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OES

DECEMBER 2014

Calendar

DECEMBER

- 15** Holiday Concert for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, 9:30 a.m.
Early-Out Monday
- 16** After-School Programs Assembly, 12:30 p.m.
- 19** A.M. Common Day
Christmas Sing-Along, 1:30 p.m.
- 22** Christmas Break (through Jan. 4)

JANUARY

- 5** School Back in Session
Early-Out Monday
- 7** PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m
- 19** Civil Rights Day (No School)
- 29** Parent-Teacher Conferences

Best of OES

First-grade team, you are first rate! Jeany Vitters, Jen- nie Griffith, and

Becky Conover are dedicated to helping ALL students master essential standards. They assess students' writing skills monthly, and they collaborate on student achievement. You are the best!



OES fifth-grade boys had a ball at Clear Creek Nov. 5-7. See more photos [here](#).

The girls enjoyed "camping out" for Movie Night at Clear Creek.



From PTA President Jill Judd

At this time of year we think about what our children want and what they need. The gifts we give to satisfy their wants don't always last very long, but there are some gifts that keep on giving: our love, our time, a sense of right and wrong, health and safety, and a good education.

I salute our teachers and OES team who give so much to educate our children! And yet, we parents and guardians have a unique opportunity: we can spend one-on-one time with our kids as consistently as we can, to listen, to read, to help them progress. Make sure that reading happens this holiday season—it's one of the gifts that keeps on giving!

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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



Have you ever heard anyone say . . . "The best things in life are free."?

It's true, you know. The most precious gift we can give is our love. It's a gift that's the right size, the perfect color, and always needed.

So here's an idea: This holiday season, be creative and look for special gifts you can give without spending any money at all!

Start noticing when Mom, Dad, Grandma, or sister needs help. Then make a gift card. Write something like, "With this gift card I will do one load of laundry" or "This card is good for two foot rubs." Or write a letter. Tell them how much you love them and why. Roll it like a scroll and tie it with a ribbon.

Show the ones you love how much you care by giving with a loving heart and a creative mind.

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



Continuing an annual tradition, Grandparents joined OES students for lunch Nov. 13-14. See more photos [here](#).

Sweet Tooth Fairy

Sweet Tooth Fairy, by University Mall in Orem, donated a few hundred sweets to OES the Monday before Thanksgiving.

OES teachers and staff knocked on doors in the OES community, distributing the yummy treats, saying, "Thank you from OES!" We love and appreciate our wonderful OES Community!

Turkey Bowl

OES Cubs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades played in a football tournament this fall. The top two teams played the teachers in the Turkey Bowl Nov. 25 (right).

Teachers won both games. Hmm, sounds like youth and enthusiasm were no match for old age and treachery! Students, like old Brooklyn Dodgers fans, are saying, "Wait till next year!" Thank you, Mrs. Stewart and the Student Council, for organizing this event!



Peer-Buddy Party

Peer buddies are upper-grade students who read with the students of Mrs. Chirrick's class once a week during Flex. Mrs. C. threw a party (above) for these amazing students Nov. 17 to thank them for their help and caring.

