

Orem Elementary News 2008



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CALENDAR

March - *Responsibility*

- Mar 3 No School professional development day
- Mar 4 PTA meeting 9:30 am in faculty room
- Mar 6 Character traits assembly Storytellers
- Mar 12 SCC Meeting at 11:15 am
- Mar 12 Fire Drill
- Mar 13 Moms & Muffins 7:15 am and 6:00 pm
- Mar 21 End of Term
- Mar 24 Classic Skate Night
- Mar 27 Chorus Concert 7:00 pm
- Mar 28 Spirit Reward Day
- Mar 28 Report Cards Sent Home

April - *Citizenship*

- April 1 Science Night 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- April 1 PTA Meeting 9:30am
- April 4 Character Traits Assembly 9:30am
- April 9 Rainbow Evacuation Drill at 9:30 am
- April 14-18 Spring Break
- April 25 Spirit Reward Day
- April 25 Maturation Clinic 1:15pm-2:15pm
- April 26 OES Beautification Day

SCIENCE NIGHT!

On April 1st, we will all have the opportunity to come together and participate in science as a community.

We would like to have you mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. We are going to have the Junior Engineering group from Utah State University come and provide us with the materials to learn/teach science throughout the day. That evening, from 5:30 until 7:30, you will then have the opportunity to learn from your students what they did during the day. It is similar to our math/literacy night, but will be science in the classrooms instead.

So, again, mark the date and time on your calendars and we look forward to seeing all of you here that evening.

Brad J. Davies
Principal, Orem Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March! A time of the year when the sun starts shining a little more (we hope), the trees and flowers start blooming and spring is in the air. I want to thank everyone for his or her dedicated service to Orem Elementary.

Parents, thank you for teaching your children well in your homes. I know that you are teaching them about respect and how important education is. I can see that because of the wonderful students we have here at Orem Elementary. So, parents, thank you.

Students, I appreciate how you listen to your teachers. I appreciate how you respect those around you. We have a great environment here and it is because you care about others.

Teachers and staff...wow! You are awesome! So much effort goes into the education of the children here at Orem Elementary. I am so pleased with the dedication and desires of every staff member to make sure your children have a safe and successful education experience.

PTA and SCC...what a great group of individuals. We have so much support from these two groups. PTA is so concerned and willing to help wherever they are needed. SCC is always working to support our educational goals.

Thank you...thank you...thank you!

Brad J. Davies
Principal, Orem Elementary

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS


Just a reminder that a new session of the Art class will start Monday, March 10th. It will run every Monday through the end of March. This session is now open to all 3rd-6th graders and will be taught by Sherri McKell. The cost is \$15 plus a supply fee of \$10. If you have not signed up yet it's not too late. Call Karrie at 225-0906 to register.

Karrie King, After School Programs

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we only have a few more news letters coming home and then our school year is done. February has come and gone and we had some great events take place. Our character trait for February was Trustworthiness and we kicked it off with internet safety assembly. We had one of the biggest responses yet to the character trait challenge so hopefully your children shared some interesting information with you about internet safety.

We held Dads and Donuts on February 21 and had a record attendance. Last year (2007), we ordered 36 dozen donuts and had 12 dozen left at the end of the night. This year we ordered 36 dozen donuts and then had to get 8 dozen more at the last minute and still missed giving some donuts. Wow! That is over 500 donuts consumed that day. If you did not get a donut because of the delay of waiting for more that evening, please send me an email at cpa@bbschmidt.com and I will make sure to get you and your child a coupon for a free donut. Special thanks to  for always taking such good care of us and pulling through in our crunch of needing more.

We also held a Beach Party on February 26. It was a great way to kick off our upcoming Spring and we had a super turnout. I received a lot of positive feedback that evening about how fun it was to dance with friends and family and we can look forward to this being an annual event. We also held the initial rounds of our Storytelling festival this month. We had a sensational group and although not everyone could be chosen to move on, there was great bravery in even doing this in the classroom. I know the judges had a very tough time evaluating the many great performances.

We will hold our Storytelling finals on March 6 in our assembly kicking off our character trait of "Fairness". On March 13, we will hold "Moms and Muffins" at 7:15am and 6:00pm. On March 24, we will hold our second Classic Skate night where everyone enjoys free admission. It is a fun time and our school really takes over the place. We will finish off the month by holding our Spring Chorus Concert on March 27 at 7pm. We welcome our new chorus director Lauren Varney who is putting together a Disney themed program with all of our kids that are participating.

We are currently in the process of putting together a list of all functions next year and where we need volunteers. I have attached a separate note about that so please look that over and see if there is somewhere that you can donate some time. We are able to have such amazing events because we have such amazing volunteers.

We hold our PTA meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30a.m. and we would love to have you join us for that as well. Please email me at cpa@bbschmidt.com if you have any questions or call me at 223-4837.

Bunney Schmidt
PTA President

MOMS AND MUFFINS

Join us on Thursday, March 13, for Moms and Muffins. Our morning session will be from 7:15-8:00 a.m. with an evening session from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Please bring your Mom (or Dad, Grandma, etc. if Mom can't make it) and a book to read. We will have yummy muffins and milk to drink. If you have any questions, feel free to call Amanda Hartman at 380-7877.

FIELD DAY – MAY 23

Hello parents and students,
It is already time to start thinking about field day! We are going to have a BEACH theme this year and it is going to be a blast! I can't wait to see all of the students out enjoying the sun and enjoying activity with their peers and teachers. This year we are in need of parent volunteers. Parents will be needed at each station and will be asked to stay for the entire morning.

We are planning on having field day on Friday the 23rd of May from 8:30-11:00. PLEASE call me at the school if you are willing to participate in this fun filled day. We need volunteers to make this day happen! Also, there is some equipment needed for different activities. With the budget almost spent, I would love it if we could borrow some of the equipment for the day from Orem students and parents. The following items are needed and will be returned at the end of field day:

BEACHBALLS (LOTS OF THEM!)
4 KIDDY POOLS
8 SETS OF SWIMMING FLIPPERS
SQUIRT GUNS

Again, please let me know if you are interested in volunteering or have any of the above items to donate for the day. This is going to be such a fun day for us all and I thank you ahead of time for making it happen!

Mrs. Oliveira



CLASS REQUESTS

One of the Moral Dimensions of Education is to provide "Equal Access to Knowledge for All Students." We will make every effort to honor as many parent requests as possible. **However**, it is equally important that we balance classes academically, behaviorally, and socially.

Therefore, we will be accepting class requests from **March 31st to April 11th**.

This will be on a first-come-first-serve basis this year.

We will limit the amount of requests in each class to the first 24 (we will put the date and time that forms are turned in BY AN ADULT). Again, this form DOES NOT guarantee placement, due to the different criteria that is used to figure out each classroom's enrollment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Brad J. Davies
Principal, Orem Elementary

RAINBOW EVACUATION DRILL

Parents - We will be having a Rainbow Evacuation drill on April 9 at 10:30am. Please review your neighborhood color with your students. Neighborhood volunteers please meet me by the office at 10:15am. Thank you for all your support in the safety of our children.

Mary Harper

PTA OFFICER ELECTIONS

The nominating committee have presented the following nominees for the 4 elected positions:

President-Carolyn Kuehne President-Elect-Toni Carlson
Secretary-Traci Fullerton Treasurer-Jennifer Card
All other positions are filled by appointment.

If you or someone you know would like to be nominated for an office at this point, you may do so by contacting Bunney Schmidt at 223-4837 or cpa@bbschmidt.com by Friday, March 14.

General Membership Meeting for Elections
Thursday, March 27 @ 6:30pm
(before the Spring Chorus concert)

Nominees are introduced, a vote is taken, and officers appointed. If you have any questions, please call Bunney Schmidt @ 223-4837.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL WINNERS

We had a terrific turn out for the Storytelling Festival this year. We had about 175 kids participate, and they were all fabulous. We heard about a hiccuping elephant, a science project gone wrong, a Siamese cat that thinks he's a chihuahua and much more. Thank you to everyone who participated, and a special thank you to our judges and supportive teachers!

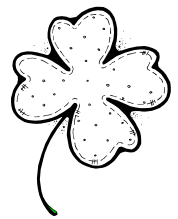
Semi-finalists were selected from each grade. Our winners were:

- Kindergarten: Elisha Blosil, Renae Reid, Drew Hanson
- 1st Grade: Jared Wise, Haden Leavitt
- 2nd Grade: Landon Taylor, MaKayla Warnick, Talmage Sanders, Skyler Hale
- 3rd Grade: Emily Wilson, Trevor Mangum, Lizzy Waugh
- 4th Grade: Aubrey Beard, Kaitlyn Brittain, Brenda Rebelatto, Isabella Miller
- 5th Grade: Abby Madsen, JT Oldroyd, Emily Heaton
- 6th Grade: Courtney Kesler, Abbie Hamilton, Carrie Winkler

On March 6th our school finalists will tell their stories at the school assembly. Our finalists are: Renae Reid, Haden Leavitt, Talmage Sanders, Emily Wilson, Aubrey Beard, Abby Madsen, and Abbie Hamilton. It is sure to be an entertaining assembly with these talented kids taking the stage.

In addition, we're excited to send Emily Wilson and Abby Madsen onto the next level to represent Orem Elementary. They will get a chance to compete against other kids in the Alpine School District competition. Good luck!

Lori Sanders, Storytelling Festival



SCIENCE FAIR

The district science fair was held February 27 and several OES students advanced to BYU.

Advancing:

Annie Beeton & Nicole Seegmiller
Michael L. Dizon
Abigail Madsen & Jasmine Weiss
Jordan Raab & Quinton Richards

Honorable Mention:

Cade Jolley

The Central Utah Science and Engineering Fair will be held at BYU in the Conference Center, March 25-27. For more information visit <http://cusef.byu.edu>.

Angela Seegmiller

YEARBOOK CANDIDS – LAST CHANCE

If you have pictures that you would like to submit for the yearbook they must be in by March 31. Please email them to wynnj@msstarmetro.net or take them to the office. Thank you.

Karen Wynn, Yearbook

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops that were collected in February totalled 3823!! Congratulations, we will receive \$382.30 toward helping our teachers. Thank You to everyone who helped.

Vicki Wiesenberg

OES MUSIC/ART

Parents of the 5th and 6th graders:

It has been a pleasure to work with your children these past 3 months! I am really going to miss them! Thank you so much for all your good support and help in all our projects! We have had fun while we have been learning and they are really quite amazing in our new keyboard lab. Good luck as they finish out the year in PE!

Parents of the 3rd & 4th graders and Kindergarten:

We will be starting classes the 4th of March and ending on May 30th the last day of school. I am looking forward to having a reunion with all my amazing students from our 2nd and 3rd grade Social Studies class! It will be great to see who is new to OES too!

Mrs. Boles

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

On February 27th we hosted Mark Kastleman for our Parent Education Night. His topic was "PowerThinking-Mind and Heart in Alliance". Mark spoke of the multimedia drenched world we live in and how it is disconnecting families and friends. He taught how the mind forms habits and the power we have to alter these habits. New research results were shared with us on the power of the heart and the impacting relationship between heart and mind. Harmful addictions were addressed with simple tools provided to increase our personal peace and success. It was amazing and gave us all things to improve our lives and enhance our relationships.

We want to thank Mt. View High School for providing their auditorium and sound crew, MVHS Seminary for getting the news out, Lakeridge for informing us through their calling system, American Medical Alliance for supporting and especially all those who attended this seminar. We all benefitted from being there and receiving education from Mark Kastleman. His new book, "The Drug of the New Millennium" is available at www.3powerprinciples.com or www.markkastleman.com

Carol Jean Bishop, Family Life Commissioner

