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September 2017

9/4/17

No School ~ Labor day

9/5/17

Fundraiser Kickoff~ It's time for our annual fundraiser. Proceeds are used to fund the ski programs.

9/6/17

Vision & Hearing Screenings~

9/7/17

Dry Creek Academy (DCA)~ Deadline for enrollment.

9/14/17

PTC Meeting ~ 10:00 a.m. All interested parents are invited.

9/14/17

DCA Lists will be posted~ Students need to check the Dry Creek Academy Bulletin Board to see which clubs they are in. Notes will NOT be sent home.

9/14/17

4th Grade Field Trip~ Smoky Canyon Mine.

9/19/17

Dry Creek Academy (DCA)~ First Day of Fall Session

9/19/17

Fundraiser Ends~ All money and order forms need to be turned in to the teacher.

Welcome to a New School Year!!!

We have the very best Parents!~

Thank you for attending our Back-to-School Night. We are always thrilled by your support and it is great to meet the families of our awesome students.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." -Jane D. Hull

Osmond Elementary's PTC

We appreciate YOU!~

And speaking of involvement, Osmond's Parent Teacher Council makes a tremendous difference for our students! You are the helping hands which provide opportunities that are otherwise not possible. Programs spearheaded by our PTC include but are not limited to: Banking, Pumpkin Patch, Literacy Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Field Day. We really appreciate all you do!

Realizing the effort required and your time constraints, we are going to continue the program started last year. Instead of a PTC President per say, we will have a chairman per activity. Mr. Erickson will explain this further at our first PTC meeting of the year scheduled for Thursday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. We are inviting everyone interested in joining to please come. You will be given the opportunity to serve as little or as much as you would like. We welcome and encourage your help and ideas.

Beginning of the Year Housekeeping

Quick Reminders ~ The following information will answer a few questions and help make 2017-2018 a great year!

Since parents are incredibly proficient with social media, we will be using it as an additional form of communication for *Osmond's Happenings*. Our school website, osmond.lcsd2.org, will provide the most comprehensive information. On it you will find a calendar, links for the lunch menu, a variety of forms you may need to fill out, and even a copy of the newsletter that we send home monthly. We realize that in our fast paced world, changes are made to the calendar mid-month. Our hope is to share these changes through notes, school messenger, and Facebook. The following Facebook pages are available:

- Osmond Elementary
- Lincoln County School District #2
- LCSD#2 Transportation Department

5th Grade Field Trip

Osmond's 5th Graders traveled to Minnetonka Caves!~

Osmond's 5th graders continued the tradition of having the first field trip of the year. On Friday, August 25, they traveled to St. Charles, Idaho for their annual visit to Minnetonka Caves.

Googling Minnetonka Cave will bring up several sites which allow those of us unable to accompany the 5th graders the opportunity of sharing in the learning experience. www.fs.usda.gov/internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev3_015684.pdf is a great pdf file with lots of interesting facts. If you are fortunate to visit the cave, a coat and maybe even gloves are advised as the cave remains a constant 40° F.

Other interesting facts include:

- Minnetonka Cave is an important hibernaculum to five bat species.
- Fossils that lived in tropical waters are found in the ceiling and walls.
- The cave is still "alive" as formations continue to grow.

Be sure to have your 5th grade student share their experience!

Dry Creek Academy

Message from Jean Golden, Co-ordinator~

Dry Creek Academy is an after-school enrichment program offering students an opportunity to explore a variety of interests. Stakeholders, faculty, and specialists share their knowledge by leading a club in their area of expertise. Clubs meet one afternoon a week and are able to catch a late bus to the high school to ride a route bus home. Watch for the fall session's sign-up sheet to be coming home soon. **PLEASE NOTE:** many clubs have a size restriction and clubs are filled on a first come first served basis. In order to get the club you want, return the sign up sheet as soon as you can.

Christine Turner oversees a 21CCLC grant which helps cover the cost of our Dry Creek Academy. (More information on the grant is in the following article.) As part of the sign-up we would like you to fill out the consent to survey form. You do not need to consent but please return the form. As a part of the grant, Osmond is required to offer the survey and we value your child's opinion.

OES Reminders

Heads up!

Please notice the following reminders and announcements!

- ★ Call or email the school in the morning to excuse absences. 307-885-9457 or kojohnson@lcsd2.org.
- ★ To send your student to different bus stop after school, **please call before 2:00 pm**. Be prepared with the address and bus information.
- ★ Dry Creek Academy sign-up deadline is Thursday, September 7, 2017. **Don't wait until the last day!** Some clubs have limited enrollment!
- ★ The annual Fall Fundraiser kickoff is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Proceeds from the fundraiser help with our ski program. Watch for more information. ♥

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?" ♥



Osmond's Banking Program

Brought to you by PTC & Local Banks~

Osmond's awesome PTC has committed to once again run our banking program. They have teamed up with both Afton banks, Bank of Star Valley & First Bank, to sponsor an opportunity for students to learn the process of making deposits and reap the benefits of saving. If a student participates and makes weekly deposits into their account, at the end of the participating banks will contribute \$\$ to their account. Watch for the complete information to come home with you child.