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OES

JANUARY 2014

Calendar

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- 6 School Back in Session
Early-Out Monday
1:15 p.m. Early Birds
2:30 p.m. Later Gators
- 13 Early-Out Monday
- 14 PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Martin Luther King Day
(No School)
- 21 SCC Meeting, 10:45 a.m.
- 27 Early-Out Monday
- 29-30 Winter Book Fair
- 30 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Best of OES

Our great OES crossing guards keep students and parents safe as they walk to and from school every day. Big props to three great ladies: Jana Lewis (above), Nicole Brittain, and Deanne Sanchez.



OES teachers at the Christmas Sing-along on Dec. 20 helped the holiday break to start on a really great note.

[More photos.](#)



One sing-along participant really did spring into the holiday spirit.

Winter Book Fair

This year's OES Winter Book Fair will be held on Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 29-30. Students and parents can preview the books all day on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Student-led, parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30. No appointment needed. Check out the Winter Book Fair while there!

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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



Recently, Miss Bolingbroke

shared this thought with OES students and faculty:

Let's play the "what if" game.

What if success means having a big house and an expensive car? And what if you never have those things? Does that mean you are a failure? Or what if you do have the house and the car, but no friends and no love in your life? Is this success?

Now listen to these words: "The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a [person]'s success in life," said Edward Everett Hale.

If you have even one real friend, that's a great sign you will have the kind of success that really matters in life. And if you have trouble making friends, don't worry. You can learn how to be a good friend.

Just talk to an adult you respect: a parent, caregiver, counselor, teacher, or faith leader. Ask him or her to help you reach out and be a real friend to someone else.

—From projectwisdom.com

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

A.L.L. (Gifted) Testing

Is your second-, fourth-, or sixth-grader a gifted student? Alpine School District will conduct Advanced Learning Lab (A.L.L.) testing each Saturday from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1, 2014, for placement for next year.

There will be eight testing sessions during that period at selected locations in the school district. Testing will be held at OES on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The testing fee is \$20, and online registration (available [here](#)) is open up to three days prior to the test. Free/Reduced-Lunch students must register in person at the Alpine School District offices at 575 N. 100 E. in American Fork.

Quarters for Christmas

As announced at the Christmas Sing-along Dec. 20, OES students and teachers raised \$1,100 and Alpine School District principals added another \$300 for KSL's Quarters for Christmas! The top classes were Miss Williams and Mrs. Giles (lower grades), Mrs. West, and Mrs. Stewart (upper grades). For winning the contest, these teachers got to perform at the sing-along!



A proud parent captures a moment of her first-grader at the OES concert Dec. 16. [Photos.](#)

