



Orem Elementary

PTA Newsletter September 2011

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am excited for this school year! We have had a **fabulous** start and want the excitement to carry on throughout the year! Our theme this year focuses on being a team. "OES Dream Team – One in Spirit, Purpose and Vision." We will continue to "fill buckets" this year as we encourage students to be kind, respectful, and look for ways to help others.

Our school fundraiser is underway. **Thank you** for supporting your child and our school by purchasing a neighborhood coupon book. The money earned from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing **computers** for our new and much **needed** computer lab. Donations may also be made through the Alpine Foundation. A donation form is attached to this newsletter, and is also in the front office. Although our fundraiser ends September 9th, donations for the computer lab can be made anytime through the Alpine Foundation.

Mark your calendars! Our PTA **carnival** is coming up on Monday, September 19, 2011. You won't want to miss this evening! The PTA carnival is one of my **favorite** family activities! This is also a terrific way to support our PTA! Plus, the cotton candy is the BEST ever! I also heard Texas Roadhouse will be there... yummy! We have an AMAZING PTA!!! Thank you to all the volunteers and to you, for your support!

See you at the carnival!

Rachelle Bolingbroke
The Official Cotton Candy Maker

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's official... school is in full swing here at OES! It was so great to see so many familiar faces at Back to School Night and fun to see a whole bunch of new people that we can't wait to get to know. Thank you to all those who were involved in helping out that evening—we are so grateful for the amazing support at our school!

We're very excited for our upcoming school CARNIVAL on September, 19. It is truly an AMAZING event and the ONLY fundraiser that we, as a PTA, hold during the school year. Because of this fundraiser we are able to run many great programs that benefit our children and our school. So get your party hats on and join us at the carnival this year where we'll have delicious eats (in addition to our pizza and other yummy foods, Texas Roadhouse will be providing some tasty dinners for us!), fun game booths, a fabulous bake sale, basket auctions, prizes and so much more. See you there!

-Karen Wynn, PTA President
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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER (Early out every Monday)

- Sep 5 Labor Day - No School
- Sep 6 PTA Meeting 9:30 Faculty Room- Everyone is Invited!!
- Sep 6 First Day of Preschool
- Sep 6 Room Parent Mtg 4 PM in the Library
- Sep 8 Hearing Screening
- Sep 9 School Fundraiser Ends
- Sep 14-16, 19 PTA Carnival Ticket sales Before School- In front & back
- Sep 15 Vision Screening grades K, 1,3& 5
- Sep 19 PTA CARNIVAL!!! 4:30-7:30**
- Sep 26 School Pictures
- Sep 26 Minimal Day-
 - Grades 1-6 Early Birds 8-12:30
 - Grades 1-6 Later Gators 9:15-1:45
 - AM Kindergarten 9:15-11:15
 - PM Kindergarten 11:45-1:45

OCTOBER (Early out every Monday)

- Oct 4 PTA Meeting 9:30 Faculty Room- Everyone is Invited!!
- Oct 5 PM Common Day (9:15-3:30)
- Oct 5 Walk to School Day
- Oct 12-13 Book Fair
- Oct 13 P/T Conferences – Common Day (8:00-2:15)
- Oct 17-19 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 20-21 Fall Break- No School
- Oct 24 Picture Make-Up Day
- Oct 24 Family Skate Night
- Oct 25 Reflections Due
- Oct 31 Halloween Parade



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Orem Elementary PTA

OES Newsletter & lunch menu can be found at:

oremelementarypta.blogspot.com

School Website:

<http://orem.alpineschools.org/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to join our PTA and help run the wonderful programs we offer at OES. From helping with our Carnival to getting involved with taking pictures for yearbook - we have a spot for you! Please call or text Karen Wynn at 801-372-8515 or send an email to [wynnj@gmail.com](mailto:wynnjk@gmail.com) and we'll find the perfect fit for you!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We have a wonderful tradition of offering After School Programs here at OES and we'd love to continue this great program. If you are interested in being a part of organizing and running this program please contact Karen Wynn at 801-372-8515. Thank you!

ROOM PARENTS & ASSISTANT ROOM PARENTS

If you are a room parent or an assistant room parent for your child's classroom please attend our Room Parent meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 4 PM in the Library/Media Room.

T-SHIRTS, YEARBOOKS & SPIRIT SLEEVES

We have placed our first order of t-shirts and hoodies and hope to be sending those home with your children soon. We will have the Back to School Night forms at Carnival and will be taking ONE LAST order for those who are interested in ordering t-shirts, hoodies or yearbooks for this school year. Please find the attached order form at the end of this newsletter. We will also have Spirit Sleeves to purchase at carnival.

BOX TOPS

General Mill Box Tops for Education drive will be in October again this year. Thanks for your support!

-Vicki Wiesenberg

HOME READING

We always have room for more volunteers in Home Reading! If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Michele Herbert-Morris at mherbertmorris@gmail.com or give me a call at (801) 376-4145. Thanks! We're looking forward to another great year of reading.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE & EMAILS

Check out our new school website:

<http://orem.alpineschools.org/>

Please remove the old address and bookmark this new one. Also, please make sure we have an updated **email address** for your family. This is another great way to stay informed. Miss Bolingbroke sends out monthly "OES News and Events" emails, you won't want to miss!

REFLECTIONS

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! The National PTA Reflections Program is one of the largest student arts recognition programs in the country. Wouldn't it be great to be a part of that! The theme this year is "DIVERSITY MEANS..." and a flyer will be coming around shortly explaining how your child can submit their artwork. You can also go to this website for information: <http://www.ptareflections.org/>. Submissions must be turned in by October 25.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

What is SCC? It is a group of parents, teachers and the principal who help to develop a school improvement plan and a School Land Trust Plan among other important responsibilities. Over the past 5 years we have spent over \$100,000.00 on academic school improvement. It is a marvelous opportunity to be part of an advisory group whose purpose is to make schools great! School improvement is the responsibility of everyone, from students and parents to professionals and public officials. We want YOU to be a part of it! SCC meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in room 209 at 11:15 a.m. Please refer to the school website for a list of members of the council. We would love to have more parents enjoy the opportunity of serving with us! Please contact Angela Seegmiller [801-802-9513](tel:801-802-9513) or angela.seegmiller@gmail.com.

FLEX

FLEX is Tuesday-Friday from 1:10-2:10. We need parent volunteers to help with different FLEX activities. The possibilities are endless. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Adria Howse.

Email: freckles110@hotmail.com Phone: [801-226-0474](tel:801-226-0474) We need your help!

SAFETY

As parents, you experience pressures and concerns not faced by previous generations. Despite these challenges, many parents make heroic efforts to raise healthy children in safe environments despite uncertain times. **Child safety** becomes paramount. PTA offers you several tools to help you gauge potential risks and advice on giving clear instructions to your children on how to avoid such risks. You can gather more information and help on the PTA website by visiting: http://www.pta.org/topic_child_safety.asp. We also encourage you to stay alert and aware of offenders in our area by visiting: <http://www.corrections.utah.gov/services/sonar.html> Let's all have a wonderful and SAFE year at OES!

CLASSROOM EMERGENCY KITS

School has started, which means time to replenish the emergency kits in each classroom. Our parents are the reason we can keep these kits up-to-date and fresh. If each family donates a little, we will have enough for each class. Please send one of the following item(s) with your child for his/her class emergency kit: A box of Capri Suns, fruit snacks, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, teddy grahams, beef jerky, jolly ranchers, or lifesavers. (all items in their packaging) FYI...Any class with a nut allergy situation, will be given non-nut items for their emergency class kit. Send ALL food item donations to your child's class **by Friday, September 9th**. If you have any questions, see the principal or PTA president. We appreciate your help!

SCHOOL HANDBOOK & OES CALENDAR MAGNET

If you haven't received your OES School Handbook, or OES Calendar Magnet, stop by the office and pick one up. One per family, please.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Fall
Into
Fun
at the School
Carnival!



Our annual **CARNIVAL** will be held on **Monday, September 19 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm**. Please mark your calendars now for an evening of food, games, and fun with your family. This is the only PTA sponsored fundraiser held during the year. It is very important in funding the great programs you love at OES like Home Reading, After School Programs, Family Movie Night, and many others.

You will be receiving your first carnival flyer soon. On that flyer are classroom assignments related to basket auction themed donations and also the food assignment for that grade (bake sale, cake walk, etc.)

As always, this is a real community affair ---we will need LOTS of helpers. Each teacher has been assigned to be over finding volunteers for 1 game so if you can spare an hour or 2, please contact your child's teacher so they can put you down. You may also contact any of the carnival chairs.

Ticket Sales: Pre-sales will begin in front of the school before school on Wednesday, September 14 and continue each day through the morning of Monday, Sept. 19.

Silent Auction: We need baskets! If you have old baskets in your storage, please put them to good use and donate them to the carnival.

Business Sponsors: We'd like to encourage any parents who are business owners (or employees of a business) to consider supporting Orem Elementary. You can do this by:

1. donating an item from your inventory that might be used in the silent auction;
2. donating credit, coupons, or a special discount from your place of business, also to be used in the silent auction baskets;

To become a partnering business you may either write a note and return it through your student as your family's silent auction contribution OR call Toni Carlson at 801-222-0916 or any carnival co-chair or email us. Please include the name of the business and a phone number contact in any message.

Every business that helps us out in even the smallest way will be listed on our big "Business Partners" poster with major donors (\$100 or more) being listed first, will be listed in our October newsletter and listed on our PTA blog with a reciprocal link if applicable.

Being a contributor to the community is good business!

--PTA Carnival Co-Chairs
Bunney Schmidt, Carolyn Kuehne, Jennifer Card

If you are willing to volunteer for an hour at the school carnival, please send an email to Bunney at cpa@bbschmidt.com or call 801-362-5034. We need help serving food, at the bake sale, selling tickets before and after school as well as during the carnival. Also, check with your child's teacher. Each teacher needs volunteers to man their game stations.



OREM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / PTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL SIGN-UPS 2011-2012
BRING THIS SHEET ON SEPTEMBER 19 TO THE CARNIVAL- IT'S OUR LAST PRE-ORDER TIME THIS YEAR!

PARENT(S) NAME(S): _____

1ST CHILD'S NAME _____ M: ___ F: ___ TEACHER: _____ YEARBOOK: yes/no
 (circle one)
 2ND CHILD'S NAME _____ M: ___ F: ___ TEACHER: _____ YEARBOOK: yes/no
 (circle one)
 3RD CHILD'S NAME _____ M: ___ F: ___ TEACHER: _____ YEARBOOK: yes/no
 (circle one)

*PHONE NUMBER: _____ *E-MAIL: _____

*Required in case we have questions about your order.

ORDER FORM		PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (To be filled in by cashier)
T-shirts (*Order Only)	Youth S ___ M ___ L ___	\$8.00		\$	Circle One: Cash or Check Check # Date
	Adult S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$10.00		\$	
Hoodies (*Order Only)	Youth S ___ M ___ L ___	\$15.00		\$	
	Adult S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$15.00		\$	
Spirit Sleeves (while supplies last)		\$7.00		\$	
Yearbook (early bird price)		\$8.00		\$	
PTA Membership(s) [\$5 per adult]		\$5.00		\$	
PTA- OES Donation-100% of these proceeds will go to a much needed computer lab				\$	
GRAND TOTAL (Make Checks Payable to OES PTA)				\$	

*T-shirts & Hoodies are ORDER ONLY items and will be delivered to your child in their classroom in October. We will have shirts available to make sizing choices.

PTA SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: The OES PTA has many programs and activities to enhance your child's education, but are only possible because of the *tremendous* support of YOU, our parents.

Please check off the programs below that interest you! (Descriptions on back page)

<p>PTA BOARD</p> <p>___ Legislative VP</p> <p>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</p> <p>___ Carnival* (see Carnival table)</p> <p>___ Membership Committee</p> <p>___ Volunteer Coordinator</p> <p>___ Kindergarten Kleenex & Kookies</p> <p>___ Beautification Day (can be an Eagle Scout service project)</p> <p>___ Room Parent (Room Mom or Dad)</p> <p>TEACHER APPRECIATION</p> <p>___ Teacher's Birthday Recognition</p> <p>___ Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>___ Book Fair</p> <p>___ Lunch for teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>FAMILY LIFE</p> <p>___ Latino Representative</p> <p>___ Family Movie Night</p> <p>___ Family Month Fun Run/Walk</p> <p>___ Family Month Committee</p> <p>___ Grandparents' Lunch</p> <p>___ Dads & Donuts</p> <p>___ Moms & Muffins</p> <p>HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE</p> <p>___ Ribbon Week Committee</p> <p>___ Walk to School Day Committee</p> <p>___ N.O.V.A. Committee (6th graders)</p> <p>___ Field Day</p> <p>___ Vision Screening</p>	<p>INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>___ After School Programs</p> <p>___ 6th Grade Graduation</p> <p>___ Reflections Committee</p> <p>___ Storytelling Festival Assistant</p> <p>EDUCATION</p> <p>___ Home Reading Program (Book in the Bag)</p> <p>___ Orem Library PERC</p> <p>PUBLIC RELATIONS</p> <p>___ Yearbook Committee</p> <p>OR</p> <p>___ General Volunteer</p>
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If you have any questions or concerns, please call/text Karen Wynn (PTA President) at 801-372-8515 or email her at: wynnjk@gmail.com