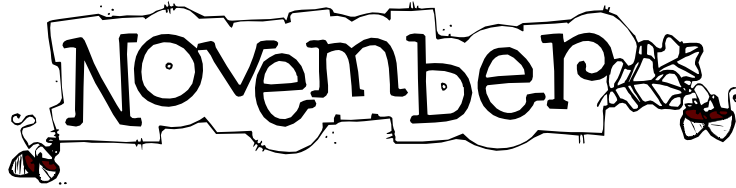


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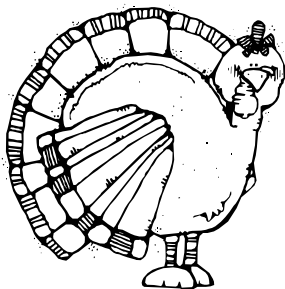
CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 Family Dance at MVHS 7:00-8:30pm.
All family members welcome
- Nov 2 Character Trait Assembly (Caring)
Make a Wish presentation 9:30am
- Nov 5 Reflections Due
- Nov 6 PTA Meeting 9:30am
- Nov 7 Family Math Night 5:30 – 7:00pm
Orem Elementary - Free Pizza to all
- Nov 10 Family Fun Run 9:00am at Orem Elementary
Race begins at 10am
- Nov 13 Awards Assembly for Reflections Entries
- Nov 15-16 Grandparents Lunch
Nov 15 or 16 from 11:15am-12:15pm
- Nov 15,16,17 & 19 My Fair Lady at MVHS 7pm
- Nov 18 Family Table Talk
- Nov 24 Family Service Project
- Nov 30 Spirit Reward Day
Wear school colors or t-shirt

DECEMBER

- Dec 4 PTA Meeting 9:30am
- Dec 14 Spirit Reward Day
Wear school colors or t-shirt
- Dec 21-Jan 2 Christmas Break



REFLECTIONS DUE NOV 5TH

All Reflections contest items are due into the office by the end of the school day on Mon., November 5. The awards night will be held Tue., November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. All those who enter are invited.

-- Sherri McKell, Reflections Chariman

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy November and Happy Family Month,

I hope that you can spend some time doing extra special things as a family this month. We have some fun activities planned here at Orem Elementary. We hope that you can take advantage of some of them.

What a great time of year it is to think of things that we are grateful for. I am grateful for my family. For my wife of twenty years, Mary. For my four sons, Bryan, Brandon, Michael, and Bryson. My sons are all teenagers and I am so grateful for the great boys that they are.

I am thankful for my job. I enjoy so much being Principal at Orem Elementary. I am grateful for such supportive parents, totally awesome students, excellent staff, and wonderful teachers. It makes my job so much easier when I have the support of such wonderful people.

I am grateful for a school district that cares about the education of your children. I have a supervisor, Kathy Porter, who wants what is best for the students at Orem Elementary. I appreciate her support. We have a Superintendent, Vern Henshaw, who cares so much about the quality of education in Alpine School District.

Again, it is a great time of year to think of those things that we are grateful for. Just think how you feel when someone thanks you or appreciates what you have done. Take the opportunity to thank someone this month for something they have done for you or someone in your family.

Have a great Holiday Season!

-- Brad Davies
Principal, Orem Elementary



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents and Friends,
October is just about finished and we have kept busy as a school and PTA. On October 1, we had our semi-annual family skate night at Classic Skating. There was a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. We look forward to doing that again in the spring. It has been suggested over the years to find something else to possibly do but the price for the entire year (two nights) is \$200 for an unlimited amount of guests and we haven't found any alternatives for near that price. As a PTA we are happy to hear other suggestions for an activity like this.

On October 3, we had our annual Walk to School Day. A special thanks to Michele Herbert-Morris who stepped in at the last minute to head up this event. The UVSC Wolverine and Cheer/Dance team joined us as well as Mayor Jerry Washburn and JoDee Sundberg who shared a few words with the kids. We were also able to honor our crossing guards with a gift for all of their work and dedication.

On October 8, we kicked off our Red Ribbon Week with an assembly featuring World Champion and Olympian Noelle Pikus Pace. It was a fun 3 days with many events to keep the kids busy. In addition to Earlet Meiners and Judy Christensen for heading this up, we would like to thank ALL of the many other volunteers that were here each day to run the events.

Friday, October 26, was our monthly Spirit Reward Day where each child wearing school colors or our t-shirt was given a spirit pencil that said Orem Elementary School. Remember that every Friday is Spirit Day and we will be handing out monthly rewards on the last Friday of the month. A special thanks to Shawna Boles and the Student Council for helping us with this task. You will have an opportunity to order a t-shirt or hoodie with this newsletter if you have not. It makes deciding what to wear on Fridays easy.

November is family month. That means a lot of fun family activities for you to join in. Please make sure to review the yellow flyer that came home with your kids to read everything that is going on. We will also have it in the list of dates in this newsletter.

One final thing. We hold our PTA meetings every month on the first Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and welcome any who would like to attend. Also, I very often send out emails to parents that have helped on events and are helping in different areas when we have a need or suggestions for things coming up. I also use email to remind you of meetings and other important items. If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to be aware of what is going on in the PTA, please send me an email at cpa@bbschmidt.com and I will add you to my address book. It is an easy way to communicate with everyone and has given us the ability to keep our meetings in person to only an hour.

-- Bunney Schmidt, PTA President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for Family Week:
Math Night
Grandparent's Lunch
Family Fun Run

To help, contact Dana Wise, 222-0729
volunteer@wiseguysweb.com

YEARBOOK CANDIDS

If you are helping out in the classroom, at a class party or on a field trip be sure to take your camera and snap some photos and submit them for the yearbook. You can send them to Karen Wynn at wynnj@msstarmetro.net or take a disc or prints to the front office and they will put them in the yearbook box. We want to try to get lots of photos and your help would be appreciated. If you have questions or want to help with the yearbook in another way please contact me by email or call me at 764-0978. Thanks!



OES T-SHIRT ORDERS

Last chance to order OES T-shirts and sweatshirts. Fill out the attached form and take it to the office with your payment. Checks should be made out to OES PTA.

-- Dana Wise
volunteer@wiseguysweb.com

CRAZY CUBS READING CLUB

Hey Crazy Cubs! Make sure that you get into the AR lab and take your tests so you can get your cards stamped and put your ticket in the bucket for the prize drawing Nov 5th. So far one student has reached Koala level and gotten a prize out of the treasure box. So get in the AR lab, readers, and get your prizes!

Remember, we need 40 students to reach Polar Bear Level (20 books) by the end of April in order to turn Mr. Davies into an ice cream sundae. Get reading!!

Clarification: Crazy Cubs Reading Club is for 4th, 5th and 6th graders only. There is a junior list that is available by invitation only for advanced reading 2nd and 3rd graders. If your child is still participating in the

home reading program, continue to do so until your child completes the program by reading through level R.

If you have questions about this program contact Jenna Wood at wendellwood@gmail.com or 764-0172.

FAMILY LIFE

November is Family Month! Here are some great ways to celebrate it with your family at Orem Elementary and our school community:

Thursday, November 1st

FAMILY DANCE - FREE

Mt. View High School Commons: 7:00-8:30 pm

All Family Members Welcome – dress is casual. We will be entertained by BYU Folk Dancers followed by instruction in Folk Dancing. Tips of etiquette will be given to help refine us. Refreshment following. (Please contribute left over Halloween candy if you would like) Don't miss this evening of relaxed fun together!

Wednesday, November 7th

FAMILY MATH/LITERACY NIGHT

Orem Elementary Gym: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

The Whole Family is invited.

Pizza served after Math/Literacy activities.

Saturday, November 10th

FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK

5k or 1 Mile Benefit for

"Make-A-Wish" of Utah child, McKenna

Run begins and ends @ Orem Elementary.

9:00 am Registration / 10:00 am Run Begins

All Family Members Welcome (stroller, scooters, etc.)

\$5.00/ person paid @ Front Office to Lynette. (Make checks payable to Orem Elementary) Prizes and Food.

This year we will be running for four year old, McKenna. She is the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal who work at Lakeridge Jr. High and MVHS. She has Clear Cell Sarcoma of the left lung, bone and kidney. She has a "Disney Wish", to be a princess. Help us grant that wish to her by registering at the office. If done before November 2nd the \$5.00 will include a T-shirt. Registration will be taken after that date and even same day but it will not include a T-shirt

Thursday, November 15th or Friday, November 16th

GRANDPARENT LUNCH

Orem Elementary Lunchroom: 11:15-12:15

Watch for the reminder note for specific time and price. Be sure to have your free picture taken for a special memory!

Watch for the yellow tri-fold to discover even more Family Life Activities!

-- Carol Jean Bishop, Family Life Commissioner

RIBBON WEEK EVENTS & WINNERS

Students and faculty at OES took part in some fun times October 8-10 during our Ribbon Week celebrations. Here are some of the highlights:

- Olympic Gold medalist, Noelle Pikus Pace, Ribbon Week assembly. An article was published in the

Orem Times on October 11 and can be viewed at <http://www.heraldextra.com/content/view/239964/>.

- Pledge banners signed and hung in the school.

- Lunchtime chalk murals by OES students.

The daily themes included dressing up in sweats, wearing slippers or sneaker, and wearing purple or red. Students enjoyed lunchtime activities each day which included free throw shooting ("Shoot for a Drug Free Life"), field games and half mile runs for K-3rd and a 1 mile run for 4th-6th graders ("Walk or Run Away from Drugs & Violence").

The canned food drive brought in 984 pounds of food with the approximate value of \$1669.80, about \$2.50 per OES student. The food was donated to the Food & Care Coalition in Provo.

The following classes won our contests:

Most red/purple worn:

K-3rd Mrs. Romberg & Mrs. West

4th-6th Miss. Sloan & Mrs. Walker

Most food collected:

K-3rd Miss Williams

Miss Anderson (2nd place)

4th-6th Mrs. Walker

Miss. Sloan (2nd place)

Ribbon Week Essay Contest:

Congratulations to all those who participated in our essay contest! OES Participants: Elvira Corrales, Anabel Corrales, Nathan Morris, Alexa Nguyen, Abby Madsen, Katherine Luque, Tarin Leavitt, Cassie de Hoyos, Alexander Bulger, Madison Stokes, Tia Martinez, Katlyn Wilkins, Katelyn Lundquist, Madison Anne Warnick, Fiona Barney, Nicole Bulger, Kalista Blackham, Laurel Anne Meiners, Jolynn Verhoef, Rachel Beane, Calli Schmidt, Jessi Schmidt, Samantha Baumgarten, Emma Nielsen, Connor Gary Bell.

Our essay winners were:

K-3rd "I Can be Kind to Others by..."

Brayden Peterson 1st, John E. Francis 2nd

Spencer Luque 3rd, Janessa Meiners 4th

4th-6th "What Drug-Free & Non-Violence Means to Me"

Kevin Harper 1, Emily Douma 2nd

Abbie Hamilton 3rd, Courtney Kesler 4th

A big thank you to our sponsors Reams, Plum Tree and Carol's Copies who provided practical things such as boxes, bags, and posters and to Utah Community Credit Union (UCCU) and Wells Fargo Bank who provided hundreds of prizes for our daily drawings (calculators, water bottles, flying discs, hacky sacs, pencils and more).

Thanks to the teachers, staff and PTA volunteers, OES students received some education about the benefits of

avoiding drugs and violence. Our hope is that their education will continue in the home. Thanks for your support in our efforts!

-- Judy Christensen & Earlet Meiners, Ribbon Week

COUNCIL IN NEED OF ANOTHER PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

The purpose of the School Community Council is to examine the test data for our school, assess academic needs and, using State TRUST Land funds, develop plans for improving academic performance. Council duties also include assisting with professional development plans and the oversight of a Safe Routes plan for students who walk to school. For more information, please see <http://www.schoolandtrust.org/>

The Orem Elementary School Community Council met on October 23 at 11:15 am in Room 207. All current members were present. In addition, the Council parent representatives appointed a new parent member, Shari Gingras, to take the place of Youngshin Cobabe who moved out of state. The council members now include Brad Davies, Jon Mohlman, Emilie Whitehead, Heather Stewart, Ada Wilson, Teresa Gorritti, Mindy Harmon, and Shari Gingras. The Council elected the following officers for the 2007-08 year: Chairman - Ada Wilson, Vice Chairman - Jon Mohlman, Secretary - Mindy Harmon.

Bunney Schmidt, PTA President, was also present. The two-year term to which she was elected has expired and she wishes to be a non-voting member of the Council in order to give another parent the opportunity to serve. Therefore, we are in need of a fifth parent member. If there are any parents interested in serving in this important way, please contact Ada Wilson at 224-1521 or leave a message at the school with Mr. Davies or Mr. Mohlman.

Business items and discussion included the need to train new members and the possible hiring of another STAR reading tutor. We have funds set aside for the SOAR after-school program, but we need someone to teach it. It has a science focus, but can include other creative thinking activities. Jon Mohlman was assigned to be prepared at our next meeting to orient parents to the many tests that are used to determine curriculum mastery at OES. Ada Wilson and Mr. Davies will present the review of last year's goals/achievements to be approved at our next meeting for posting on the state TRUST Lands website. The Council will be particularly interested in analyzing how our new schedule may affect academic achievement. Mr. Davies reported that Jose Enriquez, Assistant Principal at MVHS, is putting into place a tutoring program pairing Spanish-speaking high school students with Spanish-speaking elementary students who are struggling with language. Jon Mohlman reported on a District program in which teachers are working closely with selected students who are struggling academically (Tier 2), developing specific plans for bringing those students up to grade level performance.

-- Ada Wilson, Community Council



New Council Members

OES SENSATIONAL SINGERS CONCERT

OES Sensational Singers will perform **November 15th** at 9:30 a.m. for the student body and again at 7:00 p.m. for parents, friends and family. We are excited to share the fun songs we have been learning and hope to have a very entertaining evening. I would like to give a special "Thank You" to Ada Wilson and Carol Lewis who have been accompanying in the mornings and afternoons. We simply could not do this without them! You are wonderful! We hope to see you there!

-- Mrs. Boles

STUDENT COUNCIL

OES Student Council is up and running. I, Mrs. Boles, am delighted to work with such a great group of students and am very impressed with their ability to do all they are asked. Here is our fabulous team for the 2007-2008 school year:

Presidents: Kyla Redd and Maddison Hartman
Vice Presidents: Andrew Davis and Courtney Kesler
Secretary: Madday Alderette
Entertainment: Team One: Ellen Young (team leader), Alexa Nguyen, McKenna Seiler
Team Two: Kamryn Wilcox (team leader), Madison Stokes, Abbie Hamilton
Public Relations: Team One: Tia Martinez (team leader), Fiona Barney, Kate Mortensen
Team Two: Lauren Peery (team leader), Madison Bateman, Nicole Murdock
Stage Crew: Yuki Miyazawa (team leader), Kevin Harper, Cade Jolley, Elysa Sanders

Sports Crew: Brennan Storey (team leader), David Gibbons

MINI ANIMALS INVADE OES

Have you seen the cute elephants, kangaroos and other small animals that have been all over the school lately? Some students have even gone so far as to make homes for their animals and named them all. Where do they come from? The token machine in the office.

How do kids earn tokens? By participating in class and showing exemplary citizenship. This is a rewards system implemented this year where teachers can reward students for good behavior and other ways they help the class succeed.

Animals are not the only items available. Bouncy balls, rings, finger sweatbands and other fun toys are also included. When you see your child with one of these things you can be assured they have done something good. Take time to ask them about it and give them congratulations for a job well done.

-- Sharon Stokes, OES Newsletter

OES BENEFITS FROM EAGLE PROJECT

Parker Robinson of Pleasant Grove, the son of Lisa Robinson, our speech therapist, has done an Eagle project benefiting Orem Elementary. Parker organized a crew that cleaned up the flower beds and prepared a new planting bed in the front of the school. Thank you Parker, and all who helped with his Eagle project.

HELPING CHILDREN LEARN

The November issue of the "Helping Children Learn" newsletter is now on-line. You can access it by going to the Alpine School District Home Page, left hand menu click on "District Information", left hand menu click on Helping Children learn, and then select either English or Spanish or both.
<http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us>

-- Dixie Harward, Alpine School District

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT OES

Did you know shopping at your local craft store can help your Elementary school? All purchases made at **Roberts Craft** can be put towards a free **Cricut** die cut machine for our school. Simply ask for a gift receipt at the time of purchase and write the school's name on the top of it. Roberts saves these receipts and adds up the points. Once we receive enough points, we can earn this very helpful tool.

Office Depot also has a special for shoppers from OES. Ask at the register for the OES code and they will send 5% back to OES.

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