

# **Orem Elementary** PTA Newsletter March 2012

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## CALENDAR

**MARCH** (Early out every Monday) SPIRIT DAY EVERY FRIDAY March 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends

March 2 Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us by dressing as your favorite character! March 6 Spring Pictures

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

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Classic Fun Center 5:30-8:30 March 22 Community Input Mtg 6:00-7:00

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PM Kindergarten 11:45-1:45 March 29 P/T Conferences- Student Led March 29 Community Closet

**APRIL** (Early out every Monday) SPIRIT DAY EVERY FRIDAY **April 3 PTA mtg 9:30 AM Room 209** April 9-13Spring Break April 23-27 Teacher Appreciation Week

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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.

#### COMMUNITY INPUT MTG.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a meeting in the gym to inform parents about the new Utah Core.

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



# **MOMS & MUFFINS**

Come and have some yummy muffins and milk with your mom, grandma, aunt or dad. Our annual Moms & Muffins will be held on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in the gym. There are two times that day when you can come and join in the fun- 7:30-8 AM or 6:00-6:30 PM. Just pick which time works best for you and your schedule and remember to bring some books to read to each other. See you there!



# **BOOK SWAP**

In conjunction with our evening Moms & Muffins we will be hosting our OES Book Swap on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### **OES FAMILY SKATE NIGHT**

It was so much fun the first time we thought we should do it again! Please come to our OES skate night at the Classic Fun Center on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30. Free admission for you and your whole family! Skate Rental is \$1, Blades \$3 and scooters are \$3. You may bring your own skates, blades or scooters for free! They are offering us a \$2 dinner meal at the front window and the Bouncing and Space Station activities are available at \$2 per activity per hour. A flyer will be coming home soon with all the details. See you there!



#### PTA COMMUNITY CLOSET

We will be having our second ever Community Closet on March 29 during Parent Teacher Conferences.

How it works: from March 26th through the 28th, bring in your clean, gently used clothing your family has outgrown to the school. We will have a donation table at the south wall of our "Constitution Hallway" next to the music room (your kiddoes will be able to point it out to you). Then, while at the school during Parent Teacher Conferences, stop by the cafeteria to see if you can stock up on your family's clothing needs. You'll want to bring a bag or two to help carry out your haul. Thanks for your participation! It's a great way to get a start on your spring cleaning, a great way to pay it forward and a great way to stretch that budget a little more.



#### 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: <u>freckles110@hotmail.com</u> Phone: <u>801</u> <u>226-0474</u> We need your help.



#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

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



#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The SCC welcomes you to our monthly meeting. We will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 11:15 in room 209 to finalize our school improvement plan. We have an incredible community council. Visit the school website to learn more.



#### HOME READING

Home reading prize day will be March 22. Every student who brings back a signed book will get a prize. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who make the program run. We couldn't do it without you.



#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Our Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up! Although I'm sure we all take the time to show our appreciation to our faculty and staff on a regular basis, we have set aside April 23-27 as a special week to smother them with any act of kindness you and your kids would like to share. As a PTA we will be offering some fun ways to say thank you but we encourage you to brainstorm some ways with your kids. Have fun with it!



# STORYTELLING FESTIVAL WINNERS

A few very lucky Moms were able to assist Carolyn Blosil in judging our storytelling participants. We had a hard time narrowing down our talented tellers, but the grade level winners were:

Kindergarten- Gentry Bradford

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Garrett Whimpey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Eliza Freestone
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Brooke Nielsen
- 4<sup>th</sup><sub>th</sub> Grade- Reese Conrad
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Morgan Wilcock
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Koby Conrad

These talented children performed at the assembly on Monday, February 27, and although it was difficult to choose who would go on to represent the school at the district level, our judges chose Eliza Freestone & Reese Conrad! Congratulations to them and to all who participated and many thanks to Carolyn Blosil and Lori Sanders and the other parents who assisted. We had over 100 participants in our festival this year and you all did a wonderful job!



Wow! We are still just jumping up and down about our \$100,000.00 grant for the school! We know a lot of you are too and so we would like to share the address for Target (they provided the \$100,00.00 grant- AMAZING!) and the address for Ellen (the grant was announced on her show) so that you can send off a thank you.

Target 175 West Center Street Orem, UT 84057

The Ellen DeGeneres Show Telepictures Productions 3000 West Alameda Avenue Suite 2700 Burbank, CA 91523



#### ΡΤΑ

Please join us at our PTA meeting this **Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 am upstairs in room 209.** OES PTA is a wonderful way to get involved in the school. Not only does it benefit our wonderful staff, students and community but it's also a great way to get involved with other parents and gain valuable leadership skills. 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. Everyone is welcome!