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**JONATA-OAK VALLEY PTSA NEWSLETTER**

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**Don’t forget our Used Book Sale**

December 12 & 13, 2013 at Oak Valley School

Books for children and students of all ages

Book Donations accepted until Dec. 6th

**WANTED!**

Chairperson for our Jog-a-thon.

Chairperson for Andrade Challenge.

Must be willing to have fun. Apply now!

November/December 2013

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**OV GARDEN UPDATE**

Just wanted to celebrate how wonderful Food Day was at OV- truly a dream come true! This was an incredible feeling of success all day, having the wonderful opportunity to share our amazing garden with not only all of the students, but also the teachers and our community! It was so gratifying to see the kids with smiling faces enjoy and explore the garden. Seeing their look of absolute delight at getting to balance and leap on logs in the movement garden, create book-marks at the artist's table, giggle at blowing bubbles, feel like a scientist exploring the nature table and measuring watermelons, feel just how much more gratifying it is to learn in an outdoor classroom, to connect with our community through Veggie Rescue, and having our Mayor Judith Dale come enjoy our event. Wow, what a day! Not to mention exposing the kids to fruit that they may not have tried before, like tomatoes.  We actually learned a lot today from the kids!  Can't wait to continue the success of our garden for decades to come.   
  
We had a Community Beautification Event in the Garden on Nov. 16th from 9am-12 Noon. We were able to get the garden ready for winter, and loved having parents, kids and the community come out and join us. Come with a smile and bring your friends to see the garden.  
  
Warmest Regards,

**Laura Cogan**

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What a wonderful way to start the year. Our annual Fall Raffle was another big success. A big thank you goes to our Raffle Chairperson Bridget Navarro who oversaw the entire event. Another big thank you goes to all our students who worked hard to sell those raffle tickets. With everyone’s effort, we raised $24,475. Our big winners announced at Movie Night were: 1st place **Brynja Hjaltadottir** and 2nd place **Kelsie Helton**. Money raised from the raffle goes toward class field trips as well as programs paid for by the PTSA such as Arts Outreach, Study Corner, Jonata music and much more.

The holidays will soon be upon us, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season. As you celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas, may the time you spend with your family and loved ones be relaxing and special, and may the memories you make last a lifetime.

**Lynda Koopmans**

Jonata-Oak Valley

PTSA President

**Upcoming Events:** January 13, 2014 – General Association Mtg., Jan. 24, 2014 – Movie & Pizza Night at OV MP Room