

Orem Elementary News 2007



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CALENDAR

October

- October 1: Family Skate Night at Classic Skating
FREE Admission, 5:30pm-8:30pm
- October 2: PTA Meeting in Faculty Room
9:30am-10:30am
- October 3: Walk to School Day
Ribbon Week Essays due to office
- October 3 and 4: Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:00pm-7:30pm
- October 8: Red Ribbon Week and Character Trait
Assembly with **Noelle Pikus Pace**
- October 8-10: Red Ribbon Week
- October 11-12, 15: No School
- October 17: Rainbow Evacuation Plan
- October 31: Halloween Parade

November

- November 2: Character Trait Assembly "Caring"
9:30 am
- November 5: Reflections Entries Due
- November 6: PTA Meeting in Faculty Room
9:30 am-10:30 am
Election Day
- November 7: Family Math Night, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
- November 10: Family Fun Run
- November 13: Reflections Awards Assembly
- November 15-16: Grandparents Lunch
- November 21-23: No School (Happy Thanksgiving)

BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 2 - 4

The Orem Elementary BYU Book Fair will be held Tuesday, October 2nd - Thursday October 4th. The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday, October 2nd, 11:00am-4:00pm. Wednesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 4th, it will be open 11:00am-7:30pm. We hope that everyone will take this opportunity to buy some great books and support the Orem Elementary Media Center. Thank you,

-- Shelley Mortimer, Media Specialist



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow! It is already October...things are moving right along. I just wanted to let you know about some things I am very pleased with this year.

First of all, I am very pleased with the amount of Professional Development and training our teachers having been involved with during the summer and throughout the first part of this year. It is so nice to see that they are willing to take the time to further their understanding about new materials and programs being implemented here at Orem Elementary.

Also, our teachers have spent time working with our new modified schedule. As I make the rounds in the mornings I hear and see fabulous things going on in the classrooms. I am pleased, as the Principal of Orem Elementary, to tell you that your children are in good hands here. Your children are being educated well by teachers who care about their students.

One more thing...It was so nice to see the support of our community with our carnival. I am always so impressed with the turnout. I appreciate the PTA for all of their efforts and the efforts of so many volunteers. A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

We will be holding Parent Conferences on October 3rd and 4th from 4:00 – 7:30. These conferences will be scheduled times (hopefully you had the opportunity to sign up with our Online Scheduler). You will be receiving a confirmation of time(s) on Tuesday, October 2nd. Please remember that Kindergarten will not be holding conferences because of the literacy night they hold instead.

We look forward to seeing you all here for conferences. This is a great opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher and discuss their education.

Please feel free to contact the school with any questions, comments, or celebrations. We welcome your input.

Thank you,
Mr. Davies

-- Brad J. Davies, Principal, Orem Elementary

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello OES Fans,

I would like to start off this message with a huge "thank you" for the highly successful carnival we just had. We broke an all time record for money brought in, over \$11,500. After expenses, that will leave us with over \$8,000 which will help fund all of the great programs we wanted to this year. It would not have been possible without all of the help and donations we received.

The character trait for September has been Respect and we kicked it off with a deaf awareness assembly. The character trait for October will be Responsibility which will lead us into Red Ribbon Week. Look for more information on that in this newsletter and in notes coming home.

As parent-teacher conferences are coming up, I would like to encourage each parent to take the time to visit with your child's teacher. The teachers in the school spend a majority of each day with our children and have useful information to pass on about our child's successes, needs, etc. If you are able, please also ask them how they might need help. A little help can go a long way in the classroom and outside of it.

Don't forget to review the calendar as you read this newsletter. We have many important events coming up that you don't want to miss. And finally, a reminder, that our PTA meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in the faculty room and all are invited. We welcome new faces and would love to get you involved in any capacity you can serve in. We hope to see you there!

Bunney Schmidt, PTA President

WHO IS NOELLE PIKUS PACE



- Won the 2007 World Skeleton Championships in dominating fashion, laying down the four fastest runs and breaking the St. Moritz track record
- Became the first U.S. woman to win the overall World Cup title (2005) and the World Championship title (2007)
- Suffered a compound fracture in her lower right leg in Oct. 2005 during a freak accident at a track in Canada, when she was hit by a runaway four-man bobsled
- She made a valiant comeback effort, competing just seven weeks after the accident, but fell short of qualifying for the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team

RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is the most far-reaching and well-known drug prevention event in America. At a time

when an increasing number of Americans are saying YES to a drug-free life, it is important to make the ideals expressed during Red Ribbon Week an important part of our everyday life.

Utah also combines violence prevention (purple ribbon) with its drug prevention (red ribbon) week celebrations. Thus, in Utah we drop the red in the title and call it simply "Ribbon Week." Together we can build safer and healthier kids. Wear a red and purple ribbon (or clothes) and stand firm against drug abuse and violence in Utah.

Nationally Red Ribbon week is celebrated October 23-31. At Orem Elementary our Ribbon Week campaign is Oct. 8-10 (no school the 11th and 12th). Here is a schedule of the fun we'll have:

October 8th (Monday) Pledge Day

- **Olympic Gold medalist, Noelle Pikus Pace,** Ribbon Week assembly
- Essay winners announced
- Get your wristband for the week
- Sign the pledge banner at lunch time
- "Chalk one up for non-violence" chalk murals at lunch
- Wear red or purple and get a treat!
- Awards to the class wearing the most red & purple!!

October 9th (Tuesday) Reach Out

- I "can" be Drug-free and Kind to others
- Bring a canned food item
- prize to the class with the most items for the canned food drive
- "Give drugs the slip and don't let violence sneak up on you"
- Wear slippers or sneakers and get a treat!

October 10th (Wednesday) Healthy Me

- "Walk away from drugs & violence"
- School walk & Athletic activities at lunch
- "Shoot for a drug-free life"
- Basketball shoot at lunchtime
- "Living drug-free is no sweat"
- Wear sweats and get a treat!

Show your school spirit and join us in these fun activities. We would like to give a big thank you to Reams grocery store and Wells Fargo Bank for their generous donations for this event.

-- Judy Christensen & Earlet Meiners, Ribbon Week

RIBBON WEEK ESSAY CONTEST

Make sure your essays are turned into the office by **Wed. Oct 3rd**. They should be hand written or typed and double spaced. Younger students can dictate to parents if written word for word. The grade themes are:

K-2nd Grade: I can be kind to others by...

3rd-6th Grade: What living drug free and being non violent means to me.

Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate.

ABSENT STUDENTS NEED A NOTE

We have noticed that many children are absent from school without an excuse from a parent or guardian or a note from a doctor. Unexcused absences are in

violation of "Utah State Compulsory Education Law" (Utah Code, Section 53A-11-101) and the Alpine School District Policy No. 4082.

"It is a class B misdemeanor for the parent of the school-age child to intentionally or recklessly fail to meet with the designated school authorities to discuss the school-age child's school attendance problems; or fail to prevent the school-age child from being absent without a valid excuse five or more times during the remainder of the school year."(53A-11-101.5)

Our goal as a school is provide elementary students with the best opportunities for learning and developing their abilities.

We have trouble doing this when children are absent without an excuse. If you notify us by phone or in writing that your child is or will be absent, and make an effort to obtain school work for your child to make up, you will be helping us meet our educational goals for your student.

Starting immediately, we will be making earnest and persistent efforts to assist you in encouraging your children to attend school consistently. If your child has unexcused absences, we will be making phone calls, sending you letters and asking for your cooperation in resolving any school concerns your child may be experiencing.

Educating children is a cooperative activity between parents, students and educators. We are looking forward to working with you in this valuable effort. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Alpine School District Attendance Policy please call us at 227-8727.

Thank you!
-- Brad J. Davies, Principal, Orem Elementary

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This month volunteers are needed for:

Ribbon Week

Book Fair

Walk to School Day

Sign up in the office or email

volunteer@wiseguysweb.com

or pta@wiseguysweb.com

A Binder is in the office with a list of activities throughout the school year. Please sign up for anything you would like to help with.

-- Dana Wise, Volunteers

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Our annual "Walk to School Day" will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. We would like to encourage as many kids that are able to walk to school that day along with their parents or parents in

their neighborhood. We are very excited about this special event, so please review the following schedule:

Meet at your crosswalk at 7:35 a.m. for AM students and 8:45 a.m. for PM students where we will present a gift to your crossing guard and meet them officially. Make sure to thank them for all of their hard work.

We will then immediately go to the front of Orem Elementary School and meet at the flagpole by 7:45 a.m. for AM students and 8:55a.m. for PM students where we will be greeted by the UVSC (soon to be UVU) Wolverine "Willie" and the UVSC Cheerleaders and Dancers as well as the Orem City Mayor Jerry Washburn and our School Board Member Representative JoDee C. Sundberg. After hearing a few words from Mayor Washburn and JoDee Sundberg, we will be off to begin our school day.

If you are unable to walk that day, please still join us by the flagpole at 7:45a.m. for AM students and 8:55 a.m. for PM students, to join in the celebration because all are welcome! We want to thank all of our special guests in advance. It is very kind of them to take time out of their busy schedules. We hope to see ALL of you on this day.

PARENTS: Accelerated Reader Lab Info:

We are so glad that many of the teachers and students have been using the lab. Just a reminder that the times for Open Lab are: 1/2 hour before school for PM kids and 1/2 hour after school for AM kids on Mondays and Wednesdays. That would be 8:45-9:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 1:15-1:45 on Mondays and 2:15-2:45 on Wednesdays. There will be someone in the lab then and we can help the kids with tests.

We will also be open during Parent Teachers Conferences. Please come to the lab and let your child show you how fun it is to take a test and see how easy and motivating it is.

Please encourage your student to learn their passwords as it will make it easier for them to take tests. We have coupons to Sizzler for each student that has their password memorized. If they forget, there is a white binder in the lab with them all listed.

Ask your 4th-6th grade students about the Crazy Cub Reading Club!

-- Shari Gingras, Accelerated Reader

CRAZY CUBS READING CLUB NEWS

The Crazy Cubs Reading Club is up and running! All 4th-6th graders are invited to participate by reading books off of the Senior List. Students must read books off of the book list and pass the corresponding Accelerated Reader test to get credit for reading the book. The books must be stamped (with a special stamp) by an

Accelerated Reading volunteer in the Accelerated Reading Lab located in the 1st grade hallway

Junior List

Students below 4th grade who have completed the Home Reading program—through level R—are invited to join the Crazy Cubs Reading Club and read from the Junior List. The lower grade program will run identically to the upper grade program with the same challenges and rewards. The Junior List was designed with lighter content making it better suited to younger readers.

AR Lab Times

Students can take Accelerated Readers Tests before or after school at the following times.

Monday 8:45 am to 9:15 am

Monday 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm

Wednesday 8:45 am to 9:15 pm

Wednesday 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm

Students may use the lab any day after school when accompanied by an adult. Students may not use the labs during recess unless accompanied by their teacher. It is perfectly fine for a student takes an AR test when a lab volunteer is not available; however, s/he must come in at during lab hours and have an AR lab volunteer look up which tests have been taken and give appropriate credit.

CCRC Prize Drawing

We will have a special drawing on the first Monday of each month for all CCRC readers. One book equals one entry. You only have to read one book to enter, but the more you read the more entries you get! Our first drawing will Monday Oct 8th.

Questions

The Education Committee wants the CCRC program to work for every student. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Jenna Wood at 764-0172 or at wendellwood@gmail.com

FAMILY LIFE

The Mission Statement for PTA "Family Life Commission" is to strengthen the home and improve the quality of life for all Utah children. The month of November was designated "Utah Family Month" in 1972. The week of Thanksgiving is annually National Family Week. Orem Elementary also has a plan to support families in our school community. We hope that you will join into the activities which are offered that will strengthen your family:

Thursday, November 1st

FAMILY DANCE

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

All Family Members Welcome

We will be entertained by BYU Folk Dancers followed by instruction in Folk Dancing. Tips of etiquette will be given to help refine us.

Refreshments 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 NIGHT

5:30-7:00 pm

Orem Elementary Gym

The Whole Family is Invited

Pizza served after Math Games

Saturday, November 10th

FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK

5k or 1 Mile Benefit for "Make-A-Wish" of Utah child Run begins and ends at Orem Elementary.

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

All Family Members Welcome (strollers, etc. accepted) \$5.00/person at Financial Office (checks payable to Orem Elementary) Prizes and Food

This year we have four year old McKenna to run for. She is a local girl and has clear cell carcinoma. This is one event not to miss as you serve another family in need and strengthen your own family physically and emotionally. Register at the school on or before Friday, November 2nd to receive a T-shirt. Same day registration is available w/out T-shirt.

Thurs. or Fri. November 15th or 16th

GRANDPARENT LUNCH

Orem Elementary Lunchroom 11:15-12:15

(watch for the reminder note for specific time and price)

A Tri-fold will be sent home to inform you of more ideas happening for Family Month.

-- Carol Jean Bishop, Family Life Commissioner

RAINBOW EVACUATION

Parents, a reminder that we are practicing the rainbow evacuation on Oct. 17th at 10:30 am.

A new permission slip is required every year. When you send in your permission slip please remember to circle your preferences how your children will get home and what your neighborhood color is. It is the same color as last year. We hope to have a neighborhood map on our school web site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Emergency snack kits

Remember to send these into your teachers. These kits are used in the case of a lockdown.

-- Mary Harper, Rainbow Evacuation Program

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 wynnjk@mstarmetro.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!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Smith's Earn and Learn Program requires you to re-enroll each year. Please see a cashier at the store or go online at: Smithsfoodanddrug.com

General Mills Box Tops drive is Oct. 22 to 26th at Orem Elementary. Bring your box tops in to help your class. The class with the most box tops will receive cookies. The two students in the school who bring in the most box tops will receive a prize. Count them and bring them in!

Questions: Vicki Wiesenberg 426-7801

CARNIVAL IS A SUCCESS

We are thrilled to report that OES PTA has AGAIN put on our best CARNIVAL ever! We appreciate all the families who came out to support our school--- and we're happy to provide a fun evening, especially for the kids.

We extend many, many THANKS to all our volunteers who made CARNIVAL possible and the generous parents who donated candy and items for the Silent Auction. One parent was heard to comment as she watched the set up preparations, "I had no idea, really, how many people it takes to pull this thing off!" So true! We thank our teachers and Mr. Davies who manned the dunk tank as well as several other booths. Particular thanks go to Colleen Shurtz and Bonnie Nielsen who are the driving force behind our wonderful Silent Auction that helps puts our PTA "in the green" for the entire year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Walker's and Miss Anderson's classes for coming out #1 and #2 in our classroom competition. They will soon enjoy a pizza party and an ice cream party, respectively.

Nicole Brittain & Ada Wilson
PTA CARNIVAL Co-Chairs



Student Testing for Academic Studies 7th Grade Program Placement for 2008-2009

Testing for identification and placement of this year's 6th grade students into Alpine School District 7th grade Academic Studies for the coming school year has been scheduled. **Academic Studies courses are designed to meet the needs of students who master academic skills easily and who need more challenge than can be offered in a regular class.** An informational flyer will be sent home with every 6th grade student listing indicators for parents and students to consider when looking at the possibility of Academic Studies placement as being a "good fit." Look for this flyer during the last week of September.

Applications will be available from the front office of every elementary school, online at <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/phpApps/genericPage.php?pdid=688>

Examen para los Estudiantes de Estudios Académicos Programa de colocación para el 7 grado para el año 2008 – 09

El examen para identificación y colocación de los estudiantes de 6 grado de este año para el programa de Estudios académicos para el 7 grado del próximo año ha sido programado. Los cursos de Estudios Académicos han sido diseñado para satisfacer las necesidades de aquellos estudiantes que necesitan mas desafíos del los que se ofrecen en una clase regular. Un folleto de información se mandará a su casa con cada uno de los estudiantes de 6 grado. En este folleto encontrará una lista de indicadores que los padres, tanto como los estudiantes deben de considerar si es que están viendo la posibilidad de colocar a su estudiante en el programa de estudios académicos. Busque este folleto durante la ultima semana de Septiembre.

Las aplicaciones están a su disposición en la oficina de cada escuela elemental, en línea a <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/phpApps/genericPage.php?pdid=688>, o puede pedir una aplicación por correo electrónico a jdleis@alpine.k12.ut.us La aplicación completa debe de ser entregada para el lunes 29 de octubre a las 5:00 p.m.,

Ambas sesiones de evaluación, tanto las de por la mañana como las de por la tarde, se ofrecerán en tres sábados consecutivos en noviembre: 2, 9 y 16 de nov. de 2007 haciendo un total de 6 sesiones de evaluación. Los padres interesados pueden elegir la sesión que vaya de acuerdo a sus necesidades. Información mas detallada sobre los exámenes se incluirá en el folleto de información. Favor de tomar en cuenta que no habrá días de recuperación de exámenes en la primavera. Puede parecer esta decisión un poco rígida, sin embargo, previas experiencias han comprobado que examinar a los estudiantes mas tarde complica el proceso de colocación para todos los involucrados.