

# OREM ELEMENTARY NEWS

## OCTOBER 2008



### CALENDAR

#### October

##### *Responsibility*

- 1 SCC Meeting 11:15am RM.212
- 7 PTA Meeting 9:30am room 206
- 8 Walk to School Day
- 8&9 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4:00-7:30pm each day
- 13 Character Trait Assembly
- 13-15 Ribbon Week
- 16-17 Fall Break (no school)
- 20 Professional Development  
(no school)
- 22 Rainbow Evacuation Drill 10:30am
- 27 Box Tops Due to teachers
- 28 SCC Evening Event w/Patrons  
in the Gym 6:00-7:00 pm
- 31 Spirit Day (no pun intended)  
Halloween Parade 1:00pm

#### November

##### *Healthy Family Lifestyle*

- 3 Reflection Projects Due  
Character Trait Assembly  
Family Dance 7:00pm at MVHS
- 4 PTA Meeting 9:30am room 206
- 8 Family Fun Run/Walk 10:00 am  
9:00am Registration at OES
- 13 Family Science/Math Night  
5:30-7:30pm at OES
- 15 Family Service Project Day
- 17 Family Skate Night - FREE  
5:30-8:30pm Classic Skate
- 19-22,24 Family Entertainment  
'The Sound of Music' at MVHS
- 21 Spirit Day
- 21 or 22 Grandparent Lunch  
11:15am - 12:15pm
- 23 National Family Table Talk Day
- 26 Teacher Comp Day (no school)
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday  
(no school)

OES Newsletter also found at: [http://  
orem.alpinedistrict.org/](http://orem.alpinedistrict.org/)

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello to October...

Another successful month at Orem Elementary! Thank you for your support of so many of our activities. It was great to see so many of you here for our PTA school carnival...it was a little wet at times!

We would like to remind you of our Parent conferences, which will be held on October 8th and 9th from 4:00 until 7:30. These conferences are by appointment. You should have already signed up using our online scheduler. You will be receiving your assigned appointment(s), if you haven't already. We look forward to having you come and meeting with your teacher(s).

We would also like to let you know that we will begin our "Road to Success" reading program, sponsored by Ken Garff. This will require your child to read 20 minutes a night for 5 days a week. They will be able to put their name in a container in the office each week if they complete this task. During the year each child will receive some small incentives for participating. At the end of the year, we will draw four names out of our container, and those children will each receive a new bicycle. We hope that every child will participate.

Please take note of the activities the PTA is sponsoring this month.

Again, thank you for your continued support of Orem Elementary. This is a great community of students, staff, and parents. Have a great month.

Brad Davies  
Principal

### TARGET SUPPORTS OREM ELEMENTARY

Target's "Take Charge of Education" program continually donates money to Orem Elementary to help with necessary items for our teachers and students. Here's how the program works: When school supporters enroll and use their REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase made with their REDcard to our school. As more people join the program, the funds really add up. There's no limit to the amount we can receive.

For community members to participate in Take Charge of Education, all you need is a REDcard and designate Orem Elementary online at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or by calling 1-800-316-6142. To get the REDcard credit account, school supporters can apply in stores or online at [Target.com/apply](http://Target.com/apply). Target also provides a Target check card, which is their newest product, and acts like a debit card by connecting to an existing checking account. School supporters can apply for the Target Check Card in stores.

Since 1997, Orem Elementary has received \$4559.14 from Target. Thank you for your continued support of Orem Elementary.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Accelerated Reader / Crazy Cubs Reading Club Lab needs volunteers to help in the open lab on Monday and Wednesday before and after school

Monday	Wednesday
8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15
1:15 - 1:45	2:15 - 2:45

If you could volunteer for one of these 1/2 hour shifts each week, it will help our students reach their goals!

Contact Shari Gingras 226-1964

## HOME READING

We are excited to have home reading started again this year and hope you are enjoying the reading time with your child. We will be giving a prize to all children who return a signed book on Thursday, Oct 30. We also have some room left for volunteers so if anyone would like to become a home reading volunteer, please call Michele at 764-9757 or email me at [mherbertmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:mherbertmorris@yahoo.com).

--Michele Herbert-Morris, Home Reading Program

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The General Mills box tops drive will be Oct 20 to Oct 27. Bring them to your teacher. We will have a class competition.

Thanks,  
Vicki Wiesenberg 426-7801



## PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September has come and gone and the school year is in full swing. Thanks to everybody who helped get the school year off to a great start. As usual the carnival was a wonderful event. A huge thank you to everyone that supported this event. We appreciate the teachers and Principal Davies willingness to sit in the dunk tank. It was a big splash with all of the students! As a fundraiser, we met our goal and the PTA will be able to fund all the programs that we have traditionally offered. These include the monthly newsletter, our Home Reading Program, Character Education, Accelerated Reader, Crazy Cubs Reading Club, Reflections, Storytelling Festival, After School Programs, N.O.V.A. training, Math Night, and many more special events that strengthen the family. In addition, last year we were able to help purchase a "Roots of Freedom" wall which is a permanent educational display about the founding of our country.

The character trait for September was patriotism. The Roots of Freedom Company presented the wall to the students in an assembly. The character trait challenge encouraged the students to bring their family to the freedom wall and write an interesting fact that they learned. When the student turns in their challenge, they will receive an award. The character trait for October is Responsibility which will lead us into Red Ribbon Week. Look for more information in the newsletter and in notes coming home.

Safety is something we take seriously at Orem Elementary. On September 22, the crossing guards gave a presentation to each of the students on how to safely cross the streets. Now that the students are properly trained, let them show you what they learned by Walking to School with them on Walk-to-School Day on Wednesday, October 8.

Don't forget to review the calendar as you read this newsletter. There are many great events coming up that you do not want to miss. Also, a reminder, that our PTA meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in room 206. You can make a difference and we welcome your involvement.

--Carolyn Kuehne, PTA President

## PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OES will have our annual **PTA Membership Drive October 6th thru the 10th**. We would like to encourage everyone who has not joined during Back-to-School Night to take this opportunity to join during this time. We can only do the things that we do for your students and the teachers who work here with your support. Through the OES PTA memberships we can offer over 30 opportunities for this school and your children to participate in, some of which have already taken place such as the "Freedom Wall", Carnival, Green and Red ribbon week along with the Home Reading program.

Many people think all of these programs are paid for by the Alpine School District, but they are NOT. The activities that we have here throughout the year will only happen through your PTA Membership.

A frequently asked question is, "If I purchase a membership will I be asked to do things at the school or help out?" The answer to that is "NO", everything done is by those who choose to volunteer. All we ask is that you join in the support of these programs so that we can continue to do the great things that we have so far in the past for OES.

--Melody Matheson, PTA Membership Coordinator

## REFLECTIONS

2008-2009 Theme: **WOW!**

Reflections entry forms are available in the office and on the web site at <http://www.utahpta.org/individual.htm>

Entries will be due Monday, November 3, 2008. Students may submit an entry in any of the six arts areas: Literature, Musical composition, Photography, Visual arts, Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production.

Only original works of art are accepted. Depending on local PTA guidelines, students may enter more than one work of art.

--Sherri McKell, Reflections Chair

## YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

The last time yearbooks will be offered for the \$8 price will be in February during parent/teacher conferences. Our entire yearbook will be color this year but the pre-sale price will stay at \$8 and will go up to \$10 at the end of the year.

A limited supply will be available for purchase in May.

If you are interested in placing a quarter-page ad in our yearbook for your business please contact Karen Wynn. We sell the yearbooks at cost so these ads will help us to keep the price down while ensuring a great quality book full of memories.

Questions? Please call Karen Wynn at 764-0978 or send an email to [wynnjk@mstarmetro.net](mailto:wynnjk@mstarmetro.net).

--Karen Wynn, Yearbook

## HELPING CHILDREN LEARN

The October issues are now on line. They are available in English and Spanish. These are the instructions:

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

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Our annual "Walk to School Day" will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. We would like to encourage as many students that are able to walk to school that day along with their parents or parents in their neighborhood.

Please review the following schedule:

Meet at your crosswalk at 7:35 a.m. for a.m. students and 8:45 a.m. for p.m. 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 at 7:45 a.m. for a.m. students and 8:55 a.m. for p.m. students where we will be greeted by the SCERA dog, Spot; 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, we will be off to begin our school day.

## RIBBON WEEK – October 13-15

Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention event. In Utah, we also support violence prevention with a purple ribbon. So Ribbon Week combines both concepts: "Respect Yourself: Stay Drug-Free" and "Respect Others: Be Kind."



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. Parents, we encourage you to talk with your students about what they are learning each day and share your feelings about making healthy choices.

Get ready for Ribbon Week with the **Essay Contest**. The theme for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students is "I Elect to be Kind to Others by..." The 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade theme is "I Elect to be Drug-Free and Non-Violent to Others by..." Turn essays into the office by October 8. On the back of your essay, write full name, teacher, AM or PM, address, and phone number. Get a prize just for entering. The grand prize winners will receive an electronic music player!

Here's a schedule of the fun we'll have during Ribbon Week at Orem Elementary.

Mon, October 13: **Pledge Day "I Elect to be Drug-Free and Non-Violent"**

- Wear Red or Purple and get a treat
- Ribbon Week assembly
- Sign the pledge banner at lunch recess
- "Walk Away from Drugs and Violence" Gold Medal Mile walk during lunch recess

Tues, October 14: **"Don't Let Violence Sneak Up on You: Be Kind to Others"**

- Wear Sneakers or Purple and get a treat
- "Chalk one up for Non-Violence" chalk murals at lunch recess
- Ribbon hand decal at lunch recess

Wed, October 15: **Drug-Free "Be Smart, Don't Start"**

- Wear Sweats/Athletic Attire or Red and get a treat
- "Shoot for a Drug-Free Life": Basketball Shoot
- Healthy Me: Tail Game at lunch recess

**Moms and Dads:** We will need helpers between 11:20 am and 12:20 pm October 13-15. Contact Jill Judd @ 765-4338 to choose a day that works for you.

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## RAINBOW EVACUATION NEWS

Thank you so much to all the parents for promptly turning in your Evacuation forms! Also, a huge thank you to the teachers this year for helping distribute and collect the permission forms.

We will be having our first Rainbow Evacuation drill on October 22 at 10:30am. For those parents who have volunteered to be a neighborhood leader you will be contacted very soon and thank you for donating your time. Way to go OES on having a disaster plan in place! A huge thank-you to Mary Harper for all her work on this plan and hopefully we can keep this program going and make improvements as needed. Thank you to Sharon Stokes for updating our map in the hall and providing individual maps for each classroom this year.

Parents, look for a note to come home on providing a small snack and letter for your child to remain in the classroom in case of an emergency. I am excited to be the new Rainbow Evacuation Coordinator and look forward to working with the great staff and parents at OES! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email or give me a call! Thanks!

--Christy Luque, Rainbow Evacuation  
[cluque@xmission.com](mailto:cluque@xmission.com)

## OES T-shirts and Hoodies

### ➤ Last chance to order.

Turn orders in to the office by October 15th.

Prizes are given on the last Friday of the month to students wearing school colors. They do not have to be the school shirt. Our school colors are Maroon and Gold (red and yellow are good too).

Parent Name (s)		
Parent Address		
Phone Number		
Student Name	Teacher	
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Student Name	Teacher	
ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
T-shirts Youth S M L	\$8.00	
Adult S M L XL XXL	\$8.00	
Hoodies Youth S M L	\$15.00	
Adult S M L XL	\$15.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$

## SCHOOL CARNIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

What an amazing day. Thank you to all those who helped with the carnival. There were countless volunteer hours that went into planning and making sure this was a safe and successful event for all who attended. We would especially like to thank our volunteers who helped make things run smoothly the day of carnival and to all parents who sent items for the auction baskets. You have been very generous

## BUSINESS DONORS 2008-09

We want to sincerely thank the following businesses for supporting Orem Elementary PTA. Whether in donating goods, certificates, or cash, every donation is appreciated and helped make our carnival and silent auction very successful again this year! The major donors listed gave \$100 or more

### MAJOR DONORS

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**5 Buck Pizza**  
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--Carnival Co-chairs: Rhonda Black, Bunney Schmidt, Sharon Stokes