



ORCHARD EAGLES

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**Orchard Elementary
School Newsletter**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parents,

Last month we had wonderful support and participation in our Spanish Immersion Dance Festival. We thank all those that spent time and resources to make this happen. We couldn't do it without you.

About this time of year temperatures drop and it becomes increasingly more important for students to "put first things first" and come prepared for the weather at school. As we head into this winter season let us be sure we are prepared for all types of weather. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your student the importance of proper winter attire and the resulting benefits at school. Remind them that weather conditions change frequently and to be prepared for any possible change in the weather. Students who come to school unprepared for inclement weather create potential distractions for the students, teachers, and those supervising. Additionally, they pose a significant risk to their own health and comfort.

Students will be sent outside to play during recess except when extreme weather conditions warrant an inside day. When students are outside they should be prepared for the snow and cold. The following is a small list of suggestions to think of when preparing for cold and snowy weather at school:

Place names on all belongings

Wear multiple layers including long sleeves, sweaters, and jackets

Bring a cap/ear warmers, gloves, and warm socks

Have an extra pair of socks accessible in a back pack

Bring a waterproof coat, snow boots, and snow pants

Be sure to check weather conditions and temperature before heading to school

Check temperatures and weather conditions often. When students are prepared for adverse weather it not only minimizes the potential for discomfort but also reduces disruptions in the classrooms, limits the need for calls home, and aids in creating a positive learning atmosphere. By working together we can ensure that your child is warm, healthy, and provided the best opportunities to learn here at Orchard.

Happy Holidays,

Aaron Stevenson

PTA MESSAGE



Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

Corey Johnson
PTA president

SPANISH IMMERSION PTA MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Spanish Dance Festival a great success last month! A special thank you to our awesome parents and Spanish Immersion teachers and faculty who worked tirelessly to make this happen. The students hard work and dedication paid off and it was a fun night of cultural song and dance.



We hope you have a safe and happy December and a wonderful Christmas break!

Lastly, remember to check out our Facebook book page - Orchard Spanish Immersion - for information on events, cultural activity opportunities, updates, questions and comments.

Happy Holidays!
Shea Christensen



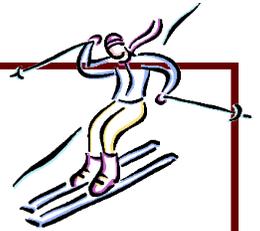
Calendar!

- ◆ Dec 2: 6th grade to Christmas Around the World
- ◆ Dec 6: School Community Council (3:40 PM)
- ◆ Dec 19: 1st Grade Polar Express program
- ◆ Dec 21: Christmas Sing for Parents 9:30 and 12:45
- ◆ Dec 23: Christmas Break Begins

Sundance Ski/Snowboard Program

Sign-ups going on now for the Sundance Ski/Snowboard program. The program will run four weeks, Jan 23, Feb 6, 27 and March 20. The program includes a 2-hour lesson and afternoon/evening lift ticket. The cost is \$200 per student (\$160 with a season pass) and rentals are additional. You can sign up in the front office and you must be signed up by Dec. 22nd before Christmas Break. If you have any additional questions please email me at:

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2017 ORCHARD SCIENCE FAIR!!

ATTENTION all 5th graders and other interested students! The Orchard Science Fair will be on January 26, 2017, with a public open house that night from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Entry forms and due dates will be coming soon. Pick up your tri-fold presentation boards, fire up your curiosity, and brush up on the scientific method!

It's going to be great!



“Healing the World”

In October, Sheila Alt’s 5th Grade class at Orchard Elementary began a class discussion with this essential question: How do people get what they need? One student mentioned that sometimes people need help getting necessities many of us take for granted. Ms. Alt showed the students a video called ‘Heal the Children’, and a student commented, “This makes me think that children can help other children, and we can all help heal the world.” Another student noted, “Children can help adults too. Children don’t have to help just children.” The class began brainstorming ideas of how they could help others in need. As a result of this discussion, Ms. Alt’s 5th Graders decided to organize a coat drive to assist refugees here in Utah before the upcoming winter months. For the next few weeks, the students hung posters throughout the school, made frequent announcements promoting this cause, and even gave treats to those who donated items. In addition to collecting coats for the refugees, the students were also able to gather blankets, as well as several pairs of boots. These items were delivered to refugees as part of the International Rescue Committee’s ‘Warm Welcome Winter Clothing Drive.’ Their grand total at the end of their coat drive was 58 coats, 8 pairs of boots, and several blankets. Ms. Alt’s class felt this small act of kindness helped them do their part in ‘Healing the World.’



It's Box Top Time!

Keep Collecting your Boxtops this Holiday season!
They can really add up fast! Happy Holidays!