



# Orem Elementary

## PTA Newsletter December 2009

### CALENDAR

#### December

- 1 PTA Meeting 9:30-10:30 Rm 206
- 7 Cookie Dough ready to pick up in the gym 1:00-5:00 pm
- 7 After School Programs assembly 12:30 pm in the gym
- 10 After School Programs Parent Showcase 6:00-7:00 pm
- 15 Christmas Assembly at 10:00 am Steve James to perform
- 18 Spirit day
- 22 Common Day 8:00 am to 2:15 pm

**Christmas Break is Dec 23 to Jan 1**



#### January

- 5 PTA Meeting 9:30-10:30 Rm 206
- 18 No School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Open Enrollment for After School Programs 2:15 & 3:30 pm
- 29 Spirit Day



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### PRICIPAL'S MESSAGE

I truly feel blessed to be here at Orem Elementary. Parents are amazing. Thank you for continually supporting OES and always having a smile. Our students are astonishing and full of energy! I enjoy being around them every day. We have remarkable teachers who are dedicated in providing your child with the BEST education.

Thank you for supporting our school activities, including our Steve James Concert, Cookie Dough Fundraiser, Food Drive and all the fun family activities from the PTA this last month. The movie night was a HUGE success! Family support makes a difference in your child's education. Thank you!

Our school is participating once again in Ken Garff's "Road To Success" Reading Program. Each student is required to read 20 minutes a day, five times week. Many businesses, including Ken Garff, have donated free kid's meals and items to reward the children for their reading throughout the year. Wal-Mart has also donated four bikes to reward students for their reading. We appreciate all the business' that donate, especially Ken Garff.

Christmas and the holidays are a fantastic time to serve others. We appreciate all the food that was brought in during the student council's food drive. The food collected was given to families from our school. It was a wonderful experience! In December, students can bring "Quarters for Christmas" as we raise money with KSL to provide shoes for children. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy making memories with your family! Merry Christmas!

--Rachelle Bolingbroke, Principal, Orem Elementary

### Group Christmas Gifts

The past couple of years the PTA has helped put together a group gift for each of the teachers. This has been a great success in years past. Instead of the teachers receiving numerous small gifts we accept donations and purchase gift cards for each teacher. Just a couple of dollars from each child adds up to a significant gift when added together. We have been able to purchase gift cards to favorite restaurants or stores for each teacher.

Cards will be made by the student council for each teacher and staff member and the students are able to sign them during lunch.

Watch for a flyer coming home that you can use for your donation slip. Simply fill it out and put it in a sealed envelope and return it to the ladies in the office.

If you would like to be involved in this effort or have any questions, call Toni Carlson 801-222-0916. We hope this makes your holiday season a little less stressful.

--Toni Carlson, PTA President





## COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS

We are very grateful for your support with our cookie dough fundraiser! The money we earned will be used to purchase computers for our school. THANK YOU!

Cookie Dough will be delivered **Monday, December 7, 2009**. You may pick up your child's orders between **1:00-5:00pm**, in the gym. Remember the cookie dough is frozen and will need to be picked up on Monday!

## CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Steve James will be here for a Christmas Assembly with our school, Tuesday, December 15, at 10:00am. We are so excited to have him back! Parents are invited to come. He will have his CD's available at a discounted price for our school.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

Tuesday, December 22, 2009 will be a COMMON DAY. This means ALL students will come to school from 8:00am to 2:15pm. Christmas break will be December 23 to January 1. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

School t-shirts or a hoodie would make a great Christmas present. Hoodies are \$15, baseball or grey ringer shirts are \$8 for child and \$10 for adult sizes. We are using the same shirt and hoodie next year. Call Toni Carlson 222-0916 to purchase. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after school programs will perform at an assembly on Monday Dec 7th from 12:30-1:15. The Parent showcase will be Thursday Dec 10th from 6:00 - 7:00 in the gym. After Dec 10 the first session of the after school programs will be done. Another session will start the end of January. Watch for a flyer coming home the first part of January.

## PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents and Friends,

We have just completed family month which was a huge success at OES. We had the family fun run on the 7th of November which was a great success. Thank you to all of the volunteers and those that participated. The fun run is a great family activity that teaches our children that they can make a difference in the lives of others. We had our family skate night at Classic Skate which is always fun. We tried something new this year and had a family movie night in the gym. We had a great turnout and watched "UP" and had free pizza. We had our grandparent's lunch for two days where grandparents were able to come eat lunch with their grandchildren and have their pictures taken. We had many other family activities that took place at home or at other schools. Overall, this was a great month about caring and family which is perfect timing as we get ready for the holidays.

November was also reflections month and the awards night was held on November 11th. Congratulations to all of our participants who made judging very difficult.

I had several parents come up to me at the movie night and ask why we were not charging for the pizza and movie. I was able to explain that all of the activities that the PTA is able to offer are because of your support. Your PTA membership dues and mostly your support of the carnival in the beginning of the school year supports and funds all of the great PTA programs for the year. So, thank you for your support and the many of you that volunteer and help make these activities possible. There are many of you that volunteer in the classrooms and spend countless hours helping put on these activities. So in this season of gratitude I want to thank everyone including our teachers and faculty at OES. We are blessed with a great school for our children. I hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

--Toni Carlson, PTA President

## FAMILY FUN RUN SUCCESS

The Family Fun Run/Walk on November 7 was a successful family activity! A big thanks to all who participated. The following schools; Mt. View High School, Lakeridge Jr. High, and Orem Elementary Schools partnered with Make- A-Wish Foundation of Utah for Caleb Moody. It was a beautiful day for a run and families had a wonderful time exercising and being together. There were prizes and plenty of healthy food at the end. Participants chose between a 1 mile and 5K run.

Winners of the 1 mile are: Brigham Bateman, Cameron Jolly, Savannah Stay, Mati Bateman.

Winners of the 5K are: Travis Taylor, Logan Lewis, MaryAnn Schauerhamer, Erick Pence, Brandon Hoffmann, Heather Brown, Robert Tanner.

Contributing businesses are: Harmons, Great Harvest, Buy Low, Stone Drugs, Old Spaghetti Factory, Costco, G4G, The Quarry, Staples, Runner's Corner, Coney's, Missionary Mall, Fat Cats, Costa Vida, Brick Oven, Rumbi Island Grill, Sensuous Sandwich, Chick-fil-A, Pretzel Maker, Pebbles In My Pocket, Ernie's, Trafalga, Miracle Bowl, Nickelcade, Wilkinson Printing, Minor Music, Mark Leck, Karyn Clement. Thank you so much for your contributions!

Family Fun Run Committee: Adria Howse, Emily Baird, Tracey Smithee, Marianne Bingham, Caroline McCarty, Kathy Russell, Bonnie Nielsen, Katie Williams, Debbie Wawro, Melissa Clayton, Lori Atoa, Angela Seegmiller, Carol Jean Bishop.

Thank you for your time and energy!

-- Angela Seegmiller, Family Life Commissioner

