

EXPLORER

May 2014

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that I'm writing the last principal's message for the current school year. It seems like it was just last month that I was writing my first message to start the school year. Time has flown by and as always, the end of school brings many things that we need to get done to finish the year.

First, I would like to thank all the parents for such a warm welcome that you have shown to me during my first year at Shelley. As each event has come and gone, I am always pleasantly surprised by the amount of support that you have given to your children that attend Shelley. That support has come in the form of your attendance at their class events, parties, school wide events, student recognitions, and donations of your money and time. Thank you for being involved in your students' education.

Second, May is also our testing time. We have begun our State Core tests and they will continue for the next few weeks until they are completed. This is our students' opportunity to really shine and show what they have learned this year. Please have your students here on time, well rested, and ready to do their best! I am excited to see our results; I believe that we will do well.

Shelley has a rich tradition of curriculum-connected activities at the end of the school year. We will continue with our class activities, Dance Festival, and Field Day. Please remember

to check your child's backpack or your email for your teacher's communications about what is happening in their classes as the end of the year comes closer. This newsletter will provide information that will be helpful in planning your schedule so as not to miss your child's classroom and school activities. Our teachers and staff are doing all they can to make sure your children are receiving educational instruction right until the last day. We value your trust in us as educators.

Thank you for all that you do to make Shelley the best place to be! I appreciate all the support and help you give to our school and to your children.

Thank you,
Mike Ericksen

**2013/14 YEARBOOK
AVAILABLE WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST**

This year's book will be packed with fun school year memories in full color! The cost is \$15.00 while supplies last (we still have a few left). You even have the option of ordering "Yearbook Stickys" (\$1.50) so that you can customize your yearbook with removable frames, phrases, thought bubbles and accessories! Order forms are available in the main office.

Retirements Announced

Congratulations and Best Wishes to two of our teachers from Shelley Elementary as they retire at the end of this school year. **David Bird** has 37 years of service and **Barbara Langford** has given 25 years of service. Both of these educators have touched a great number of lives, and were even beginning to see second generations from some families in their teaching!

An open house will be held in their honor on Friday, May 9, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Shelley Elementary. This will be a time when former (and current) students may come by with parents and family to express gratitude, share memories, and wish these people well. Refreshments will be served.

SHELLEY SOUNDZ FAMILY & FRIENDS PERFORMANCE

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy "Shelley Sounds" as they present "When You Believe" in concert on Thursday, May 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. With over twenty Broadway or uplifting-themed songs presented, you'll surely find your favorites included! Whether 5 or 105, the kid in you will definitely be humming along to this show featuring rainbows, dreams and friendships!

Moving or Changing Schools

If you move from the Shelley School area during the summer or enroll in a different school, please notify our office. Be sure to leave a voicemail message if no one answers. We will be available in the office most Wednesday mornings.

End of Year Programs

For your planning purposes, please note that this year's Dance Festival and Field Day will again be on *two separate days* at Shelley Elementary. Our Dance Festival will be the morning of Friday, May 23, from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. We will need **all students** (K-6) to plan on arriving promptly at the Track 2 start time of 9:15 a.m. Kindergarten students who remain at school after the program will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. with the exception of the OEK students who will still stay for the afternoon. All other students will have regular work and activities in their individual classrooms for the afternoon, and will then be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

There will be no school on Monday, May 26 in honor of Memorial Day. Then **on Tuesday, May 27, we will have another school-wide common start day** with students 1st-6th and all Kindergarteners coming again at the 9:15 a.m. start time. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have their field day activities throughout the morning time. 3rd grades will be doing individual class activities for the morning. Kindergarten students will be able to visit the concession stands after their field day activities, and then will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. OEK and 1st - 6th graders will have their regular lunch and recess schedule, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Lunch served on that day will be Tuesday's pizza menu, and students will be eating outside, "picnic style". The afternoon will then be Field Day for 3rd - 6th grades. The OEK class and 1st and 2nd grades will hold regular school activities in their individual classrooms for the afternoon. Each class will have a scheduled time at the concessions stand as well. (The Field Day concession stands have been a long-time tradition helping each grade level earn needed funds to support class activities as well as materials and supplies for the coming school year.) All OEK and 1st - 6th grade students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. A reminder letter with a more detailed schedule breakdown will be sent home with students in a week or so.

On Wednesday, May 28 there will be an Awards Assembly for 4th-6th grades from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. in the gym.

Last Day Schedule

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, May 30, will be the last day of school. *All students on both Track 1 and Track 2 will come at 8:00 a.m. and be dismissed at 9:30 a.m.* If you are planning to be absent on the last day of school, please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can mail home the report card and promotion slip. Both Kindergarten classes for each teacher will attend from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. as well. OEK students will go with their morning teacher only on that day.

Library

As we get closer to the end of another school year, we need ALL library books returned the week of May 12th - 16th during your student's library time. I am sending home weekly overdue notices to inform you of the books that are out. If the book has been lost or ruined there will be a replacement cost that will need to be taken care of. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Also, we will be having our "Summer Reading Program" where students may check out books to read during the summer. The school library will be open every Wednesday, starting June 4 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. A special STORY TIME will be held in the kiva from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. where Shelley teachers or administrators will come and share a read-aloud each week as well. We invite you to join us for the fun!

I'm happy to announce the new **Battle of the Book** books for next year. They are:

3rd-4th BOB List 2015

The One and Only Ivan by Applegate, Katherine
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Atwater, Richard
Freckle Juice by Blume, Judy
A Lion to Guard Us by Bulla, Clyde
Tornado by Byars, Betsy

Muggie Maggie by Cleary, Beverly
Molly's Pilgrim by Cohen, Barbara
Tricking the Tallyman by Davies, Jacqueline
Because of Winn-Dixie by DiCamillo, Kate
Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts!: The First Experiment
by Dowell, Frances
Boxes for Katje by Fleming, Candace
The Patchwork Quilt by Fournoy, Valerie
My Father's Dragon by Gannett, Ruth Stiles
Sheep by Hobbs, Valerie
Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Manes, Stephen
Clementine by Pennypacker, Sara
Knights of the Kitchen Table by Scieszka, Jon
Boxcar Children by Warner, Gertrude Chandler
Charlotte's Web by White, E.B.
Little House in the Big Woods by Wilder, Laura Ingalls

5th-6th BOB List 2015

The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree by Brittain, Bill
The White Mountains by Christopher John
Ice Magic by Christopher, Matt
By the Great Horn Spoon! By Fleishman, Sid
The Great Little Madison by Fritz, Jean
Escape from Me. Lemoncello's Library by Grabenstein, Chris
My Side of the Mountain by George, Jean
Old Yeller by Gipson, Fred
Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story by Hahn, Mary Downing
Redwall by Jacques, Brian
Harry's Mad by King Smith, Dick
Ella Enchanted by Levine, Gail Carson
Number the Stars by Lowry, Lots
Wonder by Palacio, R.J.
Hatchet by Paulsen, Gary
Scared Stiff by Robers, Willo Davis
Esperanza Rising by Ryan, Pam Munoz
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Sachar, Louis
Love, Ruby Lavender by Wiles, Deborah
Castle in the Attic by Winthrop, Elizabeth

--Mrs. Cook, Librarian

Summer Registrations

Alpine School District leaders have encouraged us to have ongoing registration for new students throughout the summer months. We are designating every Wednesday morning, from 9 a.m. until noon when the office will be open for this purpose. If you have new families move into your neighborhood, please let them know of this schedule.

Concerning Student Placements

On the last day of school included in with the report card and promotion slip, you will be notified of the *track* your child has been assigned for the coming school year. As of August 12th you will be able to log onto Skyward and see your child's *teacher* assignment. This will allow for flexibility during the summer to make final adjustments due to student move ins and move outs to keep balanced class loads.

Each grade level team has met together over the past three weeks to work carefully to achieve the best balance possible in respect to gender, track times, behavior concerns, varied academic abilities, leadership, special needs, and overall general class size. They have also tried to anticipate student combinations who might not bring out the best in each other as well as student combinations who *would* be a positive support. These grade level meetings each represent approximately four hours of serious thought, discussion, and review of student needs and concerns. **Therefore, I am asking that you accept and be supportive of the assignment your child is given.** After class placements are entered in Skyward on August 12, forms will be available for those few individuals who have major and justifiable concerns with a particular placement. After the parent completes the form, the request will be taken back to the grade level placement team involved in the initial decision, to review and reconsider. Please note that in making a change, the class balance may then be offset and additional changes may need to be made which can quickly become problematic. We hope to keep changes to a minimum, as teachers will have begun to prepare personalized student materials, etc.

With parent support in helping the students look for the good in their placement assignment and starting to anticipate and look forward to the start of the school year, you will be off to a great new beginning! Thank you.

From the Lunchroom

We would like to thank all of you for a great school year, it has gone so fast! We have enjoyed serving your children nutritious meals every day! We are now serving a new recipe pizza which everyone seems to like a lot better so if your child likes pizza and hasn't tried it yet we encourage them to do so! Nutrition Services are working hard to add more choices to our menus that the children will like!

Just a reminder as we come to the end of the year, please make sure your student's account charges are paid. Visit Meal Pay Plus to pay lunch money and to check account balances or feel free to come to the Lunchroom and we will help in any way we can!

Below is a list of amounts your student will need in their account for full-pay lunch only for the remainder of the school year.

May

1st \$35.00	12th \$22.75	21st \$10.50
2nd \$33.25	13th \$21.00	22nd \$8.75
5th \$31.50	14th \$19.25	23rd \$7.00
6th \$29.75	15th \$17.50	27th \$5.25
7th \$28.00	16th \$15.75	28th \$3.50
8th \$26.25	19th \$14.00	29th \$1.75
9th \$24.50	20th \$12.25	30th (no meals will be served)

Thank you for your patronage,
Lunchroom Staff

Service Club Members for School Year 2014/15

If you are someone who likes to serve, is a positive example to others, and does well in school, you may be interested in becoming a member of Shelley's Service Club. Applications for the 2014-2015 school year are included in this newsletter or available in the office. Service Club applications are due on Friday, May 23rd. Please turn applications in to the office (see attached). You will be notified no later than Wednesday, May 28th if you have been accepted!

Attention all Parents of Take Home Reading Library Participants in Grades K-3

The last day THRL books will go home for the school year will be **Wednesday, May 7th**. Please note that ALL books need to be returned by **May 13th!!!!** If your book is missing or lost, please send a check payable to Shelley Elementary for \$6.00.

We will be doing inventory in the THRL the week of May 19th - May 23rd. Volunteers are needed to help in this process. If you are willing to help, please sign the form in the THRL room on the bulletin board or contact: Jennifer Thomas @ [801-756-9330](tel:801-756-9330).

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make this program successful. A big thank you goes to those grade level supervisors for all their hard work to keep the program running. Without these wonderful and willing volunteers the THRL would never be possible. Volunteers, please make sure you are filling out the survey form in the THRL room. Thank you so much!!

We NEED more volunteers to help run the summer library. Please contact Jennifer if you have one week to help exchange books.

Summer check out of Take Home Reading Library books will be available each Wednesday morning beginning June 4 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the THRL room in the gym. Please return the THRL summer sign up form. This speeds up the process of check in/ out books in the summer, but still feel free to come the first day if you forget.

Phonics games will also be available for check-out. These will be especially helpful for Kindergartners and 1st grade students who need to continue to review their basic reading skills to maintain their reading level or even continue to progress during the summer. We encourage you to take advantage of these services to help keep your students engaged in the habit of daily reading throughout the summer.

We are in NEED of baggies to help get thru the summer and start next year. If you are willing to donate one box of gallon size zip lock baggies

please send them to school clearly marked THRL. Thanks so much.

Lastly, keep reading thru the summer!!!

Support for Struggling Learners

We are excited that Shelley Elementary will be receiving additional support for struggling learners in a number of ways as we look to the new school year. We will continue to have a full day of **Reading Recovery** for identified 1st grade students. Through this service, eight students each semester will be able to receive intense, daily, one-on-one interventions in reading. We have also again been granted a **STARS Summer Reading** program to be housed at Shelley for students leaving 1st grade, moving on to 2nd in the fall. Placement in this program is by invitation and will be determined by student results of the Spring DRA (Direct Reading Assessment) recently given to all 1st graders. Parents of qualifying students will be notified within the next two weeks. The program will be held each weekday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., from Thursday, June 5 to Wednesday, July 2.

This coming year we will also be continuing with our **OEK (Optional Extended Kindergarten) class** at Shelley Elementary. We currently have five regular sessions planned for this fall—three 9:15 a.m. morning sessions and two 12:40 p.m. afternoon sessions. Then we will have one additional afternoon session made up of sixteen students identified as those who most need the additional support that can be provided by having them attend a regular morning session and then stay for an afternoon of specialized instruction and support in a smaller group setting extending their Kindergarten time to a full day.

We have also been approved for district matching funds to continue our intervention plan called Explorer Time. We look forward to continuing with this intervention time for all students during the school day next year.

We feel, with the variety of opportunities listed above, that we will be able to offer a solid and supportive learning experience for *all* students as we move forward into the new school year.

Shelley's Annual Dance Festival—Friday May 23rd, 2014

On this day, All 1st through 6th grade students will attend from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For those students who usually eat breakfast before school, please note that there will be no 7:30 a.m. breakfast served, but there *will* be breakfast available at 8:45 a.m. All kindergarten students will attend at the 9:15 a.m. start time and will end at noon. School lunch will be eaten outside on the grass.

The Dance Festival will begin at 9:45am. Kindergarten will start after the national anthem is sung by the 5th Grade and dances will be performed in grade level order ending with 6th Grade.

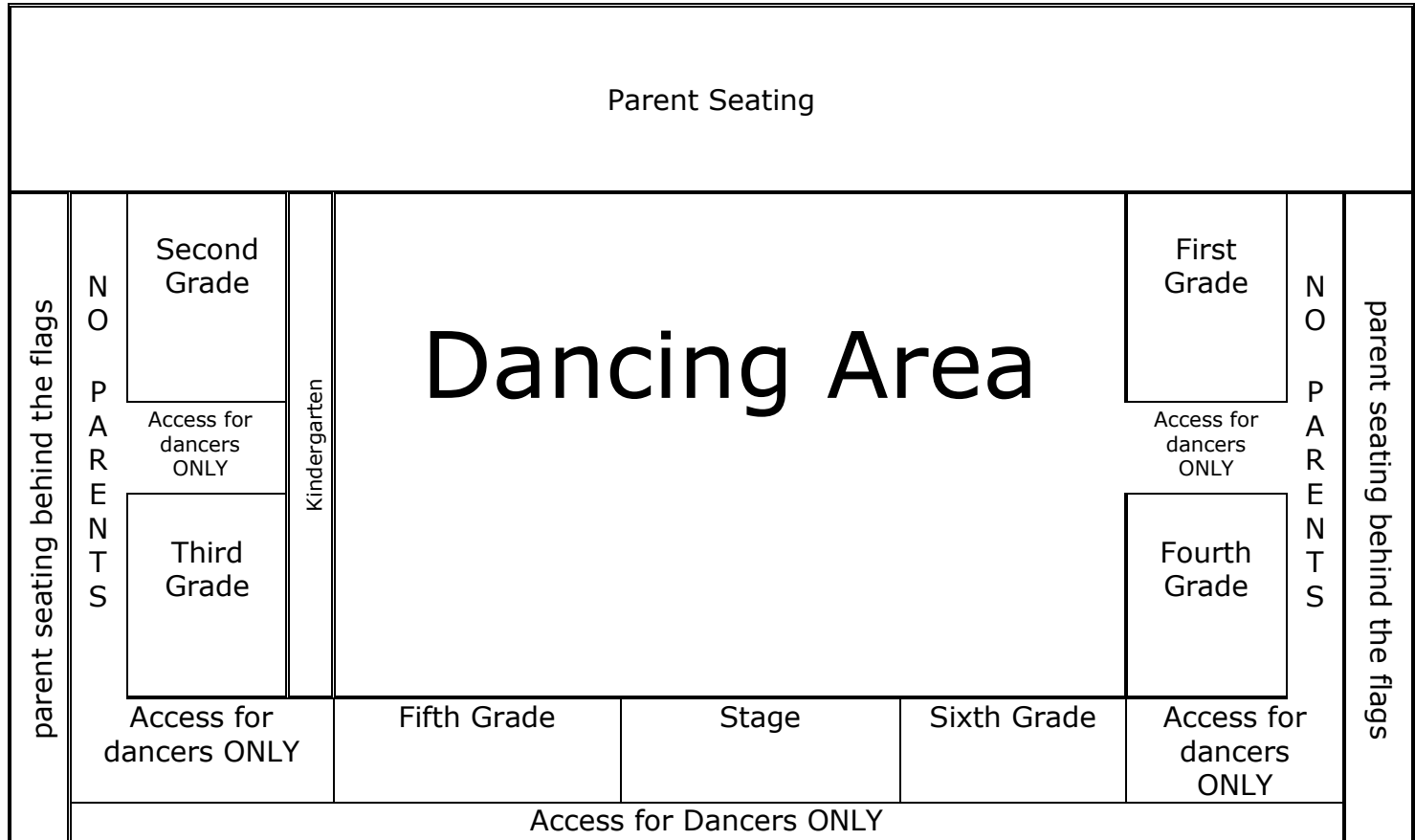
Parents who choose to check a child out after the program, please do so by signing him/her out with the teacher. Make sure you have your child take his/her chair back to class before leaving. If students plan to return after being checked out (to go to lunch with parents, for example), they should formally check back in at the office.

Below is the map of the field we will use for the Dance Festival. Please note that there are some major changes from years past. Parents will no longer be allowed to sit behind the dancing area by the stage. We will have that flagged off, so that the students have space to enter the dancing area from the back. You are welcome to watch from anywhere behind the flags. Please respond to faculty and staff who ask you to move.

Please be respectful to each other as you take pictures. Remember we are all here to create a good experience for the children and for our school community.

NEW Dance Festival Seating Plan

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Shelley Elementary Service Club

Application for Membership

2014-2015 School Year

If you're someone who likes to serve, is a positive example to others, and does well in school, you may be interested in becoming a member of Shelley's Service Club.

Shelley's Service Club members lead and serve in many ways around our school. They help with morning announcements, recycling, school and PTA service projects, Back to School Night and many other activities. Volunteers take turns providing service during their lunch period. For example, Service Club members take at least one peer mediation shift per month, helping kids to resolve problems on the playground. They sell Val-o-Grams, help with the Serving with Smiles organization, collect cans for the school Food Drive, and pass out treats to kids who wear their Shelley t-shirt.

Service Club volunteers work in Shelley classrooms once or twice a week before or after school. Students are asked to be a Teacher's Assistant – helping the teacher with projects such as collating papers, putting up bulletin boards or preparing materials. They may also choose to work one-on-one with younger students in a classroom. A few of our members even help out in the office and run errands when needed.

Members of the Service Club serve between six and eight hours a month. This includes their Teacher Assistant service (1 ¼ hours per week or more), our Service Club meetings, and lunchtime activities (usually two shifts per month). Our meetings will be held next year on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:00 p.m. During the year, our group has fun service celebrations, like a movie late night or a swimming party, to reward students who have met their service goals.

If this sounds like fun to you, if you feel you're the type of person we're looking for, and if you can commit to these responsibilities, complete this application and **return it to the office no later than Friday, May 23rd**. Your parent must sign the application on the back. We will notify you of the selection outcome by Wednesday, May 28th. Thank you for your interest in Shelley's Service Club.

Section I: Student Information and Commitment ***(Please write clearly – especially email address)

- Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Teacher (this year): _____ Track: _____ Grade (this year): _____
- Have you served on service club before? _____ If so, when? _____
- Favorite school subjects: _____
- Interests and hobbies: _____
- After school activities and commitments: _____

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- Meetings will be held 1-2 times a month on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM. Can you attend? _____
 - Track I members stay *after* school and Track II members arrive *early* once a week to help in a classroom. This is an important all year commitment. Are you able to commit to this? _____
 - If selected as a service club member, will you be able to maintain mostly A's in your classes and ensure that ALL homework is turned in? _____
 - If you have attended Shelley, who was your core teacher last year? _____

Section II: Student Response – Getting to know you!

- What part of Service Club sounds like the most fun to you? _____

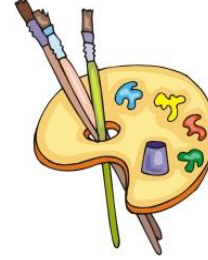
- Service Club is partly fun, partly hard work. What kind of worker are you? _____

- We are looking for boys and girls who are helpful, dependable, and friendly. How would you describe your personality? In what ways would you be a good leader and example to others?

- Any other reasons why you should be selected to be a student leader at Shelley? _____

I have reviewed my child's application for membership in Shelley's Service Club next school year. My son or daughter, if selected, has my permission to participate.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



PTA Reflections Program

Theme for 2014

“The World Would Be a Better Place If.....”

Summertime is a great time to get creating for 2014-2015 Reflections. So start working on your Entries!

What is the Reflections Program? Reflections is a nationwide cultural arts program that provides the opportunity for all students in grades K-12 to submit works of art based on a chosen theme. It's easy and fun to participate.

Categories:

Literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, film/video, dance choreography, 3-D art

Entry Forms and Rules:

Entry forms, artist statement forms, consent forms, media release forms, and official rules for each category can be downloaded from the Utah PTA web site www.utahpta.org/programs (Click on the Reflections link under Utah PTA Programs at the left). All forms must be completely filled out and entries must adhere to presentation requirements to be eligible for the program.

Deadline:

Friday, October 24th, 2014 by 4:00 p.m. Turn in entries at the main office. The awards recognition night will be held in November to honor all participants and to announce the winning entries chosen to represent Shelley at the council level.

Questions?

Call Naoma Avery 492-7538 or Julie Call 801-216-4744

*****We are also looking for a few Volunteers for next year, please call Naoma if interested.**

May 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BOOK FAIR BOGO FREE	BOOK FAIR BOGO FREE	BOOK FAIR BOGO FREE	1 BOOK FAIR BOGO FREE Mrs. Riding's Class Play "Alice's Adventures in Idiomland" 6 p.m.	2 BOOK FAIR BOGO FREE Service Club Celebration 6-9 p.m.
5 Shelley Soundz Combined Rehearsal 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	6 Shelley Soundz Combined Rehearsal 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	7 School Community Council 2:30 p.m.	8	9 Retirement Open House 4 – 6 p.m. Mrs. Radulovich's Class Program 6:30 p.m.
12 Shelley Soundz Combined Rehearsal 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE	13 Shelley Soundz Combined Rehearsal 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. PTA Board Meeting 12:45 p.m. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE	14 N.O.V.A. Graduation 9:45 a.m. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE	15 Shelley Soundz Parent Performance 5:30 p.m. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE	16 4 th Grade Handcart Trek All 4 th Grades attend 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. 5 th Grade Talent Show 12:45-2:15 p.m. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE
19 6 th Grade Renaissance Day	20 5 th Grade U.S. States Fair 8:30–11:00 a.m.	21	22 3 rd Grade Trader Buck Day	23 Dance Festival OEK & 1 st -6 th Grades Attend 9:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Regular Kindergartens Attend 9:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Performance 9:45 a.m.
26 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY!!!	27 Field Day OEK & 1 st - 6 th Grades attend 9:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Regular Kindergartens Attend 9:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. AM: K-2 Field Day Activities AM: 3 rd Grade Movie 9:30-10:45 a.m. : 4-6 Awards Assembly PM: 3-5 Field Day Activities PM: 1-2 Class level activities (inside)	28 4 th -6 th Grades Awards Assembly 9:45 a.m. 6 th Grade BBQ End of Year Party	29 6 th Grade Store	30 Last Day of School All Students Attend 8:00-9:30 a.m. Report Cards, Promotion Cards, and next year's Track Assignments sent home today.