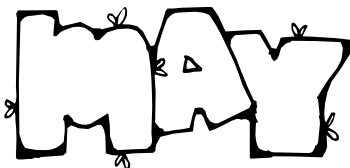


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CALENDAR

May 5	Crazy Cubs Reading Club Ice Cream Party - 12:30 to 1:15
May 6	PTA Meeting/Breakfast (All Volunteers) 9:30am Faculty Room
May 10	OES Beautification Day, 8:00am-9:30am
May 12-16	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 19-23	Annual Assessment Forms sent home Please return with feedback.
May 22	6 th Grade Graduation, 10:00am in gym
May 23	Field Day, Time TBA

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to May! Wow...this is it! What a wonderful year this has been. We have had so many wonderful things going on this year. I hope that you have had a chance to be a part of them. I am so appreciative to all the parents who come in and share their concerns and celebrations with me. I am also very appreciative to our staff, which has made the change to modified extended day so successful. Everyone has stepped up and taken their responsibilities very seriously on behalf of the education of all of our students. What a great community we have.

I am also extremely pleased with the support of our PTA and SCC this year. We have had wonderful representation from each of these groups. They have really been concerned with how things are going at Orem Elementary and have contributed positively in our academic goals. It is nice to attend both of these meetings and hear all of the good things we are doing and the help that each one of them want to provide on behalf of the students here.

We have quite a few events coming up in May that will affect all students in one way or another. So please check the calendars and notes coming home so you know what is happening in your child's classroom. Please make note that on May 23rd and May 29th we will be having common days for all student in 1st – 6th grades.

Kindergarten will be sending out their schedule separately. It is a busy month, but full of wonderful opportunities for your child.

Since I have been asked about classroom assignments for next year, I will take the opportunity to respond. First, we have not been able to solidify our staff for next year yet, but hope to be able to have a finalized list of teachers by the end of May. Also, with the parent input forms, we received quite a few. We ask for your understanding when class lists come out. In some cases we receive more parent input forms than we can accommodate. This is where we need your understanding that we cannot physically place every student in the class that they request. We will do our best when compiling the lists for each classroom, but again ask for your support and understanding. We hope to have lists up in June.

Again, thank you for a great year! It has gone by so fast, but has been filled with so many great experiences. That is due to wonderful students, great teachers and staff, and very supportive parents. Have a wonderful month and a safe and enjoyable summer.

- Brad J. Davies, Principal Orem Elementary

SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION Theme: Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Graduation for all sixth grade students will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 am in the Orem Elementary gym. After the program, the students will enjoy lunch and activities in the park provided by the PTA.

Parents who would like to help with the activities throughout the day can contact Dana Wise at 222-0729 or by e-mail at volunteer@wiseguysweb.com

-Dana Wise, Sixth Grade Graduation



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents and Friends,

It is amazing to believe that this is the last newsletter that I will be typing up as PTA President. This year has gone by very quickly.

Our April character trait was Citizenship. We had an assembly where the kids were able to hear from a mother of a soldier who has been to the Middle East on assignment 6 different times and is a Weapons expert. The story of her son's experiences and the photos she brought were very interesting and touching. The challenge this month will be for the kids to participate in service in the community and a great way to do this is to help at our OES Beautification Day on Saturday, May 10. We also held the Science night at the beginning of April which was a fun and busy day for all who participated.

May is our last month of school. We have some things to look forward to. In addition to the Beautification Day mentioned above, we also have Teacher Appreciation Week, 6th Grade Graduation and Field Day. I am sure this month will speed by quickly so make sure and take an opportunity to thank your child's teacher for all that they have done this year.

I am still looking to fill some volunteer slots and thanks to those who have emailed or called me and taken on some of the needed areas. I have attached an updated form with our needs. Helping in the PTA is a way that you can get involved and make a difference in the school your child attends. Besides the satisfaction of service, we have a great group of people helping and I would classify helping in the PTA as "Fun" before "Work". Don't miss an opportunity to make some new friends and get to know our OES community. Please email me at cpa@bbschmidt.com or call me at 223-4837 if you are willing to help out. Thanks for a super year and all of your support. I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

-Bunney Schmidt
PTA President 2007-2008

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD



The 2007-2008 Golden Apple Winner for OES is Shawna Boles. Shawna joins many past and present educators, staff and volunteers who have touched the lives of many and this award is well deserved. Congratulation!

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL WINNER

Abby Madsen was named in the top ten Alpine District Storytellers. Abby and the other nine winners will participate in the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival in August. Congratulations!



YEARBOOKS

Pre-purchased yearbooks are set to be distributed to your student on Wednesday, May 21.



We will sell the remaining yearbooks in the morning on a first come first serve basis in front of the school starting on Thursday, May 22 and continuing each morning until they are gone. The yearbook can be purchased for \$10. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who submitted photos!

-Karen Wynn, Yearbook

BEAUTIFICATION DAY Saturday, May 10, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Bring your family for wholesome work and service to make our school BEAUTIFUL! Meet in the front of the school and bring good gloves and labeled weeding tools and shovels. Cub scouts: Wolf 7d and Bear 6g requirements could be fulfilled as well as some electives. Kick off your summer with some great service!

-Angela Seegmiller,
Beautification Committee



RAINBOW EVACUATION SUCCESS

Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered for the Rainbow Evacuation. Each year we get better and better. Look for a new permission slip next year. We need the slips signed every year to update any changes. Have a great summer!!

-Mary Harper



Teacher appreciation is coming soon. May 12th -16th. We will be doing things all week to show our great teachers here at OES how special we think they are. Mark your calendars Wednesday May 14th we want to shower our teachers with flowers. You may bring flowers cut from your yard or we will have flowers for sale before school. Each teacher will have a vase in their room to put fresh flowers in.

We will also be having a special assembly Wednesday at 1:00. The Scera Shell will perform Alice in Wonderland during which the teachers can take some time away from their classes. We need parent volunteers to come sit with the classes during this assembly. If you can come sit with a class from 1:00-2:00 please call Angie Heaton at 226-8268

Toni Carlson, Teacher Appreciation

JR HIGHS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Now is the time to look forward and see if you are able to volunteer at schools next year. PTSA leaders from Lakeridge Jr. High and Orem Jr. High are looking for parents of next year's 7th graders who want to be involved in their organizations in the coming school year. For **Lakeridge Jr. High**, you can find out about PTSA volunteer opportunities by calling Ada Wilson at 224-1521. To find out about volunteering at **Orem Junior High**, you can call Gwenna Terry at 221-7085 or gwenna5@yahoo.com

-Orem and Lakeridge Jr. High PTSA

Dear Patrons of OES,

Thank you so much for all your support this year! It has been a delight to work with your children and to see their growth and enthusiasm. I am grateful to have received the Golden Apple Award and appreciate all the confidence you have placed in me. Orem Elementary is truly a wonderful place to be! Thanks so much!

-Mrs. Boles, Music/Art Specialist

GO JAZZ!!



1st grader Jaden Tobar



Gold Medal Schools partnered with Molina Healthcare to provide a number of free jazz tickets for three select schools in the county. Some students from Orem Elementary were able to attend the April 12th game verses the Denver Nuggets. This year Molina Healthcare partnered with Carlos' Boozers "Boozers Buddies" program to encourage families without health insurance to enroll their

children in CHIP, which provides free or low-cost health care coverage. For more information on CHIP visit [www. utahchip.org](http://www.utahchip.org)

The students had a great time and the Jazz won 124 to 97!

-Kelli Tobar, Gold Medal Schools



SCC YEAR CONCLUDING

Both Teresa Gorritti and Ada Wilson were re-elected to the Council in March, while Teresa Whitehead, Sandy West, and Emilie Whitehead were chosen to represent the faculty. We welcome our new Council members!

The Council voted to approve the final 2008-09 School Plan which was discussed at our March meeting. Most of the Trustland funds will, again, be directed to hiring aides to assist in classrooms and tutors for one-on-one instruction. Other major expenditures provided funds for in-service curriculum training for our teachers, maintenance of Home Reading and STAR Reading programs, early testing of lower grade student reading levels, science and math instruction materials, and training for another RAD Kids teacher.

OES patrons will shortly be receiving a detailed SCC Year-End Report on the 2007-08 year. Officers for next year will be elected at the final meeting in May. **Parents interested in viewing a video presentation about what School Community Councils do are invited to attend – May 14, 2008 at 11:15am in Room 205.**

-Ada Wilson, OES SCC Chair

