

SEVEN OAKS ELEMENTARY

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MIGHTY OAKS GROW

NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Mrs. Lil Folkner

Halloween at Seven Oaks was a Scream!!

The first official Halloween celebration at Seven Oaks was a terrifying success! Kids of all ages including students, moms, dads, and younger siblings, dressed up and partied down! We enjoyed a costume parade led by incognito Kindergarten students and everyone had a ghoulish good time snacking on treats and playing games. It was such a good time that we plan to do it again next year!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dec 13: Spirit wear
Holiday Order deadline

Dec 19: Alley Cats
Assembly 9:30 & 10:30

Dec 19: Science &
Engineering Club 4-5 pm

Dec 23 – Jan 3: No
School Holiday Break

Jan 7: PTA general
meeting 6-7 pm in the
library

Jan 21: Spelling Bee
6 pm

Jan 23: Teacher
Appreciation Lunch
(2nd & 3rd Grades)

Jan 30: Family Bingo
Night 6 pm



PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

On that same day, Seven Oaks students were treated to sights and sounds of the ***Eagle High School Marching Band and Flag Corps!*** The band performed in our gym and the sound was deafening and the fun was ecstatic! Students were able to listen to the band perform and afterwards band members took the time to talk to our students about being a member of the band. A great time was had by all!



Seven Oaks 5th Graders Attend October 18 Red Ribbon Week Festivities at the Idaho State Capital Building

Seven Oaks 5th grade students were invited to say “NO” to drugs at this year, Red Ribbon celebration on the steps of the Idaho Capital Building. Only seven schools from around the valley were invited to participate and Seven Oaks was selected to represent Meridian School District. Ava Strand, a 5th grade student at Seven Oaks, was one of three invited student speakers to address fellow students at the event (see picture below)





PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

5th Grade Music Program November 7

Our fifth graders performed a patriotic and rousing program to commemorate Veteran's Day at their November 7 music program. Veterans were invited by students to attend and they were given preferential seating at the program. Students sang and danced and a great time was had by all. A big thank you to the fifth grade teachers, students and Ms. Graham, music teacher, for their work on the program.

Parent Teacher Conferences Update

A child's first and most influential teachers are their parents. Creating a connection between home and school is an essential part in educating students. Parents who are involved and concerned with their child's progress in school establish the foundation for life long learning. That is the reason why Seven Oaks parents participate so consistently in attending Parent Teacher Conferences, held the week of October 7-10. As a result, teachers reported an astounding **98.7%** of parents attending conferences!

Having interested, involved, and supportive parents is the wish that all schools desire. The educators at Seven Oaks Elementary are very appreciative to all the parents of our students who assist us in providing a quality educational atmosphere for children to learn and grow.

What to do If your Child is Absent:

Please call the office and report your student's absence if they are not in school at **350-4095**.



The Big Bee for the top two Spellers in 3rd-5th grades will be on Tuesday, January 21st starting at 6:00pm.

Classroom bees will be going on in the next two weeks. The top two spellers from grades 1-5 will be announced during Monday Morning Meeting, January 6th.



HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION UPDATE

THANK YOU to all the Parents, Teachers & Staff who attended this year's Harvest Dinner & Auction!! A heartfelt thank you goes out to the AMAZING volunteers who put on this incredible event. Once again, Mr. G impressed the guests with his impeccable and engaging auctioneering skills. It was a VERY fun evening... great people, live music, delicious food, and amazing auction items!

Your generous support netted over \$19,630 for Seven Oaks!!!

The PTA voted to spend some of those funds for an improved portable PA sound system and also to fully outfit three classrooms with Promethean ActivBoards (interactive whiteboard systems).

Your support is making a REAL difference to Seven Oaks.

Holiday Giving Ideas

- The PTA has put together TEACHER INTEREST FORMS for each teacher. They are in a binder in the front office. If you are thinking about holiday gift ideas for your teacher, this is a great resource!
- Pick an apple from the Giving Tree located in the front office and give something needed to your child's classroom.
- Interested in year-end tax deductions for your donation? Consider making your donation to Seven Oaks through the **Meridian Schools Education Foundation**. You even have the option to designate your donation to go directly to a specific classroom at Seven Oaks.

www.meridianschools.org/COMMUNITY/EDUCATIONFOUNDATION/DONATETOTHECLASSROOM/Pages/ThanksaTeacher.aspx



Target Red Card

Help Seven Oaks by shopping at Target!

Sign up for the target 'Red' card, (debit or credit) then designate Seven Oaks as your school and 1% of all your purchases will go directly to our school. Last year we earned over \$800 with only 32 registered cards.



Enroll and use REDcard



Target makes up to a 1% donation to your school

- It's Free
- It's easy
- Earns \$money for our school
- Saves you 5% ***every time*** you shop!

Spirit Wear

December 13 is the last day to order spirit wear, if you would like to receive it before the holiday break. All orders made prior to this order deadline will be delivered by December 20th.

Thanks for showing your school spirit!



Science & Engineering Club

Science & Engineering Club Meeting on:

Thursday, December 19th from 4 – 5 p.m.

The Discovery Center will be coming out to do an engineering project with keva planks.

Should be fun for all grades!!



PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of this year's PTA Reflections contest! All entries with an award of excellence have moved forward to the Region 8 competition. Good luck to those students! Be sure to start thinking of ideas for next school year. The theme for 2014 will be: "The World Would Be a Better Place If ...". Students may enter as many times as they wish in all categories. Entries for next year will be due again in October.

Visual Art **Primary Division (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade)**

Award of Merit: Trevin Palmer

Award of Excellence: TIE: Ella Close and Sydney Garber

Visual Art **Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)**

Awards of Merit: Tiffany Babiracki and Brooke Wickham

Award of Excellence: Ava Strand

Award of Excellence (Special Artist): Aaron Blair

Photography **Primary Division (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade)**

Awards of Merit: Trevin Palmer

Award of Excellence: Christopher Rosti

Photography **Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)**

Awards of Merit: Mason Garcia and Ava Strand

Award of Excellence: Anna Allred

Dance Choreography **Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)**

Award of Merit: Kearna Thomas

Award of Excellence: Race McManus

Literature **Primary Division (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade)**

Award of Excellence: Trevin Palmer

Literature **Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)**

Award of Excellence: Ava Strand

Music Composition **Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)**

Award of Excellence: Warren Bodily

Film **Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)**

Award of Excellence: Nathaniel Keith



THANK YOU

To all the businesses that generously donated to our Harvest Auction!

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