

Orem Elementary News 2007

AUGUST

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CALENDAR

August

20-Back to School night - 4:30pm
20-General PTA Meeting-6:30pm
21-First Day of School!-Full day
27-First Early Out Monday (Put them ALL on your calendar)

September

3-No School-Labor Day
4-PTA Meeting 9:30am
7-Character Traits Assembly
12-School Picture Day
14-Vision Screening
17-Carnival! 4:30pm-7:30pm



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

We invite you to come to Back to School Night on Monday, August 20th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to meet your teachers. You will also have an opportunity to buy your t-shirt, yearbook and sign up for PTA as well as sign up for volunteer needs. At 6:30 p.m., we will convene into the gym for a General PTA Meeting that should take approximately 15 minutes where we will review and approve the budget officially for the upcoming year.

-- Bunney Schmidt, PTA President

PARENT CONFERENCES

The dates of conferences are October 3rd and 4th and February 6th and 7th. We would like to invite all of you to put these dates on your calendars. They will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back!

We are very excited for a new year at Orem Elementary. We have a great staff, awesome students, and terrific parents. We look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Night on August 20th. It will be held from 4:30 until 6:30. School will begin on August 21st for 1st – 6th grades. Kindergarten assessments will be held the first week of school and they will begin (along with our new preschool) on August 28th.

We have had numerous teachers busy this summer taking in-service classes to enrich their already outstanding knowledge in educating your children. It has been a great summer and we are excited to start a new year, new schedule, new reading assessments, new math materials, etc.

We would like to take this chance to welcome a few new members to our faculty, as well as some new assignments. Kristie Wood will be teaching 2nd grade along with Liz Cook. Becky Conover is moving to third grade along with Trish Anderson and Karly Kendall. Mandi Przybyla will be sharing a class with Jon Mohlman in fourth grade and Wendy Sloan will be joining that team as well. Teresa Whitehead will be joining the fifth grade team while Andrea Freeman will be part of the sixth grade team. We are also having Amie Oliveira join our team as our PE specialist, and Shawna Boles is moving into the art/music specialist position. Susan Lee will also be joining our team as the preschool instructor. Sheri Hogue will be here as our new lunch manager.

Let's have the best year ever at Orem Elementary!

--Brad Davies, Principal



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the beginning of a new year. The summer went way too fast for our family and I am sure some of you are feeling the same way. This year's PTA theme is "Light the Way". This theme refers to Utah PTA's vision to help every child realize his or her potential. When parents get involved to work together with teachers, every child will succeed. We look forward to seeing you on Back to School Night on August 20 and hope you can support the PTA through joining and volunteering, we still have several positions to fill. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me anytime at 223-4837 or cpa@bbschmidt.com.

I look forward to a super year!

-- Bunney Schmidt, PTA President

FIRST GENERAL PTA MEETING

We hope you will stay for our short (15 minute) General PTA Meeting in the new gym at 6:30 p.m. Our agenda will include the introduction of the new PTA board and presentation and review of the budget. I have attached a copy of the budget so you can come prepared with any questions that you have. We are required to show the "gross" revenues in the income section of all events and the applicable expenses in the lower section so we have added an additional column labeled "anticipated profit" so you can see that we make little or no money on most events and rely heavily on our annual carnival fundraiser to support us throughout the year. We hope you can take advantage of the opportunity to be informed and involved!

-- Bunney Schmidt, PTA President

YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

It's time to pre-order your yearbook! If you pre-order your yearbook at Back to School Night you can purchase it for the great price of \$8 and ensure a copy at the end of the school year. We will order a few extra to be sold at the end of the year for \$10 but they do sell quickly and we can't guarantee that you'll get a copy. This will be the **ONLY PRE-ORDER SALE** we will have this year so be sure to reserve your copy early!

-- Karen Wynn, Yearbook

PTA MEMBERSHIP

We hope that you will take the opportunity during back to school night or following to join the Orem Elementary PTA. The cost is only \$5 per person and will show your support of this very important part of our children's lives. As you review the budget, you will see all of the areas we are able to fund in the school that help support our teachers and kids. Your membership will help towards our goals. If you would like more information about the PTA at the state or national level, please go to www.utahpta.org and www.pta.org.

We are hoping for record memberships this year so please take the time to join now!

We would like to thank everyone for all the support we received from all who joined the PTA last year. All that has been accomplished each year at OES would not happen without your support. We are looking forward to your support at the OES Open House, our PTA Drive or any time throughout the school year. So come help us "LIGHT THE WAY" for a great year.

Any questions please contact Melody Matheson via e-mail at mummsie1@hotmail.com with the subject OES PTA MEMBERSHIP.

Thank you again for your support.

-- Melody Matheson, PTA Membership

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 at Back to School Night on Monday, August 20th.** If you have a teenager (or teen groups) who would be willing to help, please let us know during Back to School night or call us. Thanks for your continued amazing support!

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



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. Look for sign up dates in upcoming newsletters and flyers.

-- Karrie King

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Orem Elementary participates in the Box Tops drive in October and February. Please collect your box tops and bring them to your teachers in those months.

If there are any parent volunteers who want to do Cream O' Weber caps or Campbell's labels we could also do those programs.

Many local merchants support schools. Two very easy ways to participate are with Smith's Earn and Learn and Albertson's Community Partners. www.albertsons.com is the web site for clicking to the "in the community" link where you can enter your Albertson's preferred customer number. I have a sign up sheet for the Smith's program.

Call me if you want to volunteer or participate in these activities.

-- Vicki Wiesenberg 426-7801

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 Powerschool, Alpine School District, the monthly PTA newsletter, the school calendar, and many helpful services. Let's Communicate!

-- Bonnie Zundel, PTA Legislative VP
-- Cathy Ambrose, PTA Webmaster

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW YEAR

If you are looking for a way to help, there are plenty of opportunities through the PTA. There will be lists available at back to school night that have our different needs and events that we need help with. There are many areas where we still need volunteers. If you can not make Back to School Night, please call Bunney Schmidt at 223-4837 or email her at cpa@bbschmidt.com to get more information. We hope to be hearing from you soon!

-- Dana Wise, Volunteers

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Due to some parent feedback on the survey's last year which we thought was a great idea, we have decided to commit to a school t-shirt that will be used at least for the next 2 years. So, the shirt you buy this year will be the same one we will be selling next year in an effort to help parents save some money.

We are excited about the new shirt. We will have it available at back to school night for your purchase. Our student council at OES will be bringing Spirit Day Friday back to life so each child that wears their shirt or school colors on Fridays will receive a reward. We hope that our kids will feel school pride as they wear their shirts to school and around the community. We will be charging the same amount of \$8 per shirt this year and that will be the same price for all youth and adult size shirts.

EVERY MONDAY IS EARLY OUT DAY

Please mark your calendars! Your students will be returning home early every Monday – at 1:15 for the 8 a.m. schedule, 2:30 for the 9:10 a.m. schedule. This schedule gives our teachers a much needed common collaboration time.

EARN FREE CARNIVAL TICKETS

Every person who signs up for PTA at Back to School night will receive a coupon for 5 free carnival tickets. If two people sign up, you will get two coupons. Coupons can be redeemed at the pre-sale ticket tables on Sept. 12-14 before and after school, or at the ticket booth the day of the carnival. What a great reward for joining PTA and supporting your students!

