

Orem Elementary Cubs

Newsletter Aug. 2006

Note Kindergarten parents: We were unable to process your new addresses for our mailer, so this is late getting to you. Apologies! PTA

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are looking forward to an **awesome new year** at Orem Elementary! We have the greatest faculty, staff students and parents ever!!

Please read this short newsletter carefully. It contains information that, we hope, will answer some of your questions and get us off to the best start. We know families are busy and timely information is important.

Brad Davies – Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

We invite you to come to **Back To School Night on August, 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30** to meet your teachers. At 6:00 we invite you to sit down in your child's classroom where the teacher will explain **curriculum and activities** that will be covered this year. (Those of you who have more than one child will need to choose which class to attend.) At 6:30, we will convene into the gym for a **General PTA Meeting**.

NEW TEACHERS AND CHANGES

We have quite a few new staff members. And some that are changing assignments. Please take the time to get to know them and welcome them!

1st grade – Jennie Griffith, Dionne Ward, and Caren Robison

2nd grade – Marie Munson, Teresa Anderson, new assignment

3rd grade – Jennifer Johnson

4th grade – Steve Herrmann new assignment

4th and 5th grades – Lynn Walker, ½ time each

6th grade – Heather Stewart, new assignment

Speciality Teachers

Sandi West 2nd and 3rd grade Science

Karly Kendall 5th and 6th grade Science

Andrea Freeman 4th through 6th Art

Jon Mohlman Technology and TSA Duties

We are also in the process of hiring a new upper grade social studies teacher, as well as a new half time kindergarten teacher.

EVERY MONDAY IS EARLY OUT DAY

Please **mark your calendars!** – your students will be returning home early every Monday – at **1:15**

for the 8AM schedule, 2:30 for the 9:15 schedule. This schedule gives our teachers a much-needed common collaboration time.

DAILY SCHEDULE BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, August 23rd, will be our first day of school and it is a **FULL day**. Here is the schedule:

MONDAY

Kindergarten

9:15 to 11:38 and 12:08 to 2:30

1st through 6th

8:00 to 1:15 and 9:15 to 2:30

TUESDAY – FRIDAY

Kindergarten

9:15 to 12:08 and 12:38 to 3:30

1st through 6th

8:00 to 2:15 and 9:15 to 3:30

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT

The safety of your children is a major concern for us at Orem Elementary. Picking up and dropping off has been a major problem in the past. Please be careful and considerate. **Please do not leave your car unattended by the red curb.** This area is for drop off/pick up only. **The second row is for drive through traffic only. Please do not park your car in this area.** When anyone parks their car in the drive-through area, other cars drive around them, creating a third lane which is **VERY DANGEROUS!! There is NOT a third row in the front parking lot. Please do not make one.**

And remember.....we now have TWO drop off

zones. One is in the front of the school and one is to the east of our gym. We have found the one by the gym is not used much, so **if the front is crowded use the drop off zone next to the gym.** If the parking lot is full, plan on your children meeting you on 4th South (either side of the road—they can cross with the crossing guard), or 4th WEST (on the West side of the road). We would appreciate your help and efforts to make this a safe place for drivers and children.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The dates of our regular meetings this year are September 19, October 17, November 14, December 12, February 20, March 13 and April 3. **You are welcome to attend these meetings.** They are held at 9:30am at the school. We will also be planning some

"Parent Nights" for you to share your thoughts and ideas with the community council on dates to be announced.

PARENT CONFERENCES

The dates of conferences are October 4th and 5th and February 7th and 8th. We would like to invite all of you to put these dates on your calendars. They will be from 4:00 until 7:30.

CHIPS INSURANCE AVAILABLE

As funds become available, CHIPS, the state health insurance for children, opens its enrollment. They are accepting applications for coverage **now until Friday, September 1st**. If you or someone you know needs insurance for their children, have them log on to www.health.utah.gov/chip or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) today! Assistance with interpreters is available at the toll free phone number.

State Health Department

YEARBOOKS

Pre-sale of yearbooks will begin at Back to School Night. This is the best time to purchase your yearbook as they will sell for just \$6!!! After this the price will increase with the next pre-sale and the remaining yearbooks will be sold at \$9 at the end of the school year. So don't forget to purchase your yearbook early!!

The Home Depot at OES!!

We're happy to announce that The Home Depot has teamed up with our PTA in an effort to make the teachers lounge a nice place for our teachers. The Home Depot has a Team Depot Program designed to give back to the community and we were chosen as their fall quarter project. Their team consists of 6 to 12 employees from the Lindon store headed by the team captain Sue Anne Ramey and co-captain Cory Will. They will donate their time and labor to our school one day in September. Thanks Home Depot for giving back to our teachers and making our school a great place for our children!!

CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars! OES Carnival is just around the corner on Monday September 18th from 4:30-7:30 pm on the school fields. Come for dinner, games, treats and the silent auction. It's fun for the entire family! Remember, this is the only PTA fundraiser for the entire year, so plan on having fun and helping the school at the same time!

FIRST GENERAL PTA MEETING!

We hope you'll all stick around for a short General PTA Meeting in the new gym at 6:30. For those who are interested, we'll show a brief video featuring Jake Garn at 6:25. Our agenda will include the introduction of the new PTA board, outlining our goals for the year, presentation of the budget, and comments by Mr. Davies. We will have comment/question cards available for you to fill out and turn in. We hope you can take advantage of the opportunity to be informed and involved!

Ada Wilson - PTA President

CALENDAR for AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August

- 22 **Back to School Night - 4:30pm**
General PTA Meeting - 6:30pm
- 23 First Day of School! - Full day
- 28 First Early Out Monday
(Put them ALL on your calendar!)

September

Character Trait - Love of Learning

- 4 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 6 Fire Drill
- 13 School Picture Day
- 15 Vision Screening
- 18 CARNIVAL! 4:30 to 7:30pm
- 19 Community Council - 9:30am

WAYS WE COMMUNICATE

We are hoping to take advantage of the wonders of technology to help all parents at OES be more informed and involved. Enclosed with this newsletter is a form to make purchases and join PTA. Whether you buy anything or not, we hope that you will add your email address so that you can take advantage of our legislative updates and reminders of important dates here at school.

We also would encourage you to post the OES web address somewhere handy:

<http://orem.alpinedistrict.org>

Through this site you can link to Power school, Alpine School District, the monthly PTA newsletter, the school calendar, and many helpful services. Lets Communicate!

Bonnie Zundel - PTA Legislative VP
Cathy Ambrose - PTA Webmaster