



Orem Elementary

PTA Newsletter October 2009

CALENDAR

October

- 5 NO SCHOOL
– Teacher Development Day
- 6 PTA Meeting 9:30-10:30 Rm206
- 7 Walk to School Day
- 7&8 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12-14 Red/Purple Ribbon Week
- 12 “Living Drug Free is No Sweat”
*Wear sweats for a treat
- 13 Steve James Assembly at OES &
Parent Showcase at 7pm MVHS
*Wear purple or red for a treat
- 14 Picture Make-Up Day
- 14 “Give Drugs The Slip!”
*Wear slippers for a treat
- 15 & 16 NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
- 30 Spirit Day – wear school colors

November

Family Month

- 2 Family Dance 7:00-8:00 pm
MVHS Commons – Free
- 7 Family Fun Run
9:00 Registration, 10:00 Start
- 9 Family Skate Night 5-8:30
Classic Skating - Free
- 19 or 20 Grandparent Lunch
- 19,20, 21, 23 Guys & Dolls
Production 7:00 pm each night
MVHS Auditorium



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

Also check out the PTA blog at:
oremelementary.blogspot.com.

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Thank you for supporting the carnival in September. A BIG, GIGANTIC **“THANK YOU”** goes to our PTA and all the volunteers who helped put on the BEST carnival ever! They are amazing! Your support is invaluable!

Orem Elementary has been chosen to be the “model school” for Steve James’ concert, on October 13, 2009, during the State’s Safe and Free Drug Conference. This is a great honor for our school. At the concert, there will be in attendance National and State representatives as well as local leaders. The media will also be present, so please be sure to sign and return the media release form your child will bring home the first week in October. Steve James will be at our school early in the day (Oct. 13th) for an assembly. The evening concert will be at our own Mountain View High School at 7:00pm. We are honored to be chosen as the “model school,” and hope you will be able to attend this extraordinary family concert.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on October 7th and 8th. Both of those days will be “common days” which means ALL students will come to school from 8:00am - 2:15pm. The teachers will be available anytime between 3:15–7:15pm Wednesday and Thursday. The Book Fair will also be the same week, beginning Tuesday and ending Thursday evening.

Remember to invite your children to walk to school on Wednesday (Oct. 7th) as part of our school’s “Walk to School Day.”

Enjoy the colors of Fall!

--Rachelle Bolingbroke, Principal

OREM ELEMENTARY’S PROACTIVE MEASURES FOR H1N1

We want to make parents aware of what we, at Orem Elementary, are doing to prevent H1N1 (Swine Flu) at our school. Parents, please remember to keep children home when they are sick.

Proactive measures for H1N1:

- Use hand sanitizer.
- Wipe down desks weekly.
- Sanitize doorknobs, drinking fountains, phones, restrooms, and lunchroom tables daily.
- Sanitize playground equipment occasionally.
- Teachers review with their students about washing hands, etc.

NEW SIDEWALK AT OES

This summer the district put in a new sidewalk on the North side of the school from East of the soccer field to 400 West. We are grateful for this new sidewalk as it provides a safer route for children exiting the school on the East side. Please remind your child(ren) to **NOT** cross through the parking lot, but instead use the new sidewalk. Their safety is our priority and we would appreciate your help in this matter.

GREEN RIBBON WEEK & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Did you know that on average in Utah, 40 pedestrians are killed and more than 1,000 are injured in pedestrian/motor vehicle crashes each year? And 1/3 of all pedestrians injured or killed in Utah are under the age of 15. The purpose of Green Ribbon Week is to promote pedestrian safety awareness and education. The green ribbons remind drivers to slow down in residential areas and around schools.

Watch for a green flier coming home this week. We're having an essay/drawing contest where students will answer the question "What Does Safety Mean to Me?" Each child who participates in the contest will receive a prize. Entries will be due October 8th and the winners will be announced on the 9th.

Walk to School Day will be on October 7th which will be a common day so all students will start school at 8:00. Walk to School Day activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., so please try to arrive early so you can be part of the fun. Mayor Washburn, JoDee Sundberg-Alpine School Board member, UVU Cheerleaders, and Scera's Spot the Dog will be there. Children who walk to school will be given green ribbons to tie anywhere (hair, backpack, shoes, bicycle, scooter, etc.) to show that they will pledge to be safe pedestrians and also to wear seatbelts. Parents will also receive green ribbons to tie on their car antennae to show that they will pledge to drive slowly in residential neighborhoods and around schools.

We hope everyone will be involved to help make this a great Green Ribbon Week!

--Katie Sundberg



PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents and friends.

We have had another successful school carnival which funds all the great programs that the PTA does for the rest of the year. I wanted to thank our carnival committee and their families for all the work they put into the carnival. I also wanted to thank our wonderful teachers and Principal for supporting the PTA and for all the help that they provided. Last but not least I wanted to thank all of the families that came to support the carnival. We have a great community of families and a wonderful faculty that help make OES the best!

We are so excited about the Steve James assembly and family concert which will be part of our Red/Purple ribbon week. Our school has been chosen out of the whole state and your kids have been working hard on their songs. The family concert has been moved to Mountain View High School the night of the 13th at 7:00. So mark your calendars and join us for a very special evening.

I wanted to encourage everyone to come to Parent/Teacher night on the 7th and 8th of Oct. Our teachers spend the majority of the day with our children and it is a great time to check on their progress and be supportive.

Our next PTA meeting is October 6th at 9:30 in room 206. Anyone is welcome to come and share ideas. We have many fun events upcoming like walk to school day, Red/Purple Ribbon Week, and family month in November. Be watching for more information on all these events.

Toni Carlson, PTA President

OREM ELEMENTARY FALL BYU BOOK FAIR October 6th - 8th

The Orem Elementary Fall BYU Book Fair will be open beginning Tuesday, October 6th, from 11:00am-4:00pm. On Wednesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 8th, the Book Fair will be open from 11:00am-7:30pm. We hope that you will take this opportunity to buy some great books and support the Orem Elementary Media Center.



RED/PURPLE RIBBON WEEK

Red stands for Anti-Drug and Purple for Anti Violence. Our Red/Purple ribbon week will be Oct. 12th, 13th, & 14th.

Monday the 12th:

"Living drug free is no sweat" Wear sweats or a hoodie get a treat.

We will be asking the kids to pledge to be drug and violence free. They will sign the pledge banner at lunch and get their red ribbon.

Tuesday Oct 13th:

Steve James Assembly and family concert that night 7:00 MVHS

Wear Red or Purple and get a treat

Lunch time activities

Wednesday Oct 14th:

"Be smart give drugs the slip"

Wear slippers to school get a treat

Lunchtime activities

Watch for more information coming home with your student on the Red Ribbon Week essay contest.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE SCC?

The School Community Council has been reviewing our academic test scores from last spring. We will soon be making available a Stakeholders Report on our findings. We have also determined to create a vision for what we, as a community, would like our school to be. We invite you to participate in the discussion by attending our next meeting October 20 at 11:15 in Room 206 –or by contacting a member of the council. Inquire at the front office. Look for our agendas that should be posted a full day before our meeting on the main school doors.

In accordance with Utah law, we would like to announce the dates of the remainder of our meetings this year. These are all public meetings and anyone is welcome. Please contact the Chair, Ada Wilson 224-1521 or Principal Bolingbroke if you would like to bring up a concern. Our meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month:

October 20
February 16
November 17
March 16
December 15
April 20
January 19
May 18

We would also like to let you know that, regrettably, Shari Gingras has resigned from the Council. During our September 29th meeting, the parent members of the Council unanimously appointed OES parent Tim Stay to fill the vacancy. We welcome Tim and his enthusiasm for school improvement.

--Ada Wilson, SCC Chair

BOX TOPS

Just a reminder! We will collect box tops in October. Start saving them now. Thanks to all the parents for their support of OES.

--Vicki Wiesenberg



NOVEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

PLAN AHEAD AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Family Activities this year are:

Family Dance

Monday, November 2nd - 7:00-8:00 pm

MVHS Commons - FREE

Ballroom Dance Teams will perform

We will be entertained by Ballroom Dance Teams followed by instruction in Ballroom Dancing. Refreshments following. Don't miss this evening of relaxing fun together!



Family Fun Run

Saturday, November 7th - Orem Elementary (400 West 400 South)

9:00 Registration, Warm up, Meet Make-A-Wish child, 10:00 Run Begins

This 5k or 1 Mile event will raise money for the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation and bring families together for healthy exercise. Help us grant a wish by registering and participating in this event. All Family Members Welcome (strollers, etc. accepted)

Registration is **\$5.00/person on or before October 29th. This includes a T-shirt. After this date the cost is \$7.00 and does not include a T-shirt.** Please return the registration form with payment to the office. **Checks can be made out to Orem Elementary.** Contributions may be made in addition to the registration fee. There will be prizes as well as healthy snacks served. You will also be able to meet the Make-A-Wish child and run with your principal. If you have any questions, please call 801-229-2237.

Family Skate Night

Monday, November 9. 5:00-8:30 - Classic Skating, FREE

Grandparent Lunch

November 19 or 20

Family Entertainment

Guys & Dolls Production, November 19,20, 21, 23 - 7:00 pm

MVHS Auditorium - \$5.00 advance tickets/\$7.00 at door

Visit: myshcoolfees.com. Groups of 10 call 801-796-0858.

Make Eating Dinner Together a Priority

The Month of November is Utah Family Month. Make your family count!

--Angela Seegmiller, Family Life Commissioner

PTA BLOG

Our PTA thinks it is important to be able to communicate quickly with the families at OES. Visit our blog <http://oremelementary.blogspot.com> and you can quickly be updated about PTA school functions, see which areas you can help, leave feedback and find important links to our newsletters and school calendars. Please bookmark and follow our blog regularly to see how easy it is to stay in the "know"!

PRINTER INK

OES has its very own ink store. Visit this site for more info on the October special. <http://oeskids.ptaink.com/PI1/Store36/?DOMID=196>

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