

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 Wednesday, August 28th 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. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ctnf/recreation/otheractivities/recarea/?recid=70736&actid=102> is a great site 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 Lyndi Nield, Coordinator~

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 usually one afternoon a week and students are able to catch a late bus to the high school to ride a route bus home. Fall session's sign-up sheet has been sent home. **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.*

Osmond's Banking Program

Brought to you by Victoria Hale & Carolyn Gordon from the PTO and Local Banks~

Osmond's awesome PTO has committed to once again run our banking program. They have teamed up with the Afton banks; Bank of Star Valley, First Bank, and Advantage Credit Union 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 the participating banks will contribute \$\$ to their account. A flyer with all of the information has been sent home with students!

Osmond Elementary's PTO

We appreciate YOU!~

And speaking of involvement, Osmond's Parent Teacher Organization makes a tremendous difference for our students! You are the helping hands which provide opportunities that are otherwise not possible. Programs spearheaded by our PTO include but are not limited to: Banking, Pumpkin Patch, Talent Show, 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 with the committee model. We will have a chairman to spearhead each activity. Mr. Barnes will explain this further at our first PTO meeting of the year scheduled for Thursday, September 12th, 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.

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?" ♥



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September 2019

9/2/19

No School ~ Labor Day

9/3/19

Brooks Gibbs Parent Night
6:30 - 7:30 pm District Office

9/9/19

Vision & Hearing Screenings

9/10/19

Osmond Banking Starts!

9/10/19

Fundraiser Kickoff~ It's time for
our annual fundraiser.

9/10/19

Dry Creek Academy (DCA)~
Deadline for enrollment.

9/12/19

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

9/18/19

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
with class placements.

9/25/19

Fund-raiser~ All money and
order forms need to be turned in
to the teacher.

9/26/19

4th Grade Field Trip~ Smoky
Canyon Mine.

9/27/19

No School

10/1/19

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

10/1/19 Picture Day~ Starts @
8:00. Preschoolers are welcome
to come anytime between 8:00 -
11:00am.

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

Beginning of the Year Housekeeping

Quick Reminders ~

* Specials schedule, bus information, and school calendar are available on the school's web site: osmond.lcsd2.org. You can also join Osmond Elementary's Facebook group where information will be posted as well.

* **PLEASE, call for any busing changes before 2:00!**

* Please call the office to let us know if/why your child is absent.

* Lunch money may be paid on-line or brought to the office. We are now able to accept deposits for all your students at one time, even if they are at another school.

* Federal law prohibits charging for school lunches. Please help us maintain compliance.

Fall Assessments

It's time to evaluate~

As we begin the school year, Osmond students will engage in several preliminary assessments in reading, writing, and math. These screenings provide teachers with vital information that will better equip them to give focused support for your child in having a successful school year.

Bussing & Parent Pickup

To enable a smooth & safe transition afterschool, we are asking parents to please go to www.transportation.lcsd2.org to help your child learn which bus route they are to ride home. If you are picking your student up from school, please park in front of the school. We direct all students who are being picked up out towards the flagpole in front of the school for afternoon pickup.

Free or Reduced Lunch Application Information

What should I know and/or do?~

We have sent everyone home with a Free or Reduced Lunch Application. This is for informational purposes and NOT mandatory to fill out. If you wish to fill the application out, please make sure it is filled out completely before sending back with your student.

Title 1 programs throughout the nation are partially funded using the percentage of students on free and reduced lunches. Schools use this money to provide additional help for students in need academically.