

# SQUIRREL TALES

FROM TINY ACORNS



MIGHTY OAKS GROW

## NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

*Mrs. Lil Folkner*

### Seven Oaks Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year

Seven Oaks is honored to announce Mrs. Jenn deMarini as our Teacher of the Year! Mrs. deMarini currently teaches the 4/5 combination class. She has taught at Seven Oaks for seven years and has been employed with the Meridian School District for ten years.

Colleagues of Mrs. deMarini describe her as a caring, thoughtful, and positive influence to her students and staff. Her years of experience and content knowledge combine to make her an effective teacher in the classroom and a collaborative team member. Mrs. deMarini serves on various committees at our school and her insight and expertise are respected by all who work with her.

Congratulations to Mrs. deMarini, Seven Oaks Teacher of the Year!

Tina Rosenkrance, ERR Paraprofessional, has been selected as Seven Oaks Classified Employee of the Year! Those who work closest with Tina describe her as a kind, compassionate, and caring person who looks for the positive in every situation. Tina adapts to the needs and challenges for every child she serves and her calm demeanor works magic! Tina Rosenkrance is a highly valued staff member at Seven Oaks.

Congratulations to Tina Rosenkrance, Seven Oaks Classified Employee of the Year!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb 12: Kindergarten  
Orientation 10:30-11:30 am

Feb 14: Deadline for PTA  
nomination forms

Feb 17: No School (Holiday)

Feb 27: Family Science Night  
and Mixed Bag fundraiser  
deadline

Feb 28: No School (Inservice)

March 4: PTA Meeting  
6-7 pm library

March 4: Kindergarten  
Registration 9 – 3  
By Appointment Only

March 4: Read In

March 5: Pete the Cat  
Dress-up day

March 6: Pete's Magic  
Sunglass Day – wear your  
sunglasses

March 7: Whoville Hair Day!

March 10 – 28: Track Break



## PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

### Seven Oaks Receives Micron Grant for Mobile Discovery Lab

Seven Oaks students will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on discovery in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) on April 17! Discover Technology exists to partner with educators to help lead students into experiential, hands-on discovery in the disciplines of STEM. Seven Oaks was awarded a grant from the Micron Foundation to host the Mobile Discovery Lab. A special thanks to Allison Lark, parent at SOE, for all of her help and support in obtaining this grant.

Seven Oaks students will begin their day with an assembly that is sure to IGNITE their interest followed by a classroom visit to the Mobile Discovery Lab. Whether dealing with matter, physics, light, robotics or chemistry, presenters will combine a broad range of experiments to engage students. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Seven Oaks PTA who contributed funds to extend the length of stay of the Discovery Lab for an additional two hours. These extra hours will allow students and parents attending the after school Science Engineering Club to have additional access to the Mobile Discovery Lab. For more information regarding the Mobile Discovery Lab, please visit their website at <http://discovertechnology.org/>

### Seven Oaks Receives Donation from Albertson's

Albertson Stores is once again sponsoring the Boise Open Golf Tournament. Thanks to the popularity and success of this event, local Albertson stores were able to share the proceeds by selecting to two schools in their area for a \$1000 donation. Seven Oaks Elementary was selected as one of the schools who received this generous donation.

Tom Holloway, manager at the Eagle Albertsons store, presented this check to Mrs. Folkner at a lovely breakfast meeting hosted by Albertsons at The Grove Hotel on January 14. Proceeds from the donation went to the purchase of online K5 classroom subscriptions for ORIGO Stepping Stones Math.

### Young Masters Chess Club

Looking for a way to develop your child's memory skills, improve their concentration, develop their logical thinking, and increase their capability to predict and foresee consequences of their actions? Then consider enrolling your son or daughter in the Young Master Chess Club at Seven Oaks Elementary!

Young Masters Chess Club meets on Monday mornings from 8:15-9:00AM in room 18. Registration and payment information for this activity can be found at [www.YoungChessMasters.com/sevenoaks.htm](http://www.YoungChessMasters.com/sevenoaks.htm). Payment is made online. A three-week session will run February 10-March 3 with another session beginning March 31.



## PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

### Spelling Bees at Seven Oaks

Students in grades 1-5 participated in classroom Spelling Bees during the first week of January 2014. Student spellers took on the challenge of correctly spelling grade level and advanced words during their classroom showdown. Only the last two students standing were honored at Monday Morning Meeting with a Spelling Bee certificate.

On January 21, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 competed in the Seven Oaks Spelling Bee. Parent judges Leslie Anderson and Aaron Dykas listened intently to each student spell their word and ruled accordingly. After multiple rounds, the last Spellers standing were:

First place: Aydn Williamson

Second place: Annabel Carlson

Third place: Leifur Christianson

Congratulations to all those who participated in Spelling Bees at Seven Oaks. A special thank you to teachers Dyan Kastner and Courtney McManus for organizing and setting up the event.

### Supplemental Levy – Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballots for the upcoming supplemental levy election on March 11 are currently available. By requesting an absentee ballot, you will be able to participate in the election by mail prior to voting in person on March 11. In addition, you will also be able to ask to receive ballots for all of this year's upcoming elections including the May Primary and the General Election in November. Ada County Elections will mail you ballots for each of these elections in time for you to mail them back prior to the actual election day. To print an absentee ballot, go to [idahovotes.gov](http://idahovotes.gov). After you have printed and completed the form, mail your absentee ballot request to:

Ada County Elections

400 N. Benjamin Lane,

Suite 100 Boise,

Idaho 83704

You can also fax your request for an absentee ballot to 208-287-6939. Ada County Elections will mail you a ballot with instructions.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

## GUIDED DISCOVERY INCLUSION PRESCHOOL

Through a partnership with the Meridian School District, our part time program allows for a diverse group of children from all backgrounds and abilities to grow and develop in an inclusive environment. Our classrooms are rich with printed words and provide children with an interactive environment where they can participate in small and large group activities including: language and literacy activities, math concepts, gym time, music enrichment and reading time.

### Location

Seven Oaks Elementary  
1441 South Oaks Way  
9:05 a.m.-11:55 a.m. Monday-Thursday

Tuition is \$241 monthly; paid on the first with an annual registration fee of \$75. Financial Assistance is available to those that qualify.

### For more information:

Please contact the coordinator, Arron Walton,  
344-5502 x244 or [arron.walton@ymcatvidaho.org](mailto:arron.walton@ymcatvidaho.org)

\* For children ages 3 to 5 and potty trained.



# CONGRATULATE YOUR FIFTH GRADE GRADUATE

With a Personalized Ad!!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to place a personalized ad in the 2013-2014 Seven Oaks Yearbook for your Fifth Grade Graduate!

**Ad Cost: \$15.00 \\ Deadline: Friday, February 14, 2014**

To reserve your ad spot in the Yearbook, please email **1 DIGITAL PHOTO** and a **BRIEF PERSONAL MESSAGE** for your graduate's ad to **Alicia Rosti, PTA Yearbook Advisor**, at [alicia.rosti@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.rosti@gmail.com) by Friday, February 14, 2014.

## **PAYMENT:**

Please include payment with the order form below and return it to your child's teacher or to Alicia Rosti by Friday, February 14, 2014.



SAMPLE AD  
PHOTO & MESSAGE  
SIZE: 3 5/8" x 1 7/8"



2013-2014 Seven Oaks Elementary School Yearbook  
**PERSONALIZED AD ORDER FORM**  
**AD COST: \$15.00**

CHILD'S NAME

PARENT'S NAME

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Please make checks payable to Seven Oaks Elementary PTA.

Include your payment with this order form and return it to your child's teacher or to Alicia Rosti, PTA Yearbook Advisor. Questions? Contact Alicia at [Alicia.Rosti@gmail.com](mailto:Alicia.Rosti@gmail.com).



# READ WEEK



**PTA Sponsored Read Week is coming March 3-7! It's time to celebrate the joy of reading! We have a great week of activities planned to put the focus on reading for fun and the importance of being a good reader.**

**Pete the Cat is our Read Week ambassador this year. These fun books by James Dean focus on a cool cat named Pete, who encourages kids to be cool under pressure, problem solve and find happiness within themselves. This year we have a goal of reading 500 books. If we meet our goal, Mrs. Folkner will dress up as a squirrel and pass out a little treat at lunch!**

**There will also be fun activities and treats in the library and prize bags awarded each day.**

**Monday-Read Week Kickoff at Monday Morning Meeting. Bookmarks distributed for daily prizes.**

**Tuesday-Read In.** Students bring their favorite book, stuffed animal, and blanket for a 30 minute read in during class time.

**Wednesday-Cool as Pete the Cat Dress Up Day!** Students dress in their hippest clothes like Pete the Cat. Bright colors are a must!

**Thursday-Pete's Magic Sunglasses Day-**Students can wear sunglasses today!

**Friday-Whoville Hair Day!** In a salute to Dr. Seuss, wear your hair crazy like you see in a Dr. Seuss book. Back by popular request!

**It should be a fun week!**



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for people to run for next years PTA board. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please fill out the following form.

- Print out the nomination form
- Nominate a friend or yourself for a position (DON'T BE SHY!)
- Drop off the form to the nomination box (located by the front office)

The deadline for all forms is this **Friday, February 14th.**

## Seven Oaks Elementary PTA



### 2014-2015 Executive Officer Interest & Nominations Form

From: (Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

To: SEVEN OAKS PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please consider the following individual(s) as you develop the slate of officers.

I am willing to serve as (please check all that apply):

- PRESIDENT
- 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (Curricular & Enhancement Programs)
- 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (Student, Parent & Teacher Services)
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER

Please consider the following individual(s) for an officer's position (you may list more than one name per position; please provide each person's phone number if you know it).

- PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1<sup>ST</sup> VP (Curricular & Enhancement Programs): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2<sup>ND</sup> VP (Student, Parent & Teacher Services): \_\_\_\_\_
- SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_
- TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Please return this form to your child's teacher or the ballot box, located by the office, no later than Friday, February 7th.

Thank you for your interest and your input.

Seven Oaks Elementary  
1441 North Sevenoaks Way  
Eagle, ID 83616  
Phone: 208-350-4095  
www.meridianschools.org



# TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Attention all **4th** and **5th** Grade Parents!

The Staff Appreciation Committee will be hosting a

## Tour of Italy

luncheon for our wonderful Seven Oaks staff.

Thursday, March 6th

We need your help to make it happen! Please be on the lookout for an email with more details. Thank you for your help. The staff LOVES these lunches!

Melissa Russell and Ashlee Anderson  
[ashanderson100@gmail.com](mailto:ashanderson100@gmail.com)







# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Seven Oaks Elementary School. Just come into the Meridian Chipotle on East River Valley Street & Eagle Rd **Wednesday, March 5th**, from **4:30pm to 8:30pm**, and bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier and they'll get 50% of the proceeds.



## Mixed Bag Fundraiser Going on Now: February 10 - February 27

Seller packets went home on Monday, February 10 – make sure to check those backpacks! We're offering eco-friendly reusable bags and tons of fantastic products - there's something for everyone in this catalog.

### We're Collecting Orders Now!

Let's get orders in, collect payment and hand in our checks to your teachers by Thursday, February 27! We appreciate all of your support!

# SEVEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PROUDLY PRESENTS



## KINDERGARTEN

2014-2015

**ORIENTATION**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2014**  
**10:30AM-11:30AM**  
**Seven Oaks Library**

- Receive Registration Materials
- Learn about Seven Oaks Kindergarten
- Talk to the Nurse and Secretary
- Meet Teachers
- Tour Kindergarten Classrooms & School
- Sign up for registration appointment
  - WE OFFER FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN!  
(\$100 deposit holds a spot)

Because this is an informational meeting, we ask that children do not come. Your child can see the school at registration.

Complete kindergarten registration packets can be found at [www.meridianschools.org](http://www.meridianschools.org), filled out and brought with you to orientation accompanied by:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residence (a utility bill)
- Immunization Record

**REGISTRATION**  
**MARCH 4, 2014**  
**9:00AM-3:00PM**  
**Seven Oaks Gym**

After completed packets are turned in, you can make an appointment for you and your child to attend kindergarten registration.

At Registration, you can expect:  
Vision Test  
Fun Centers  
Gift Bags to take home

Seven Oaks is a place where community is involved, learning is loved and character is promoted.