



Orem Elementary

PTA Newsletter May 2013

Orem Elementary School - 450 W. 400 S. Orem UT 84058 - 801-227-8727

CALENDAR

MAY (Early out every Monday)

- 4 OES Beautification Day
- 7 PTA Meeting/Brunch @ 9:30am
- 14 SCC 10:45am
- 27 Memorial Day—No School
- 28 Field Day—PM Common Day
- 29 6th Grade Graduation
- 30 Last Day of School



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OES Newsletter & lunch menu can be found at:

oremelementarypta.blogspot.com

School Website:

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

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)

SCC meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:45 am. Please contact Angela Seegmiller (801) 802-9513 or angela.seegmiller@gmail.com with questions.

PTA CLOSING MEETING AND BRUNCH!

Our PTA President wants to let you know how much she appreciates all you've done this year with some yummy food and a little gift, as well as discuss end-of-year items, and officially nominate and welcome next year's PTA Board.

We also have all kinds of fun volunteer opportunities available for next year! Please contact Amy Chariton at amychariton@hotmail.com or [801-472-1921](tel:801-472-1921) and we'll find a great fit for you!



Thank you so much for all the support and trust you have given Orem Elementary this year. It has been a wonderful year full of many fond memories. We are especially grateful for our PTA President, Amy Chariton, and for her enthusiasm in bringing Watch DOGS to OES. Thank you to the dads for volunteering at OES. Your presence makes a difference each day. We also appreciate Angela Seegmiller and her dedication in improving student achievement at OES, as she serves as the SCC chair.

We are looking forward to the exciting things happening during May. Watch for information coming home the last week of school as we prepare for next year. We are looking forward to next year already!

Rachelle Bolingbroke
Principal

Message from the PTA PRESIDENT:

What a wonderful year this has been! I truly can't believe it's nearly over!! I am SO very grateful to all of the fantastic PTA members and parents that we have! You have done so much all throughout the year to be involved at OES! Without fail, anytime something needed to be done, one (or more!) of you amazing parents would step up and serve! Thank you sooo much! It's truly because of you that we have such a great school! Your involvement is paramount!

We also are so blessed to have the teachers and staff that we do!! They do way more than we know so that our children can have the best educational experience possible. Thank you SO much teachers!!

I have loved interacting with many of your awesome children throughout the school year! They are AMAZING kids!!! I am thrilled to announce that Melanie Holdaway will be the new PTA President. I am confident that she will do a FABULOUS job! Thank you Melanie!!

I hope you each have a SUPER, FUN, and ENJOYABLE summer! See you all next year!

~Amy Chariton
PTA President 2012-13

HOME READING

Thank you for another great year in home reading! We will begin to collect the books on May 10. Every student who returns a book will get a prize and the first class to get all of their books turned in will win a pizza party. Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who have come each week to change out the books. The program could not run without you!

SUMMER PROGRAM (GIFTED SERVICES)

Attached is the flier for the summer program offered through gifted services for all elementary aged students. The program is July 8-19th at Segó Lily Elementary. There is a \$125.00 fee.

UTAH FOSTER CARE MARCH FOR KIDS

On Wednesday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 8th, Utah Foster Care is hosting a "March for Kids". May 1st will be a walk from Provo Library to City Center and May 8th will be a chance to talk to Foster/Adoptive Parents about their experiences. See attached flier for more details.

WEEKLY EMAILS & MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

We hope you are all receiving the Weekly Emails that give details and reminders about the events for the upcoming week. If you know of any friends, neighbors, etc. that should be receiving the Weekly Emails and Newsletter that aren't, please have them contact the front office at: 801-227-8727. You can also go to Skyward and update your email information thru your student's ID. Here is the link: **Skyward** (If you don't know your student's Login ID, please contact the front office).

**If you are not planning on returning to Orem Elementary next year (moving over the summer etc.) please let the front office know ASAP.

Also, if you have new neighbors move into the neighborhood over the summer, please have them contact the Front Office. (801) 227-8727. Thank you!!!

Message from the Principal:

This year has been fabulous! Thank you for your trust and support in Orem Elementary. As the weather gets warmer it seems that there are always a couple of issues that I see cropping up. This is just a reminder about the policies at Orem Elementary School (OES).

Review the dress code for OES. Tank tops and short shorts are inappropriate for school attire, as are flip-flops. Shoes should be conducive to playing outside. Also, extreme haircuts should be done during the summer time. I see a tendency for boys to cut their hair into mohawks (shaved on the sides and spiked in the center and back). I know that the fauxhawk hairstyle is popular right now and that is fine as long as hair is left on the sides and not shaved. Also, dying the hair with extreme coloring should not happen until summertime.

Items brought from home should be educationally oriented. I have asked that students not bring electronic games or other equipment from home because they can be a distraction to students and there is a chance they might be taken or lost. Also, some parents have asked about baseball bats or lacrosse sticks. I would ask that your student leave those at home as well. I know they are fun, but with many students on our playground it is inevitable someone will be hit. The only exception would be in the case of a teacher organizing a game and supervising the use of that equipment.

Baseballs are not to be used at school. Occasionally students will come and tell the office that their ball or shoe found their way to the roof and would like our custodian to retrieve it. Mr. Vera will go up once a week to get any stray equipment, usually on Fridays.

If your student rides a scooter to school instruct them to fold it up and take it with them to class. Folding the scooter helps keep our hallways and classrooms safer as well as prevents trip hazards. It is difficult to lock them to the bike rack and that way they will be safe. If your student rides a bike to school please instruct them to lock it up before coming into the school.

Rachelle Bolingbroke
Principal

WATCH D.O.G.S.

It's not too late to come volunteer!!! OES loves having our dads and father figures come to the school to volunteer. We only have one month left but there are many days available for WatchD.O.G.S. If you want to sign up, send an email to: oeswatchdog@gmail.com. If you just want to show up, please come to the front office and let us know you are here to volunteer with the WatchD.O.G.S. You can come for all day, part of the day or just an hour or two. We'd love to have you come be part of OES for the day!

SUMMER LIBRARY

Our OES library will be open this summer! Come in and find some great books to read. Summer library hours will be Tuesdays from 10-noon. We will be open on the following dates:

Tuesdays: June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2, July 9.

See you this summer. READ, READ, READ!

FROM THE OES TEAM:

THANK YOU PTA for the most outrageous Teacher Appreciation Week! The red carpet was rolled out for us and we are extremely grateful to all the parents who decorated doors, brought in food, gave massages, painted nails, provided chocolate, watched classes, and many more creative and fun activities. As OES teachers and team members, we thank you for ALL you do for us!!!

PTA CARNIVAL

Save the Date for the September PTA Carnival!! The carnival in September will be super amazing fun-- see you there!! ☺

OES HAS GOT TALENT

We have had preliminary talent shows the last couple of weeks during flex time for students to be able to share their talents. Students who came to watch got to vote for their favorite act, and Student Council rated all the acts. We have one more preliminary show this week, Friday, 5/3. We will then be announcing next week which acts will be performing in a final talent show on Friday, 5/24 during an assembly at flex time that will go from 1:10 until probably 2:10.

Parents and friends are all invited to come watch. Then we will let the entire school vote on their favorite acts and announce the OES Has Got Talent winners within a couple of days! Thanks to all the students who participated -- we have some pretty amazing talent at Orem Elementary!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Student Council sponsored Change for Change charity fundraiser drive the week before spring break! The money donated was given to the Campbell family (that lives in our neighborhood) who has three children fighting the genetic disease MLD. The children have been undergoing extensive chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants to help replace the diseased cells in their bodies that are causing regression in many of their physical and mental abilities. We wish them well in their fight.

We celebrated the classes that led in donations by having the leading upper grade and lower grade teachers, Mr. Hodson and Mrs. Williams, students' spray them with silly string at an assembly last Monday, 4/23. It was a blast, literally, as the teachers got blasted with string by all their students taking turns spraying them. What good sports they were. Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Anderson were the second place winners, and those classes got treats to thank them. As a school we more than reached our \$1000 goal by collecting over \$2200. To reward all the students for their achievement, Miss Bolingbroke and Mrs. Stewart threw candy off the roof to all the classes as they came out to recess on Friday, 4/26. It is really awesome to have such giving families and students who want to show how much they care here at OES!