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OES

FEBRUARY 2014

Calendar

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- 3 Early-Out Monday
 - 1:15 p.m. Early Birds
 - 2:30 p.m. Later GatorsStorytelling Assembly
- 3-6 Scripps Spelling Bee (Classes)
- 4 PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 6 Dads and Doughnuts,
7:30 a.m. or 6 p.m.
Kindergarten Registration
- 10 Early-Out Monday
Schoolwide Spelling Bee
- 12 Home-Reading Prize Day
- 17 Presidents Day (No School)
- 18 SCC Meeting, 10:45 a.m.
- 18-21 Boxtops/White Ribbon Week
- 19 Storytelling Judging (Classes)
- 20 Special Ed. Parent Night, 6 p.m.
- 24 Early-Out Monday



A young OES student shows off his wares to Mom and Dad at parent-teacher conference Jan. 30.



A first-grader fills her volcano with vinegar and baking soda, awaiting the eruption.

School Spelling Bee

The school spelling bee is Monday, Feb. 10. Winners from each grade will compete, and the winner advances to the UVU bee Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.

Box Tops Drive

The Box Tops for Education drive will be held Feb. 18-21. Box tops help OES earn cash for items the school needs. Click [here](#) for a list of participating products. Rip, tear, or clip for OES today!



Best of OES

Our fourth-grade team spent many hours this summer collaborating to help their students meet essential standards. Sandi West, Teresa Whitehead, and Steve Herrmann, you are among the Best of OES! Read more on Page 2.

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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



Think about
the character

trait of compassion. When we feel compassion for someone, we imagine what it must feel like to be sick or bullied or going through a difficult time.

When we feel compassion, we want to reach out and help that person in some way. Having compassion is a character trait we choose to have. It helps other people be happier, and it helps us live a happier life because we know we have done something good and special for someone else. We have done what is right.

Wise leaders from across the globe and across the ages have understood this. The Dalai Lama, leader of Buddhists worldwide, says it this way: If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

Remember this: Everyone benefits when we are compassionate with one another.

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

Fourth-Grade Team Sets the Bar High

Teachers at OES are focused on getting all students to meet essential standards before they move on to the next grade.

The School Community Council provided the funds for our fourth-grade team to collaborate last summer. Over the break they worked many hours on essential standards, creating a pacing guide and developing common assessments for the new math core.

Each week during the school year they spend Monday collaboration time reviewing weekly assessments, informing teachers which students understand the concepts and which students do not. Our fourth-grade teachers are ensuring that

every student understands the essential skills and concepts needed before going on to fifth grade. Way to go, fourth-grade team!

Book Fair Wrap-up

We had a very successful Winter Book Fair Jan. 29-30.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped Mrs. Tanner, and thank you for the generous book do-



nations to classroom teachers.

From the fair proceeds we placed additional books in each classroom and the library.

A WATCH D.O.G.S. dad
takes time for one-on-one
with his son in the gym.

