

Orem Elementary News 2007

September

OES Newsletter also found at: http://www.websthetics.com/oes_index.htm

CALENDAR

September

- 4 Monthly PTA Meeting - 9:30am
- 7 Character Traits Assembly:
Respect - 9:30am
- 12 School Pictures (Cory Adams)
- 14 Vision Screening
- 17 Carnival - 4:30pm to 7:30pm**
- 24-28 PTA Membership Drive

October

- 1 Classic Skate Night - 6:00pm
- 2 Monthly PTA Meeting - 9:30am
- 3 Walk to School Day - 7:30am
- 3-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:00pm to 7:30pm
- 5 Character Traits Assembly:
Responsibility - 9:30am
- 8-10 Red Ribbon Week
- 11-15 Fall Break/UEA Weekend**
- 17 Rainbow Evacuation Plan
- 31 Halloween Parade

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a great start to a great year! I appreciate all of your support and concern for your child's education. I just left our first PTA meeting and it is great to see and hear of so many people involved here at Orem Elementary. What a great community. I would like to welcome you to call, or come in, to speak with me if you have any concerns, etc. I am more than willing to listen to any concerns, comments, or celebrations you may have.

Just a couple of reminders...

Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather (whether it is hot or cold). We do have all students line up in the morning outside (unless the weather is severe). We also want your children to be dressed appropriately so they can go outside at recess time.

We also need to stress the importance of having your children here on time to school. It is essential that your children arrive on time, especially because of our small group literacy time. We want to make sure they benefit from this time as much as they can. We realize that emergencies arise, but please try to get your children to school on time.

Lost and Found will be on tables in the front hallway the last week of the month. Please take the time to come in and check it out if you have any missing items.

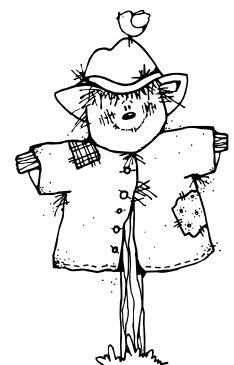
If your child becomes lost for whatever reason after school, we want you to know that we will be contacting the district and police at 5:00 in the afternoon, if your child remains to be lost. We also want to remind you to pick up your children on time after school. It is difficult to supervise your children when they are left here for ½ hour to an hour after school ends.

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please make sure they have some way of keeping it secure during the school hours. We ask, because of the safety of the students, that they walk their bikes, scooters, etc. once they reach the school property.

Electronics, cell phones, iPods, etc. are not to be brought to school. If you have an emergency situation where a cell phone is needed, please write a note to me and let me know, but understand that the phone needs to be in the "off" position during school hours. All other electronics need to be kept home (includes Tomagachis, CD players, iPods, etc.)

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a great year. We have totally awesome students, teachers, and parents here at Orem Elementary.

-- Brad J. Davies, Principal
Orem Elementary



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello parents and friends,
I would first like to thank everyone for the great turnout we had on back to school night. Many of you purchased t-shirts, yearbooks and PTA memberships which we, as a PTA really appreciate. The t-shirts will be used for 2 years so if you bought one this year, you won't need to buy one next year as well. We will begin Spirit Day Friday in the next couple of weeks so make sure your kids wear their shirt or school colors (Burgundy and Gold) on Friday's so you can be eligible for a spirit reward from the student council.

We will continue on with character traits and monthly challenges this year. We will cover six traits for the year: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship which together form the acronym TeRRiFiC! We won't necessarily cover them in that order but we will work on these six for the year. The trait for September will be Respect and we will focus on treating others with respect and being tolerant of differences since we have so many unique students at OES. We will have a character trait kick-off assembly on September 7 to introduce the challenge for the month. Please take the time to discuss this trait with your child and you can even show them the back of our School shirt where it has OES in letters and in sign language.

September is an *especially* important month for the PTA. On Monday, September 17, we hold our carnival which is our one (1) annual fundraiser. We ask for your support as the profits made from this fundraiser go to support every PTA sponsored event for the year. You can help us by sending in the items that your child's class is assigned for the silent auction baskets and coming that night and participating. We look forward to having a super Carnival and already have a lot of people on board helping.

Thanks again for all of your support. I always tell my kids that "many hands make light work" and it sure is obvious on nights like Back-to-school night and the annual PTA carnival.

-- Bunney Schmidt, PTA President

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Join in on some after school fun. We will be holding After School Programs starting as early as September 11 this year. The classes will be held on Monday-Thursday depending on the class right after school. The very popular Art class will be held for 2-6 graders and we will have dance and a few other exciting classes. A sign up sheet was sent home earlier with your child/children with more detailed information.

-- Karrie King

ANTICIPATION...

almost as good as the carnival itself!

Our annual super-duper **CARNIVAL will be held on Monday, September 17 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm** this year. Please mark your calendars now for an evening of fun, games, and food with your family. This is the only fund raiser sponsored by the PTA. It is very important in funding the great programs you love at OES like Home Reading, After School Programs, Crazy Cubs Reading Club, and many others.

As always, this is a real community affair ---we will need LOTS of helpers. **You will have an opportunity to volunteer in 1 hour blocks.** If you have a teenager (or teen groups) who would be willing to help, please call us. Thanks for your continued amazing support!

-- PTA Carnival Co-Chairs
Nicole Brittain Ada Wilson
225-3750 224-1521



MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Your student will be bringing a book home from our school media center soon. Please help your student use library materials carefully.

- Find a safe place to keep the library book while it is in your home.
- Remind your child to have clean hands before reading their library book.
- Encourage your child to not eat or drink while reading their library book.
- Make note of your student's library day and remind them to put their library book into their backpack the night before.
- Using a backpack or book bag helps to protect library books from the elements. It will also help to keep books from being lost on the way to and from school.
- We do not charge fines for overdue books in elementary school but please help your student to return books on time so that others can use the books.
- Students are responsible for lost or damaged books, and will have to pay to replace them.

Our library hours are from
7:30am - 2:30pm Monday
7:30am - 3:00pm Wednesday and Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm Tuesday and Thursday

Parents are welcome in the media center anytime during those hours. Please call me if you have library or book concerns, we will work together to find a solution. We have a wonderful collection of books in our media center.

I hope you and your students will enjoy using the media center this year.

-- Shelley Mortimer, Orem Elem. Media Specialist

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Wow! Thank you to all of those who joined the PTA at Back-to-School Night. Our Goal for this year is to get 300 memberships and as of right now we are 2/3rds of the way with a whopping 205 memberships. If you didn't get a chance to join and still would like to, you can at anytime. We will also be having a Membership Drive September 24th thru the 28. We will be sending home envelopes with your child/children. There will be a contest for the first lower level (k-2) and upper level (3-6) who get all of their class envelopes back to the classroom (whether you join or not). Those classes will have a special treat. Look for more info with the envelopes. If you have already joined you will not receive an envelope, your child's class will be counted already.

At our Back-to School night we had a raffle. We would like to congratulate Marsi Vandenbos who won the "Happy Birthday" Banner and Julie Faló who won the "Great Harvest" Bread Basket. A HUGE THANK YOU to Dana Wise who donated both of these items.

Also, we want to send out a HUGE "THANK YOU" to all of the BUSINESSES that donated coupons. The last three coupons will come home with your child from school during the Membership Drive.

ARTIC CIRCLE
UTAH VALLEY WOMEN'S EXPO
MAX & CHEESE
INDIVIDUAL, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY
CLASSIC SKATING
HOGI YOGI/TERIYAKI STIX
OFFICE DEPOT
OES CARNIVAL

KANGAROO ZOO
SIZZLER
CHICK-FIL-A

Once again thank you. We could not do all we do without your support and believing in the children at OES.

-- Melody Matheson, PTA Membership

THANKS!

HELPING CHILDREN LEARN NEWSLETTER

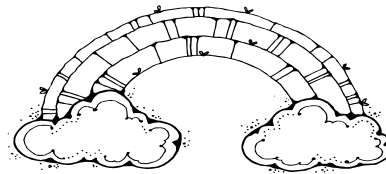
The September 2007 Issues of the Helping Children Learn newsletter (English and Spanish) are now on the web site.

RAINBOW EVACUATION

Parents, we will need new permission slips from each family for the Rainbow Evacuation. If you don't know your neighborhood color the map is in the hall by the office. A permission slip is attached to this newsletter.

Please send a sandwich size ziploc bag with some snacks and maybe a note for your student to be stored in the teacher's classroom in case of a lockdown. Be sure to put the student's name on the bag.

Any questions feel free to contact Mary Harper.
harpervalleypta2005@yahoo.com or 802-0644.



FAMILY LIFE

The Mission Statement for Family Life is to strengthen the home and improve the quality of life for all Utah children. There are many programs available to help you be a great parent. I will pass information on to you each month as I receive it. I hope that you and your family have a fabulous year together.

**September 24 is Family Day:
A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children**
www.casafamily.org

-- Carol Jean Bishop

MUSIC AND ART

I would like to thank all of you for your support and for such a great response on bringing donations and items that we need in our new Music and Art class. We are off to a great start and are really enjoying working together. I am very impressed with what fine students I have in all EIGHT classes!

I am also over Student Council and the deadline for Applications is September 7th. We have had a meeting with all the sixth grade students about Student Council, so if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me here at the school.

Soon the OES Sensational Singers will be starting up. It will be for the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and will run from September 18th through November 15th. The fee will be \$25 per student. Checks can be made out to OES PTA. Thanks for all you do and I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

-- Mrs. Boles

What does it mean to be "PEANUT WISE"?

This year at Orem Elementary we are starting a Peanut Anaphylaxis/Food Allergy Awareness program. Many of the children at OES are affected by food allergies and some are life threatening. Statistically, these numbers are on the rise and by introducing a few simple steps, everyone at OES can benefit and have a safer school. Students were introduced to these steps at the September character traits assembly.

First, we are trying to encourage everyone to wash their hands after eating or having contact with food. Not only is it key to protecting students with severe food allergies, but also helps protect everyone against the spread of disease. Cross-contamination by physical contact with a student or objects handled by a student with food residue on their hands can cause a food allergy reaction.

Next, certain classrooms have been deemed as Peanut Free zones. Please help us in this endeavor by not sending peanuts, peanut products or treats labeled: manufactured in a facility that processes peanuts. It does take a little creative thought, but it can be done. Also, when sending treats with your child please send the product package too. The list of ingredients can be very helpful for students who suffer from wheat, soy, milk, egg and other allergies.

Finally, we want to educate students and staff of the symptoms of a food allergy reactions and anaphylaxis and how to get help. We know that this is a lot to ask, but without your cooperation and support, school can be very scary and dangerous for students and parents who deal with food allergies and anaphylaxis. For more information on food allergies and anaphylaxis, please visit:
<http://www.foodallergy.org> or
<http://www.kidswithfoodallergies.org/>.

Thank you,
-- Cathy Ambrose

Student Testing for Academic Studies 7th Grade Program Placement for 2008-2009

Testing for identification and placement of this year's 6th grade students into Alpine School District 7th

grade Academic Studies for the coming school year has been scheduled. **Academic Studies courses are designed to meet the needs of students who master academic skills easily and who need more challenge than can be offered in a regular class.** An informational flyer will be sent home with every 6th grade student listing indicators for parents and students to consider when looking at the possibility of Academic Studies placement as being a "good fit." Look for this flyer during the last week of September.

Applications will be available from the front office of every elementary school, online at <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/phpApps/genericPage.php?pdid=688>



Examen para los Estudiantes de Estudios Académicos Programa de colocación para el 7 grado para el año 2008 – 09

El examen para identificación y colocación de los estudiantes de 6 grado de este año para el programa de Estudios académicos para el 7 grado del próximo año has sido programado. Los cursos de Estudios Académicos han sido diseñado para satisfacer las necesidades de aquellos estudiantes que necesitan mas desafíos del los que se ofrecen en una clase regular. Un folleto de información se mandará a su casa con cada uno de los estudiantes de 6 grado. En este folleto encontrará una lista de indicadores que los padres, tanto como los estudiantes deben de considerar si es que están viendo la posibilidad de colocar a su estudiante en el programa de estudios académicos. Busque este folleto durante la ultima semana de Septiembre.

Las aplicaciones están a su disposición en la oficina de cada escuela elemental, en línea a <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/phpApps/genericPage.php?pdid=688>, o puede pedir una aplicación por correo electrónico a jdleis@alpine.k12.ut.us La aplicación completa debe de ser entregada para el lunes 29 de octubre a las 5:00 p.m.,

Ambas sesiones de evaluación, tanto las de por la mañana como las de por la tarde, se ofrecerán en tres sábados consecutivos en noviembre: 2, 9 y 16 de nov. de 2007 haciendo un total de 6 sesiones de evaluación. Los padres interesados pueden elegir la sesión que vaya de acuerdo a sus necesidades. Información mas

detallada sobre los exámenes se incluirá en el folleto de información. Favor de tomar en cuenta que no habrá días de recuperación de exámenes en la primavera. Puede parecer esta decisión un poco rígida, sin embargo, previas experiencias han comprobado que examinar a los estudiantes mas tarde complica el proceso de colocación para todos los involucrados.