

# SQUIRREL TALES



FROM TINY ACORNS

MIGHTY OAKS GROW

## NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

—Harriet Tubman

Dear Seven Oaks Elementary Families,

The children we teach will be the leaders of tomorrow. What better way to prepare them for their future than to give them the strength, passion and desire to reach for the stars.

Hello, my name is Mrs. Lil Folkner and as the new principal at Seven Oaks Elementary, it is truly my joy and honor to welcome you to the 2013-2014 school year! As I begin my first year as principal of Seven Oaks Elementary, it is my goal to work diligently with the children, community, staff, and families to provide exceptional experiences for all children.

A little about me. For the past nine years, I served as the elementary principal in the Marsing School District. Prior to that, I worked as a consultant for the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation and as an elementary principal in the Caldwell School District. However, my new assignment at Seven Oaks Elementary in the Meridian School District is a "homecoming" for me. In 1988, I began my teaching career at Frontier Elementary teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade before moving to the newly built Chaparral Elementary in 1997 whose sister school was Seven Oaks! Just like Yogi Berra said, I'm having déjà vu

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 15: Back to School Night 6-7 pm

Aug 20 - 23: Book Fair Library

Aug 22: Ice Cream Social 7-8 pm

Sept 3: PTA Meeting 4-5 pm Library

Sept 18: Science & Engineering Club K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades 4-5 pm

Sept 19: Science & Engineering Club 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades 4-5 pm

Sept 24: Tears of Joy Assembly

Oct 1: PTA Meeting 6-7 pm Library

Oct 18: Harvest Festival



## PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

all over again! It is truly my joy to be at Seven Oaks Elementary.

My husband Steve and I have a combined family of eight children but no grandchildren – yet! We enjoy playing tennis, kayaking, and going for bike rides on our tandem along the greenbelt. I look forward to meeting and knowing the families of Seven Oaks Elementary.

### **Please join me in welcoming our new Seven Oaks Elementary team members:**

Ms. Suzanne Stampke, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher  
Mrs. Noelle Friedrich, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher  
Ms. Jeanne Tchama, Head Custodian  
Mrs. Tina Sewell, Lunchroom Manager  
Mrs. Jill Platts is the .4 FTE Library Assistant  
Mrs. Jill Loupin, ERR teacher

### **Staff changes:**

Mrs. Brenda Davis has moved from third to second grade  
Mrs. Peggy Lardieri has moved from Tuition Kindergarten to AM Kindergarten  
Mrs. Jen deMarini has moved from fifth to the 4/5 Combo

### **Back to School Night**

Seven Oaks Elementary will host our **Back to School Night** on Thursday, August 15, from 6:00 to 7:00pm beginning in the school gym. We will meet at 6:00pm to welcome everyone back to the new school year and introduce new faces. At 6:20, parents will be invited to visit their child's classroom and attend the first session and tour their child's classroom. A second session will begin at 6:40 to give parents the opportunity to visit another child's classroom. Back to School Night will conclude at 7:00pm.

I look forward to a wonderful school year at Seven Oaks! If you should you have any questions, please call the office for assistance at 208-350-4095.

Kind Regards,  
*Mrs. Lil Folkner*



Back



NIGHT

THURSDAY

AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 6-7 PM

## PTA MEETING

Please join us at the first PTA Meeting of this school year on **Tuesday, September 3rd from 4-5 pm** in the Seven Oaks library. The 2013-14 budget will be voted on in this meeting, and your input is needed. (Our amazing Eagle Y Kids program even provides free childcare!) It is a great way to meet parents and stay connected with our amazing school. Hope to see you there!



## BOOK FAIR: AUG. 20-23



It's time for BOOK FAIR! Seven Oaks will be having book fair **August 20-23**. We are using a local company for this book fair. They offer bookstore quality paperback books and an excellent selection of titles your student will LOVE! Please come and see what they have to offer! All funds raised go to updating our schools library collection! Thank you for supporting our library and students!

## New School Spirit Wear!

Show your school spirit this year by wearing school colors on assembly days. Come check out the new spirit wear in the front lobby. The new design is available on both a hooded sweatshirt and t-shirts.

**Purchase in the month of August and save. Prices go up September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

T-shirts \$9 (instead of \$10) and Sweatshirts (\$19 instead of \$20).



# Spirit Wear Order Form

Seven Oaks Elementary

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**A. Hooded Sweatshirt Green: \$20 \$19\***

**C. T-shirt Lime Green: \$10 \$9\***

**D. T-shirt Yellow: \$10 \$9\***

**B. T-shirt Green \$10 \$9\***

Sweatshirts (run a little small)

Youth Sizes: S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), XL (18-20)

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

T-shirts

Youth Sizes: S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16)

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Order Form:

Item	Youth/Adult	Size	Price	2XL: add \$2 3XL-4XL: add \$4	Quantity	Total
Total Due:						

**\*All prices include tax. Prices go up September 1. Please make checks payable to: Seven Oaks PTA.**

**Sorry no exchanges or refunds. All sales final. Please see PTA website or school front lobby for colors and samples.**



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 22 . 7-8 pm

Mark your calendars, for our Annual Ice Cream Social!  
Join us on the school playground Thursday evening from 7 - 8pm.

- TWO lucky students will win 24" beach cruiser bikes and helmets, which will be raffled off to currently enrolled students. Must be present to win! (1 entry per student).
- 1,000 servings of ice cream and water!
- Performance by "The Summerwind Skippers" (speed jump-ropers).
- Eagle Fire, Police, and St. Luke's Medic 26, exhibits.
- Book Fair in the library.
- Meet the PTA and see how you can volunteer to help support our children's school!



HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!



## Attention

**3rd - 5th Grade Girls** - we are starting a new chapter of **Girls on the Run at Seven Oaks** and want you to join us! We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running. The program instills self-esteem and strong values through

health education, life skills development, mentoring relationships, and physical training. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays 4 - 5:15. Fall session runs September 4th - November 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens August 14th. To register visit the GOTR website on the 14th for a link to our online registration [www.gotr.org](http://www.gotr.org). There are **only 20 spots** available so don't wait too long to sign your daughter up! Look for us at Back to School Night.



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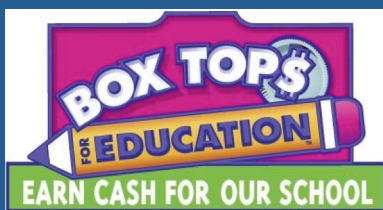
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**HARVEST**

**Dinner & Auction**

*Friday, October 18th*

**more information  
coming soon!**



Don't forget to turn your box tops into your teacher(s). The teachers get 100% of the money raised from this program and they really need it!

Last year, the teachers used their box top money to purchase math programs, science experiment items, books, educational apps for the children, etc.. Look for our contest that will be held mid-September and please remember that every little bit helps.



# HARVEST FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

We invite **YOUR BUSINESS** to join us as a sponsor for the  
Seven Oaks Harvest Dinner & Auction on October 18th.

By sponsoring this event, you will be promoting your business to over 300 families at our school, and helping to make available the resources that enrich the education of our children. Contributions to the Seven Oaks Elementary School PTA (Tax ID 82-0497308) are fully tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

**We are offering four levels of sponsorship:**

## **PLATINUM Sponsor - \$1,000+**

*Benefits include:*

- Full-page advertisement (Approx. 5"x7.5") in the Harvest Auction Booklet (B/W)
- Full-page advertisement (Approx. 5"x7.5") in the Seven Oaks PTA Student Directory (B/W)
- Recognition as PLATINUM Sponsor in Squirrel Tales Newsletter
- Prominent Recognition as Platinum Sponsor at the Harvest Dinner & Auction (Stage Banner + Verbal)
- Four tickets to the Harvest Dinner & Auction
- Table Signage - table named in your company's honor
- Your company brochure, or other printed material provided by you, included in the Auction Packet which guests will receive upon arrival to event
- Expedited check-out on Auction night

## **GOLD Sponsor - \$500+**

*Benefits include:*

- HALF page advertisement (Approx. 5"x3.75") in the Harvest Auction Booklet (B/W)
- HALF page advertisement (Approx. 5"x3.75") in the Seven Oaks PTA Student Directory (B/W)
- Recognition as a GOLD Sponsor in Squirrel Tales Newsletter
- Prominent Recognition as Gold Sponsor at the Harvest Dinner & Auction (Stage Banner + Verbal)
- Two tickets to Harvest Dinner & Auction
- Table Signage - table named in your company's honor
- Expedited check-out on Auction night



## SILVER Sponsor - \$250+

Benefits include:

- Business-Card size advertisement in the Harvest Auction Booklet (B/W)
- Recognition at the Harvest Dinner & Auction - Donor/Sponsor Banner
- Table Signage - table named in your company's honor

## Contributing Sponsor - \$100+

Benefits include:

- Company name listed in Harvest Auction Booklet on Donor/Sponsor Appreciation Page
- Recognition at the Harvest Dinner & Auction - Donor/Sponsor Banner

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

PLATINUM \$1000+

GOLD \$500+

SILVER \$250+

CONTRIBUTING \$100+

*\*Checks payable to Seven Oaks PTA\**

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution to Seven Oaks!

Please contact Christine Avey at 401-8831 or [christine.avey@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.avey@yahoo.com) with questions.





**Now Enrolling** for Before, Mid-day and After School at Eagle Y Kids

The Y before and after school programs offer a developmentally appropriate curriculum that help children grow in spirit, mind and body. Group and individual activities that help develop character are:

- Homework Help
- Leadership Development Activities
- Fieldtrips
- Arts and Humanities Projects
- Education on Healthy Eating and Activity
- Rock Climbing, Zumba and so much more!

Our goal is to reinforce what children are learning in school to help them be academically successful.



**For more information please call 208 939 6735.**

## PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM



Start thinking of ideas to enter the PTA Reflections Program at Seven Oaks. **The theme for this school year is "Believe, Dream, Inspire"**. PTA Reflections is a national arts program where students are recognized for bringing the theme to life through dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Original entries are to be submitted to our local PTA by individual students following the National PTA Reflections Guidelines.

Last school year several students from Seven Oaks were recognized at the regional level and two of our students were awarded at the state level! You can see all of the state of Idaho winning entries from the 2012-2013 theme and learn more about the PTA Reflections program at: [http://idahopta.org/REFLECTIONS\\_02WE.html](http://idahopta.org/REFLECTIONS_02WE.html)

More information on rules and entry deadlines for Seven Oaks students will be coming soon. Contact Andrea Palmer if you have any questions or would like to be a parent volunteer at [andrealynnepalmer@gmail.com](mailto:andrealynnepalmer@gmail.com).



## 2014 Science & Engineering Club

Come join us for the first meetings of the year with the Discovery Center!

Meet in the gym right after school:  
Wednesday, September 18th - grades K-2  
Thursday, September 19th - grades 3-5

In October, Science & Engineering Club will meet on its regularly scheduled 3rd Thursday of the month, October 17th. Please fill out and return the following participation form if your child or children are interested in attending. Each child will need to fill out a separate form.

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### Parent/ Child Information Form for Science and Engineering Club

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*Science club starts at 4:00 pm and ends at 5:00 pm.

**Please plan to pick your child up at 5:00 pm.**

\*\*\*\* We would also appreciate any volunteers who would like to help make science club great. You do not have to be an expert in science, just willing to help out. If you would like to help out, please check here\_\_\_\_\_. We are hoping that you might be willing to donate 1 hour of time to help us out. Thanks! If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Tanya Elmer at [elmer.tanya@meridianschools.org](mailto:elmer.tanya@meridianschools.org).