



The Oakcrest Acorn



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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

I am very excited to be starting a new year at Oakcrest Elementary. I have been an educator at the elementary level for eight years. I have taught both fourth and fifth grades at Draper Elementary and Daybreak Elementary and truly enjoyed every minute with my students. Gaining knowledge is something that is important for all individuals no matter what stage of life they may be in. Claiborne Pell stated, "The strength of the United States is not the gold at Fort Knox . . . but, the sum total of the education and the character of people." As we begin this new year, I hope that we will be able to come together as parents and as a community to help build the strength of the United States not only for today, but for tomorrow as well. Let's make this a great year!



Sincerely,

Rebecca Bibo

Rebecca Bibo

BOX TOP Bonanza

Start saving BOX TOPS because during the end of September we will be having a CONTEST!

Tracks A & C: September 22 - 26

Tracks B & D: Sept. 29 - Oct. 3



Holly Winn
Collections For Education

Hey There Eagle Friends,

Wow!! What a welcoming month we have had as we return to school and take on the routines of educational learning. It's been very delightful to see so many returning students, parents, and teachers at Oakcrest...and equally exciting to see many new faces. Welcome Everyone!!



We would like this year to be an investment opportunity for the Oakcrest Elementary Community. As you join the PTA and participate in our fundraising opportunities...you truly become a shareholder in an investment with guaranteed success. When Parents, Teachers, and the Community get involved in school...the students truly benefit. PTA members set the example for all parents and teachers of students enrolled at Oakcrest.

I personally invite the parents of every child enrolled at Oakcrest to become active members of the PTA for their family. Parents, Grandparents, Step-Parents, Aunts, Uncles, and Caregivers are sincerely welcomed. Your membership is your voice...for your child and every child. Please join the PTA in our efforts to advocate for all children. Your membership is important in helping us continue our success with student achievement. Visit the PTA at www.oakcrestpta.org to join online or stop by the school office and join the PTA. Together...we can become one of the most active PTA's in the Jordan Valley. Thank you for connecting with us!!

Your PTA believes the core value of fundraising is the means to carry out the goals and work of PTA. Fundraising events provide a valuable service and involve more parents in the school. PTA doesn't exist to raise funds...we raise funds to exist. Oakcrest PTA holds only ONE main community-supported fund-raiser a year to support all of our programs. This year we are continuing our partnership with QSP Fundraising. We have been very fortunate in the past years to raise enough money from this one fundraiser to support so many worthwhile projects. This year we are gearing to raise funds for increased field trips and learning excursion opportunities, improved student and teacher recognitions, and enhancing and building up our existing programs like Ribbon Weeks, Reading Programs, and Character Development.

We ask for your support and encourage you to participate in our annual fundraising event with QSP...who offers quality gifts, holiday and home décor, home essentials, magazines, chocolate, and cookie dough. We also welcome a donation in your name to the PTA as an alternative to the community fundraiser. You can donate to the PTA online at www.oakcrestpta.org offering any amount you wish. This is a great way for family that may live far away to support the great programs at Oakcrest too. You may also offer your contribution at the school office...payable to Oakcrest PTA.

Soaring with you always!!
Aaron Larson~~PTA President

Utah PTA Mission Statement

The Utah PTA will help every child realize his 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.



"Light the Way" *everychild.onevoice.*

SEPTEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

Your Children Need You! Join PTA today! New this year you can sign up online at www.oakcrestpta.org or see the PTA for an envelope. Registration is only \$5.00 and it supports the PTA programs at our school such as; Field trips, Reading Program, Science assembly, Reflections, Green, Red and White ribbon weeks, Melody Choir and so much more!!!!

Bethany Blackham
Membership Commissioner

JOIN THE



Greetings! My name is Desiree Jones. I am your new Treasurer and Legislative VP for the school year 2008-2009. I am a career mom that works for the State of Utah with Public Assistance Programs. I am new to the PTA with my first child entering kindergarten, but I am eager to get involved and join the active parents in our community.



As Legislative VP my goal is to keep us aware of legislation and political issues that gather interest with the PTA and our school.



As your new Treasurer my goal is to keep us all informed on the needs, budgets and goals of our PTA funds.

I am so excited to be able to work with the dedicated staff at Oakcrest, the awesome students and wonderful parents. I know we can all make the 2008-2009 school year the best!

Desiree Jones
Treasurer & Legislative VP

It's a beautiful day — the sun is shining, the birds are chirping. What could be more perfect than a bike ride? But wait! Before you pull your bike out of the garage, let's find out how to stay safe on two wheels.

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries.

A head injury can mean brain injury. That's why it's so important to wear your bike helmet! Wearing one doesn't mean you can be reckless, but a helmet will provide some protection for your head and brain in case you fall down.

For more information: www.kidshealth.org



Jerusha Buckner
Safety Commissioner



School Picture Day Is Coming!

C & D Track Picture Day & A Track Retakes is Sept. 19th

B, C & D Track Picture Retakes is Oct. 14th



Hearing Screening

C & D Track is Sept. 18th

A & B Track is Oct. 23rd



Hi! My name is Alissa Knight and I am your Fundraiser Chairperson. I am new to Oakcrest this year. I just moved into the area at the end of May. I have been involved with PTA for 2 years, so this will be my 3rd year. I am excited that our fundraiser is going on right now for A and B Tracks. C and D Tracks fundraiser will be later this month. Just a reminder that this is the only fundraiser we get to have for the whole year. We need your support so that we can continue to support the programs that you and your kids love like fieldtrips, field day and the carnival. Please help your kids get support from family, friends and neighbors so that we will have a successful fundraiser this year and make Oakcrest GREAT!

Alissa Knight
Fundraising Chairperson

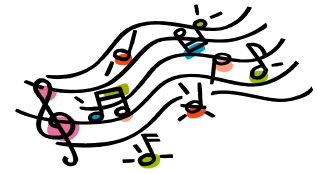


Interested in assisting with Oakcrest Elementary programs.... Principal's Pride, Collections for Education, Melody Music, Room Parents, Teacher Appreciation, Carnival, Family Week, Breakfast with Books, Book Fairs, SEP Conferences (just to name a few)....unleash your inner child and become a VOLUNTEER! If you can donate your time, please sign up

at www.oakcrestpta.org or email us at volunteers@oakcrestpta.org .

From 7:30am through 8:00pm - volunteers are needed. If you have young ones at home...bring them along! Our school needs YOU!

Amie Crawford
Community Involvement Commissioner



Let's Make Music!!!

Oakcrest Melody Choir is gearing up for another great year of musical delight. Melody is a wonderful, before school, opportunity for all 2nd-6th graders to develop their voices and have fun singing with friends. Melody will begin on September 23rd for all tracks at 7:40 am. Watch your children's backpacks for more information and sign-up sheets.

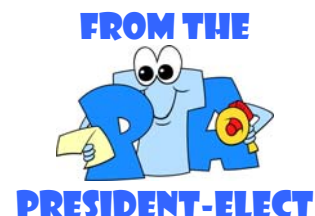
Suzanne Robbins
Melody Choir Chairperson



What is a Commission?

A commission is an organized group, which develops and implements programs and projects within related areas of concern. A commissioner's purpose is to resolve critical school and community issues and concerns identified by the PTA membership through a needs assessment. A commissioner directs implementation of programs, projects, and legislative action. Commissioners are appointed as needed by the Executive Board. The commissions we have in our PTA are: Community Involvement, Education, Family Life, Individual Development, Health, and Safety. Within those commissions, there are appointed Chair Persons to cover certain aspects of the commission. Stay tuned for more information concerning each of these commissions and our outstanding commissioners!

Michelle Moulton
President-Elect



Hello! My name is Sara and I am a new Oakcrest Mom and still trying to get my bearings! I have been appointed as the Individual Development Commissioner. My goal in this position is to do my best to assist parents and teachers in character development by promoting self-esteem, self-discipline, self-responsibility and civility—our focus is on the “whole” child. How can this be done? Events and programs such as the Principal's Pride Award, the Soaring Eagle Award, Field Day and assisting teachers with character building activities in the classroom. Also as part of Individual Development the Reflections Program, headed by Ninette Tigner will allow students to tap into their “creative and artistic” talents and the Student Birthdays Program headed by Jennifer Higley will be a wonderful way to recognize students for their “Special Day.”

In future newsletters and notes home, the Individual Development “Team” will be going into more detail about the wonderful programs available and how **you and your child(ren)** can be involved! I am excited for the opportunity to be a part of the Oakcrest PTA, to assist the teachers, parents and most importantly the students of Oakcrest Elementary!



Sara Gunderson-Muhlestein
Individual Development Commissioner

“That man is successful who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of the intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.” ~Robert Louis Stevenson



1. Supports parents as the first and most important teacher of their children.
2. Supports teachers in their efforts to help children within the school setting.
The “reminders” encourage students and parents to remember the importance of reading each day for 20 minutes. (STAR Training)
3. Supports and enhances the school's existing reading goal. (School Community Council)

THE FIRST THREE YEARS IN SCHOOL CHILDREN LEARN TO READ,
THEIR REMAINING SCHOOL YEARS, THEY READ TO LEARN.

“All of us have the obligations to invest in our young people...especially parents ----to be active participants in your children’s education.” ~First Lady Laura Bush, September 2007.

Malia Allsop
Literacy Specialist



R E F L E C T I O N S

“WOW!”

...Is The Reflections Theme For 2008-2009

Arts and culture enhance children’s learning experiences and bring children’s imaginations to life. All children deserve a quality arts education and cultural awareness opportunities. We invite all students to express themselves and to showcase their talents by participating in the Reflections Program with the PTA.

Prizes are awarded in all six categories:

Photography ♦ Visual Arts ♦ Dance Choreography
Musical Composition ♦ Literature ♦ Film Production

Reflections rules and entry forms can be found at the Utah PTA website:
<http://www.utahpta.org/individual.htm>

It is time to get started now. An art project like this can take several weeks. Entries will be due in the middle of November. More information will be sent home soon.

Ninette Tigner
Reflections Chairperson



R E F L E C T I O N S

Look Who is New At Oakcrest!



Please join us to welcome new teachers to Oakcrest!

Jan Brown, 4th Grade - D Track

Jan is single with no children, but has a large family of 7 brothers and 2 sisters, and works hard to be the favorite aunt of 42 nieces & nephews!

Some of Jan's Favorites

Holiday: Halloween - To be able to dress up!
Color: Red
Hobbies: Crafts, Reading, Hiking & Water color painting
Snack/Candy: Snickers Drink: Diet Coke
Food: Pizza
Restaurants: Olive Garden
Collects: Mugs, especially one's with faces on them.
Memories: One summer I did an 8-day canoe circuit around some lakes in central British Columbia, Canada.

What does Jan like most about her job at Oakcrest?
"The Kids!"

Kimberlie Peterson, Kindergarten - C Track

Kimberlie just got married last year in May 2007.

Some of Kimberlie's Favorites

Holiday: Valentine's Day - The decorations & treats!
Color: Pink, Blue, Brown...it depends on the day.
Hobbies: Running, Baking, Reading, Teaching, Playing and anything outdoors.
Snack/Candy: Reeces Peanut Butter Cups
Drink: Water or Diet Coke
Food: Mexican and frozen yogurt.
Restaurants: Restaurant Morelid, Red Iguana, Mac. Grill
Collects: Things from vacations, tickets, room keys, ect.
Memories: My wedding day.

What does Sally like most about her job at Oakcrest?
"Working with kids everyday!"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

TEACHER/STAFF BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Sheri Fuller- 9 th	Maria Consuegra- 12 th
Kim Hook- 14 th	Wendi Parker- 16 th
Rod Lawrence- 20 th	Rachel Petersen- 20 th
Jan Brown- 20 th	Gary Hanson- 23 rd

STUDENT SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS....

Savannah Nybo 1st
 Mckenna Baird 1st
 Andrew McDonald 3rd
 Grant Jacobson 4th
 Karlie Parrish 4th
 Faith Black 5th
 Dillon Stump 7th
 Connor Coltrin 8th
 David Robles 10th
 Mike Black 11th
 Jasmine Em 11th
 Kaylee Lively 12th
 Nathan Mogensen 13th
 Brandon Larson 15th
 Scott Larson 17th
 Ethan Conrad 19th
 Jacob Welch 21st
 Nathan Olmedo 21st
 Silverio Godina 21st
 Celeste Carmorano 23rd
 Mckenna Larsen 24th
 Michaela Whetton 26th
 Katie Johnson 26th
 Elena Robertson 27th
 Avery Kenison 29th
 Kevin Gerdts 30th

Timothy Patton 1st
 Teiren Abbott 2nd
 Tia Perkins 3rd
 Jordan Pace 4th
 Keevin Day 4th
 Jace Howell 6th
 Brynn Edwards 8th
 Corbyn McCleve 8th
 Misael Carmorano 10th
 Jenacee Jensen 11th
 Cassidy Martin 12th
 Cameron Voss 13th
 Natalie Barragan 14th
 Bartosz Skoczylas 15th
 Marisa Clark 18th
 Gabriel Ortiz 20th
 Tanner Welch 21st
 Caleb Dylsma 21st
 Sara Brown 22nd
 Shawna Whitehead 23rd
 Lauren McCormick 25th
 Tyler Davies 26th
 Lindsey Wensel 27th
 Matthew Moulton 27th
 Nathan Tanner 29th
 Bryan Merkley 30th

Drake Heap 1st
 Isabella Farnsworth 2nd
 Karlee Newby 3rd
 Mikenna Lee 4th
 Gregory Lindsey 5th
 Caiden Maestas 6th
 Brianna Branson 8th
 Hayden Johnson 9th
 Aleyah Hansen 10th
 Ashley Villagomez 11th
 Joshua Reeve 12th
 Joshua Riquelme 13th
 Madison Churchill 14th
 Riley Spence 16th
 Jordynn Benson 18th
 Kaitlin Dyer 21st
 Kaitlyn Unsworth 21st
 Jordan Kirkwood 21st
 Nala Khamphasithivong 22nd
 Aberdeen Robbins 23rd
 Taitem Petersen 25th
 Sofia Miranda 27th
 Roxcy Figueroa 28th
 Austin Lopez 29th
 Allison Jensen 30th



Beatriz Herrera 5th
 Jaden Fritzsche 7th
 Michael Branson 8th
 Andrea Morales 10th
 Daniel Lopes 10th
 Sara Gwynn 11th
 Megan Mills 12th
 Tyden Gee 13th
 Cristin Decriscio 15th
 Daniel Serrano 16th
 Angel Cruz 19th
 Haley Jacob 21st
 Joseph Mock 21st
 William Millgate 21st
 Nicholas Hiatt 23rd
 Keren Alvarado 23rd
 Mikale Riley 25th
 Emily Hammar 26th
 Michael Smith 27th
 Cole Miller 28th
 Shelby Coltrin 29th
 Parker Hamblin 30th

We hope you all enjoy your SPECIAL day!!!

Every month a birthday table is set up during lunch and a gift is given to each student to celebrate student birthdays.

B & D Tracks...Sept. 3rd

A & C Tracks...Sept. 17th
















Jennifer Higley
Student Birthday Coordinator



WE ARE NOW ONLINE!! COME VISIT US @ WWW.OAKCRESTPTA.ORG

SEPTEMBER 2008 OAKCREST PTA CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day No School!	2	3 A&B Track Fundraiser Ends B&D Track Student Birthdays	4	5 B Track Off 	6
7	8 C Track On 	9 C&D Track Fundraiser Kickoff 2:30	10 Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	11 Patriot Day PTA Board Meeting 5:30pm 	12	13
14	15	16	17 A&C Track Student Birthdays 	18 Hearing Screening C&D 	19 C&D Track School Pictures A Track Retakes 	20
21 A&C Track BOX TOP CONTEST Sept. 22-26 	22 First Day Of <i>Fall</i> 	23	24 C&D Track Fundraiser Ends Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	25 5 th Grade Maturation Program 6:30 Boys (Gym) 7:00 Girls (Library)	26 A Track Off 	27
28 B&D Track BOX TOP CONTEST Sept. 29-Oct 3 	29 B Track On 	30				

OCTOBER 2008 OAKCREST PTA CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		B&D Track BOX TOP CONTEST Sept. 29-Oct 3 	1 B&D Track Student Birthdays 	2	3 B&D Track Breakfast With Books 7:30a-8:25	4
5	6 Red Ribbon Week	7	8 Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	9 PTA Board Meeting 5:30pm 	10	11
12	13	14 BCD Track Picture Retakes 	15 D Track Off 	16 UEA Recess NO SCHOOL!	17 UEA Recess NO SCHOOL!	18
19	20 A Track On 	21	22 Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	23 Hearing Screening A&B 	24 A&C Track Breakfast With Books 7:30a-8:25	25
26	27	28	29 A&C Track Student Birthdays 	30 School Community Council 4:30pm	31 Happy Halloween 	