



# Orem Elementary

## PTA Newsletter February 2013

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

### CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY (Early out every Monday)

- 4 Storytelling Intro Assembly
- 4 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
- 5 PTA Meeting @ 9:30am in Faculty Room
- 7 Dads & Donuts and Book Swap
- 12 SCC 10:45am
- 14 Valentine's Day ♥♥♥
- 18 President's Day—**NO School**
- 19-22 White Ribbon Week
- 20 Storytelling—Judging in classrooms
- 25 Storytelling Assembly—Finalists

#### MARCH (Early out every Monday)

- 4 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
- 5 Spring Pictures
- 5 PTA Meeting @ 9:30am; Faculty Room
- 7 Moms & Muffins & Book Swap
- 12 SCC 10:45am
- 19 Family Skate Night 5:30 – 8:30pm



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OES Newsletter & lunch menu can be found at:

[oremelementarypta.blogspot.com](http://oremelementarypta.blogspot.com)

#### School Website:

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

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please call or text Amy Chariton at 801-472-1921 or send an email to [amychariton@hotmail.com](mailto:amychariton@hotmail.com) if you're interested and we'll find the perfect fit for you!

#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)

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

#### WHITE RIBBON WEEK

The week of February 19-22 is White Ribbon week, this is the first year at Orem Elementary that we will be having White Ribbon week. We are encouraging the children to have positive media choices in life and to understand that they have the POWER to make these choices. Each day we will have a "Power Boost" saying to teach the children about positive media choices:

- 1- I will not view, post, or pass along embarrassing or negative information anytime, anywhere.
- 2- I will tell a trusted adult if anything makes me feel uncomfortable or confused.
- 3- I will keep my personal information and passwords personal. I will only share them with a parent.
- 4- I will use technology to connect my real-life friends, NOT to meet strangers. People online are not always who they say they are.

We will also have different activities to help the children understand the importance of positive media choices. More information will be sent out next week.

#### DADS & DONUTS AND BOOK SWAP

We are having our annual Dads & Donuts and Book Swap on the 7<sup>th</sup>. There are two times you can come: 7:30am -8:00am & 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Come read with your favorite guy and eat donuts! Book Swap in evening only--Bring the books you no longer want and exchange them for some "new" books.

#### WATCHD.O.G.S.

The WatchDOGS calendar will be up for dads to sign up to be a Watchdog at the Dads & Donuts on February 7<sup>th</sup>. *We can have more than one dad signed up each day.* We love your support and the kids love having you there!!! For more information about the Watch D.O.G.S. program, here go to: **Watch D.O.G.S. Program**

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration will be on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Come in any time between 8am and 3:30pm to register. A table will be set up in hallway in front of the Front Office. To register, you will need to bring a copy of your Kindergartner's Birth Certificate and a copy of your Kindergartner's current immunization record. If you have any questions, please contact the front office (801-227-8727). Please let friends and neighbors know, especially those who will have a kindergartener this next year.

#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (ASP)

After School Programs start the first week of February. Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up. A table will be set up outside the gym for signups right after school. Because it's a Minimal day, After School Programs will start right after the Minimal Day release time (12:30 and 1:45).

## **STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**

This year the students of Orem Elementary will once again have the opportunity to participate in the Storytelling Festival. This is a chance for any student in Kindergarten-6th grade to participate in sharing a story. If your child would like to participate, he/she can sign up in class between February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The student will first need to find a story, preferably one that isn't as well known. A published book, an original story or even a true experience can be used. The student should then memorize it and practice, practice, practice!

Students will be presenting their stories in their classroom on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be judges in each class. A finalist from each grade will be chosen and will then tell their stories in an assembly for the school to be held on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

From these finalists, two over-all school winners will also be chosen — one for the lower grades (Kindergarten-3rd) and one for the upper grades (4th-6<sup>th</sup> grade). These two students will go to the District Storytelling Festival for a chance to participate in the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival.

Whether your child plans to participate or not, we need volunteers to help judge on Feb. 20. If you're available please contact Gina Brooks at [ginabrooks4@gmail.com](mailto:ginabrooks4@gmail.com) or 801-318-4006. Thank you!

## **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).

## **LOST & FOUND**

Don't forget to check the **Lost and Found** tables in front of the main office or the closet.

## **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

Beautification Day will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who would like to head this up (Boy Scout Project, etc.), please have them contact Rachele Bolingbroke at [rbolingbroke@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:rbolingbroke@alpinedistrict.org).