

OREM
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL



OES

OCTOBER 2014

Calendar

OCTOBER

- 16-20** Fall Break
- 21** SCC Meeting, 10:45 a.m.
- 21-24** Box Tops for Education Drive
- 24** Cookie-Dough Fundraiser ends
Reflections entries due
- 27** Early-Out Monday
 - 1:15 p.m. Early Birds
 - 2:30 p.m. Later Gators
- 28** Picture Retakes
- 31** Halloween Parade, 1:30 p.m.
(No after-school programs)

Best of OES Our second-grade team, Ms. Cram, Miss Funk, Mrs. Giles,

and Mrs. Gregory are the Best of OES this month. They focus on four things: Devotion, Sharing, Fun, and Trust. They don't give up on any student, they share time and materials, they have fun together, and they trust each other, asking for and offering feedback. You are the Best of OES!



The OES Fall Carnival made quite a splash with kids and parents Sept. 22. [More photos.](#)

More Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 3** Early-Out Monday
- 4** Election Day - Please vote!
- 5** PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 5-6** 5th-Grade Girls to Clear Creek
- 6-7** 5th-Grade Boys to Clear Creek
- 6** *Reflections* Awards, 6 p.m.
- 10** Early-Out Monday
- 13-14** Grandparents Lunch Day
- 17** Early-Out Monday
- 18** SCC Meeting, 10:45 a.m.
- 20** Family Movie Night, 6 p.m.
- 24** Early-Out Monday
- 26-28** Thanksgiving Break

Halloween Parade

Always a "monstrous" success for OES students, teachers, and staff is the annual Halloween parade, set for Friday, Oct. 31, at 1:30 p.m.

Come and see the OES Cub "boos, ghouls, and screechers" in the parade, and don't be too "scared" to dress up for the spooky event yourself!

And remember, there will be no after-school programs held that day.

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PTA Mission Statement

The PTA at Orem Elementary School will help every child realize his/her full potential and will:

- Advocate** - Support and speak on behalf of children and youth.
- Involve** - Encourage positive involvement in all facets of a child's life.
- Develop** - Assist in developing skills to raise and protect children and youth.

Miss B's Monthly Minute

Gossip



When we're having a problem with someone and we don't know how to heal the problem, it can be a good idea to talk with a person we trust, like a parent, counselor, or faith leader.

But what's the difference between sharing our private feelings in order to heal a bad situation and gossiping?

Gossiping means saying ugly or mean things about someone behind his or her back or talking about someone else's business.

Sometimes when we gossip, we think we make ourselves look better by making others look bad, but that's not true.

Now listen to what the Greeks say: "When one is not good himself, he likes to talk of what is wrong with others."

Eleanor Roosevelt is known for saying, "Small minds talk about other people, average minds talk about events, and great minds talk about ideas."

Remember this: You and your time are much too precious to spend gossiping. Do the right thing and spend your time thinking about what's good about you and those around you.

Make it a great day—or not.
The choice is yours.



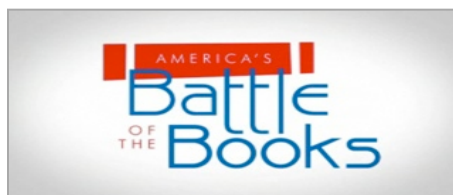
OES held an evacuation drill Sept. 19. The event was very successful. [Photos.](#)

Battle of the Books

Parents frequently ask what OES is doing to help kids who are already succeeding and can handle more of a challenge. So PTA and OES are supporting Battle of the Books to provide reading opportunities for third- through sixth-graders to strengthen their reading skills.

Students can listen to these books on CD or have someone read to them. Teams of four students divide up the reading list, and Mrs. Tanner will give prizes for reading these books.

The competition will be in March next year. Participants will respond to questions about an event and tell which book it came from. Even if your student is undecided about competition, the books range from classics to fresh, new favorites, so check out the list [here](#).



Watch D.O.G.S.

Thanks to all of you dads who have signed up to be a Watch Dog! Watch D.O.G.S. stands for Dads of Great Students. Dads (or grandpas) can come to the school for as little as an hour or an entire school day. However long you can get away, we'll take you!

A lot of dads like to come on their students' birthdays. If you haven't signed up, just come to the front office any time and tell them you're there to be a Watch D.O.G. They will give you a T-shirt to wear for the day, and your student will wear a special Watch D.O.G. shirts, too.

You can spend your time at the school helping in your students' classrooms, eating lunch with students, playing with them at recess, patrolling the halls, or whatever sounds fun to you! Students love it, teachers love it, Dads love it. Come see for yourself!

Please send an e-mail to Julie Taggart at julie.taggart@gmail.com if you have questions.