

OREM ELEMENTARY NEWS

MAY 2008

CALENDAR

May 2009

5- PTA Meeting – 9:30am, Room 206
9- Beautification Day – 8:00-9:30 am
11-15 Teacher Appreciation Week
20- 6th Grade Graduation
22- Field Day
25- Memorial Day – No School
27- End of Year Assembly
29- Last Day of School

YEARBOOK SALES

If you pre-ordered a yearbook it will be distributed to your student in their classroom on Friday, May 22nd. If you didn't pre-order a yearbook but would still like to purchase one, they will be sold after school that same day and continuing through the last week of school until they are all sold. The end of year price is \$10.

--Karen Wynn, Yearbooks

SCHOOL LUNCH CHARGES

If you have any outstanding payments on school lunch, please send those in before the end of the school year. Thank you.



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OES Newsletter also found at:
<http://orem.alpinedistrict.org/>

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow! It is May, the last month of the 2008 – 2009 school year! What an awesome year it has been!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for five absolutely wonderful years as Principal at Orem Elementary. I have been named the new principal at Aspen Elementary. It has indeed been a pleasure to work with such an awesome staff, totally cool students, and a fabulous, supportive community. I have been associated with Orem Elementary for many years, especially since I was a student here 30 years ago! Every moment has been memorable for me.

Orem Elementary's new Principal is Rachelle Bollingbroke. Please take the opportunity to welcome her when the opportunity arises.

I will be sending out at least one ParentLink reminder during the month of May to remind you of upcoming events, which there are many.

Again, thank you for 5 wonderful years here at Orem Elementary. We have an awesome community.

--Brad J. Davies, Principal

NEW PRINCIPAL AT OREM ELEMENTARY

My name is Rachelle Bolingbroke (pronounced "boling-brook") and I am excited to be the new principal of Orem Elementary! While working in Alpine School District for 14 years, I have taught every age level, K-6.

I began teaching 5th and 6th grade at Cherry Hill Elementary in Orem, and ended teaching kindergarten at Valley View Elementary in Pleasant Grove. I have also been a Literacy Specialist for the district, training K-6 teachers as well as a Math coordinator. I enjoy learning new things.

My favorites things are spending time with my family, reading, cycling, and being in the outdoors. My nieces and nephews are the highlight of my life. I love children and watching them grow.

I will officially begin July 1st, and I look forward to getting to know the wonderful teachers, students and patrons of Orem Elementary this coming year. Have a terrific summer and read lots of books!

--Rachelle Bolingbroke

HOME READING

Friday, May 8 is the last day that we will be sending reading books home. Every student who returns their book or \$5 to replace a lost book by the following Friday, May 15, will receive a special summer prize. The first class that has all of its books returned will earn a pizza party. Have a great summer and don't forget to read!

--Michele Herbert-Morris, Home Reading



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 6th will be the final SCC meeting. It will be held in room 206 from 11:15-12:00. Our annual Report to Patrons is attached to the newsletter.

--Jenna Wood, School Community Council



Orem Elementary Got the GOLD!

This year Orem achieved the Gold Medal in the state-wide Gold Medal Schools Program (GMS)!!!

Orem Elementary did a lot of fun activities including Walk to School Day, Red Ribbon Week, Tobacco Prevention presentations and walking the Gold Medal Mile. They also adopted a lot of school wide policies to make Orem Elementary students and staff healthier!

For achieving the Gold medal, Orem Elementary will receive **\$500** to be used for any physical activity, nutrition, or tobacco-free resources it chooses as well as the Gold Medal to display in their GMS plaque.

Congratulations and thanks to all the teachers, students, staff, parents, PTA, principal and especially the Gold Medal Schools coordinator this year, Colleen Smith!

For more information about Gold Medal Schools visit www.hearthighway.org/gms

--Kari Schmidt, Gold Medal Schools
Utah County Health Department



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April showers bring May flowers. May flowers bring the last month of school and the end to a great year. In April and May our character trait is Valuing Diversity. The April Character Trait assembly was our student choir concert. To wrap up our character trait, we will have a diversity assembly on May 18. The final character trait challenge forms can be turned in at the office by May 22.

Though May is the last month of school, we are not coasting to the end. There is a lot planned. On May 9th it is Beautification Day. Chris Vera has some great ideas on ways we can make our school more beautiful. Please come out with your weeding tools. The week of May 11th we will honor our teachers with Teacher Appreciation Week. The 6th grade graduation will be on May 20th and the Field Day will be on May 22nd. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!

I would like to give a heart-felt thanks to those who have volunteered to make our school a better place. Thanks to Principal Davies for his support of our programs. The PTA is still in need of volunteers to fill open positions. 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. We have a great group of volunteers. Don't miss an opportunity to make some new friends and get to know our OES community. Please e-mail me at kuehneca@uvu.edu or call me at 801-226-6053 if you are willing to help out.

Thanks for an excellent year! Have a wonderful summer!

Carolyn Kuehne, PTA President 2008-2009

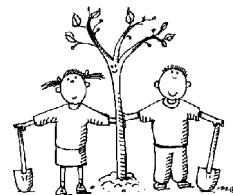


BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Bring your family to Beautification Day, Saturday, May 9, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Come to a wholesome work activity and help to make our school BEAUTIFUL! Meet in the front of the school and bring good gloves and labeled weeding tools and shovels. We will be weeding, washing windows, sweeping, picking up trash, and planting. Cub scouts: Wolf 7d, Bear 6g, Scholar #3 requirements could be fulfilled and likely others as well. Kick off your summer with some great service!

--Beautification Committee



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 11-15

Let's all show our OES teachers how grateful we are for an awesome year! We hope that each student will find some way to thank his/her teachers before the end of the school year. A simple note would be wonderful! The PTA is planning several activities to express our appreciation. On Wednesday before school for both schedules, there will be flowers sold in the FRONT of the school. Roses will be \$1.00 and other garden flowers like daisies and carnations will be \$0.50. You are also welcome to bring flowers from home to give to your teachers. We welcome parent help for the PTA activities. Please contact Angela Seegmiller 801-802-9513 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

-Teacher Appreciation Week Committee



6th GRADE GRADUATION

6th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 9:30 am in the gym. Family members are welcome to attend.

HELPING CHILDREN LEARN NEWSLETTERS

The May issues are now on line. They are available in English and Spanish. We have now added the three month daily planner bonus on the website. You can access it by going to Alpine School District Home page.

Alpine District Home Page

<http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us>

Click on District Information - left hand directory

Click on Helping Children Learn - left hand directory



Resources for Parents of children with ADHD

Our Utah County group meets on the 2nd Thursdays of each month 7:00-8:30pm in Lindon at 139 S. State st.#13, see Taekwondo, in S.E. corner, set back from China Lilly.

Contact #'s 801-796-8299 & 801-789-3952
Chadd meetings are FREE.

Next meeting will be May 14th.
Summer idea share.
Keeping busy minds occupied.

We will not meet over summer.
Next meeting... September 10th.
Topic: Preparing for I.E.P.
(Accommodations Meetings)
Anyone is welcome.

FIELD DAY

Field Day is coming up on May 22. It is always such a fun day for the students and parents as well. To make it a success we need volunteers to help with activities and to borrow a few items. Here are some of the things that we are in need of for Field Day:

- 40 Parent Volunteers to run the games/events
- 40 sturdy plastic bowls
- 80 - 100 plastic fish that float
- 40 squirt bottles
- 5 large bags of cotton balls
- 16 sets of chop sticks
- 80 little squares that look like Christmas presents or colorful blocks
- 4 Extra large cloth sacks
- 4 Tiki sticks



If you are willing to loan any of these items or would like to participate in Field Day with your students, please e-mail me at ckulp@alpine.k12.ut.us or contact me at the school.

--Colleen Kulp Smith, PE Teacher

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT MESSAGE

April 20, 2009 marked the ten year anniversary of Columbine, the deadliest high school shooting in American history, that left 12 students and one teacher dead in addition to 23 others being wounded before the gunmen took their own lives. Since that time school districts throughout the country including Alpine School District have made significant improvements in security. Some of the steps taken by the district include:

- Formation of crisis response teams
- The presence of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at every high school
- Security cameras in every secondary school
- Inter-agency meetings with city and school officials
- Update of safety policies
- Formation of a district wide safety committee
- Schools practice "lock downs" in addition to other types of emergency preparedness drills
- Review of procedures with the Department of Homeland Security

In addition, the district has a Safe Schools policy that was approved by the Board of Education in 1993 and reviewed in 2005 stating that, "It is the policy of Alpine School District to maintain school environments which are conducive to learning. It is the District's intent to maintain a safe and positive atmosphere by prohibiting acts of violence, aggressive behavior, intimidation, possession of weapons, criminal behavior, or gang activity on school property."

This policy is district wide and tailored to individual schools as it is up to each school's principal to determine whether or not a case is serious enough to warrant a student's expulsion.

According to William Modzeleski of the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, the single most important thing we can do to ensure safety in our schools is to emphasize trust between the students, faculty and staff.

--Michelle Gray, Public Information Officer, Alpine School District