



Orem Elementary

PTA Newsletter February 2012

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Here are the fun happenings at OES this month...



TARGET.

TARGET GRANT

Folks! As you all know, we have been truly blessed to have been awarded a \$100,000 grant provided by Target Corp.. At the heart of Target is education. Currently they are on track to give nearly \$1 billion back to education, and we are able to be a part of their generosity. This grant is awarded to us in no small part from our community and their willingness to bring attention to our great school and the amazing potential we have to be the cause of change in our community. We have a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community, so let us join together to pay forward this act of kindness. A special thanks to all those who have fought to make this happen!



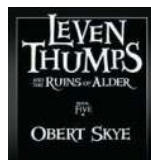
DADS AND DONUTS

Dad and Donuts will be on Thursday, February 9th at 7:30-8:00 AM and 6:00-6:30 PM. This is a great tradition that many look forward to and is a great way to spend some time with your students. If Dad can't make it, then send grandpa, mom, or another family member with some of your favorite books to read with your student.



BOOK SWAP

In conjunction with our evening Dads & Donuts we will be hosting our OES Book Swap on Thursday, February 9th from 6:00-6:30 PM. Bring books you have outgrown, no longer read or are tired of putting away. For every book you bring, you can take one home that someone has brought to "swap". This is a great and affordable way to refresh your library with new reads. We would love your whole family to come and participate. Remember, family friendly, gently used books only. All books remaining after the event will be given to charity.



OBERT SKYE

Ever hear of the *Leven Thumps* series? Well get those books gathered up and have another read because the author, Obert Skye, is coming to Orem Elementary! He has a new book coming out, and we get to be one of the first to hear from him and get his autograph. On February 29th at 9:30 we will have an assembly featuring Obert Skye and we invite you all to get excited!

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY (Early out every Monday)

SPIRIT DAY EVERY FRIDAY!

Feb 6 Storytelling Assembly

Feb 7 PTA mtg. 9:30 AM Room 209

Feb 9 Dad & Donuts

7:30-8:00 AM & 6:00-6:30 PM

Feb 9 Book Swap 6:00-6:30 PM

Feb 10 Kindergarten Registration Begins

Feb 13 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

Feb 20 President's Day- No School

Feb 22 Storytelling Judging in Classroom

Feb 24 Maturation- 5th Grade Only

Feb 27 Storytelling Assembly-Finalists

Feb 29 Obert Skye Assembly

MARCH (Early out every Monday)

SPIRIT DAY EVERY FRIDAY

March 2 2nd Trimester Ends

March 5 Spring Pictures

March 6 **PTA mtg. 9:30 AM Room 209**

March 8 Moms & Muffins & Book Swap

March 19 Family Skate Night at the
Classic Fun Center

March 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

March 29 P/T Conferences- Student Led



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can be found at:

oremelementarypta.blogspot.com

School Website:

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



LOST & FOUND

We still have many great items in our lost and found that we're sure you'll want to reclaim. Please stop by the Lost & Found closet to find your lost treasures.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

SPRIT SLEEVES

Now you can show your school spirit while keeping warm this winter—add spirit sleeves to your wardrobe and enjoy the fun and warmth. These spirit sleeves are fun for OES students as well as Lakeridge and Mountain View students—how cool is that?! Be sure to stop by the front office to purchase your sleeves now while supplies last! At only \$7 for the pair you can't go wrong. Pick up yours today!



FLEX

FLEX is Tuesday-Friday from 1:10-2:10. We need parent volunteers to help with different FLEX activities. You can choose to work with a small or large group of students. The possibilities are endless. Have a talent or hobby that you would like to share with the students? Maybe you could share a dance step or teach a foreign language to these clever kids. 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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Orem Elementary offers a great preschool four days a week (Tuesday-Friday) for AM and PM students. The curriculum follows the Utah Stake Core Guidelines. Registration for this preschool can be done online at alpineschools.org. Registration is \$50 and the monthly fee is \$145 due on the first of each month. (Reduced monthly tuition is available for qualifying participants.) If you have any questions please call Cristi Carter at 801-610-8541.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration begins Friday, Feb 10. Please be sure to register as soon as possible so that you can secure a spot for your kindergartener.



Please join us in our PTA meeting this Tuesday, February 7 at 9:30 am upstairs in room 209. If you have questions or would like to find a way to get involved please contact Karen Wynn at 801-372-8515 or email her at wynnjk@gmail.com.



STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

February 6th will be a Storytelling Assembly with Cherie Davis and Nannette Watts, professional story tellers and nationally selected youth storytellers from Utah. This half hour assembly begins at 12:00 PM with the lower grades and 12:35 PM for the upper grades. All parents are invited to attend to better assist your students in preparing their stories for our festival.

We will be offering storytelling during our flex time on Tuesdays Feb. 7, 14, and 21st. This will give anyone that wants to participate in the storytelling festival the opportunity to work on storytelling skills.

February 22nd will be the Storytelling Judging in classrooms. Students will be judged on length, (approximately 3 minutes), introduction, poise, vocal clarity, expression, eye contact, body language, familiarity with the story, gestures, and satisfying ending. We have had hundreds of students participate in the past. Stories can be from personal or family experiences, made up stories or a retelling of a written story. We love hearing and seeing the creativity of our OES students!

February 27th will be the assembly where the three finalists from the lower grades (K-3) and the 3 upper grade finalists (4-6) will tell their stories. From this group two finalists will be selected to go on to the district level.

We look forward to a fun Storytelling month!



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

A big THANK YOU to all you wonderful teachers, students, and parents who made the student-led conferences a success. It is wonderful to see so many who are willing to go the extra mile to build the culture here at Orem Elementary and your contributions do not go unnoticed. Teachers, thanks for all of your dedication and passion. Students, thank you for all your hard work and happiness. Parents, thank you for your support and devotion. All of us together make Orem Elementary GREAT!



JAZZ READ A THON

Jazz up your reading during the next month!!! Encourage your children to read and read and remember to RECORD your time in minutes. Then let your teacher know. Miss B will also be reading to students in the gym before school, so we can count those minutes too! The top ten schools in Utah will get a Jazz player to come read to them at an assembly and ice cream for everyone from Russell's Ice Cream. Schools 11-20 will receive an autographed basketball. We can do it!!!

JAZZ READ A THON READING PARTY

We are having a reading party for our Jazz "Be a Team Player" reading program. We need all the reading minutes we can get by February 22. So, we are having a Reading Party on Wednesday, February 1st from 2:30 to 3:00 for all AM students who would like to attend and from 3:30 to 4:00 for all PM students. You must have a note from your parent allowing you to stay after school and you will have to arrange for pick up at the appropriate times. Join us for a great Read In!