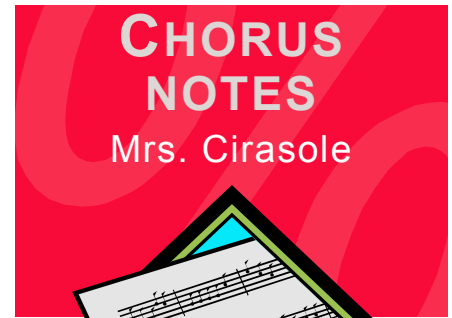
We are looking forward to an exciting new year. We welcome and need your involvement, so please join us! Call me at **422-0817** with any questions.

2007-2008 President
Genia Radigan

New Immunization Requirement

Please be aware, a new immunization requirement effective September 1, 2007 mandates all children born on or after January 1, 1994, and who are entering 6th grade or a comparable level special education, must provide proof of having received a booster immunization Tdap.

Thank you,
Mrs. McCarthy, R.N.



Grade Four and Grade Five choruses have started rehearsing for our winter concert which will be held **Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm.**

The concert will be a great night that you and your family will not want to miss. Please mark your calendars now so that you can show your support for the music department and your classmates.

2007-2008 Officers

Presidents	Genia Radigan	422-0817
Vice President	Demitria Gildard	968-2491
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LOST & FOUND

Please remind your children that the **lost and found** is located in the health office.

The pile is growing!





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Oquenock PTA on
Yahoo! Groups**

Join the group at **groups.yahoo.com/group/oquenockpta/** and receive email reminders for PTA events, get the latest community information and school closing detail right in your inbox.



Get Involved: PTA Membership

201 Members Strong

OQUENOCK PTA
CURRENTLY HAS 201
MEMBERS. HELP US
MEET OUR GOAL OF
100% PARENTAL
PARTICIPATION BY
SIGNING UP TODAY!

Every year we strive to make the PTA a better place to volunteer. Even if you only have a minimal amount of time to pledge, we welcome your help, support, and suggestions. We are an open invitation association and it is our desire to have each and every one of you join us. Not only will you gain self satisfaction in knowing you were a major part of your child's academic years, but your children will be ecstatic to know you were involved in their school functions.

Join today by completing the form below, including \$6 in cash or check made out to Oquenock PTA, and send in an envelope marked PTA Membership.

As a reminder, all Class Parents, Committee Chair People, and PTA Volunteers MUST have a PTA Membership card in order to participate.

Thank you for your support!

PTA Membership Committee
Mary Louise Cairo and Leslie Keane



PTA Membership

Name: _____

Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____



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