

SQUIRREL TALES

FROM TINY ACORNS



MIGHTY OAKS GROW

NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Mrs. Lil Folkner

Halloween at Seven Oaks!

Staff and students will celebrate Halloween with classroom parties on October 31, from 3:00-3:50 with AM Kindergarten celebrating from 11:30-12:05. Please note that October 31 is an instructional day and all parties will be held at designated times only.

Please abide by the following Halloween Party Guidelines:

Party Time

- 🐿 AM Kindergarten party will be 11:30-12:05. TK-5 grades parties will be 3:00-3:50.
- 🐿 Only AM Kindergarten students will change into their costumes at 11:30 and parade at 11:40.
- 🐿 AM Kindergarten Halloween parties will resume after their parade and end at 12:05.
- 🐿 Tuition Kindergarten and students in grades 1-5 will be allowed to put on their costumes at 3:00.
- 🐿 TK will parade at 3:10 and all PM parties will resume after the parade and end at 3:50.

Costumes

- 🐿 Students may bring their costumes to school but may not wear them to school.
- 🐿 No costumes with gory images, fake blood, or weapons allowed.
- 🐿 Eye masks are okay but no full facial masks allowed.
- 🐿 No makeup allowed.
- 🐿 Crazy hair and wigs allowed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 9: No School AM Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conf.

Oct 10 – 11: No School Parent Teacher Conf.

Oct 17: Science & Engineering Club
All grades 4-5 pm

Oct 18: Harvest Festival

Oct 18: Red Ribbon Spirit Day -Wear Red

Oct 25: School Spirit Day -Wear Green & Yellow

Oct 30: Reflections Submissions Due

Nov 7: Family Engineering Night
6-8 pm



PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

Kindergarten Costume Parade

- 🍩 At 11:30, only AM Kindergarten children will be allowed to put on their costumes.
- 🍩 At 11:40, AM Kindergarten students will parade through the K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 hallways.
- 🍩 At 11:40, students in grades 1-5 will line up against the walls in the hallways to view the AM Kindergarten parade.
- 🍩 At 3:00, Tuition Kindergarten students will put on their costumes and will parade at 3:10. Tuition Kindergarten students will parade at 3:10 only.
- 🍩 At 3:00 students in grades 1-5 will be allowed put on their costumes.
- 🍩 At 3:10, students in grades 1-5 will line the hallways (in their costumes) to view the Tuition Kindergarten parade. All grade level parties will resume after TK parade and end at 3:50.

Halloween Party Treats / Parents Invited / Sign Out

- 👤 Each classroom will be responsible for assigning party treats and activities.
- 👤 Please observe the Meridian School District Wellness policy when providing treats. No frogwarts or batwings allowed (too high in sugar and carbohydrates)
- 👤 If parents choose to take their student out before the end of the school day, please sign your student out at the office.
- 👤 If a student's family does not observe Halloween, parents can check out their student at 3:00.
- 👤 An alternative activity will also be provided for those students who do not celebrate Halloween but who wish to remain at school.
- 👤 Parents are invited to attend their child's classroom party. Please sign in at the office and wear a badge at all times for your own protection against ghosts, goblins, and ghouls!
- 👤 For those parents who can't resist a good Halloween party, please wear your costume too!

Help Our School Break a World Record!

Seven Oaks Elementary partnered with the Pearson Foundation and Jumpstart.org to break the world record for the most people reading the same book on the same day. On October 3, 2013, our students joined millions of adults and children across the country to read *Otis* by Loren Long. Enjoy reading this book at home with your children.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Teachers and parents will meet this week for fall parent teacher conferences. Communication between home and school is vital to the academic and social growth for children. Parents should have received an invitation and confirmed their attendance. If you need to change your meeting time with your child's teacher, please call the Seven Oaks office at 350-4095.



PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

USAF Falcons Buzz and Echo at Seven Oaks

The Harper family hosted five USAF cadets of the Falconry Club who were in town for the BSU Air Force game. The falcon is the mascot for the USAF. Mr. Harper offered to arrange to have cadets and falcons present to our students at 11:00 am on Friday, Sept 13, in the gym. Falconry Club cadets Cody and Akil brought Echo and Buzz, a peregrine falcon and kestrel falcon, to show our students. The cadets presented and talked to Seven Oaks students about how falcons are members of the fastest animal family on earth. They also talked about the round the clock care these birds receive and what the cadets are required to do as members of the Falconry Club.

Seven Oaks students really enjoyed learning about these beautiful birds and about the United States Air Force Academy.



Attention

All Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parents!

The **Staff Appreciation** Committee will be hosting a lunch for our wonderful Seven Oaks staff on Thursday Oct. 24th. We need your help! Please sign up to bring something yummy for them to enjoy. Be on the look out for an email next week with more details. Thank you for your help. The staff **LOVES** these lunches!

Melissa Russell & Ashlee Anderson mrussellandassociates@gmail.com



HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION

Are you coming to the Harvest Dinner & Auction on Friday, Oct. 18th?
Here are some reminders:

- **Doors open 5:45 pm.** Come on time so you have time to peruse the Silent Auction area before dinner!
- Wondering what to wear? **This is a casual affair** - jeans encouraged! (think *Yee-haw chic*)
- **New location** this year: the **Water's Edge Event Center** is located at 287 East Shore Drive in Eagle.
- **Dinner** will be served at 7 pm. No host bar available.
- No pre-assigned seating - sit wherever you like.
- We will be raffling an **iPad!** You may buy raffle tickets as you check in.
- Live Auction will begin around 7:45 pm.
(Desserts will be auctioned first, followed by several amazing Live Auction items!)
- Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

Red Ribbon Week Rally

Finally after several years of applying, Seven Oaks **5th graders** have been chosen to attend a rally on the Idaho Statehouse steps with four other schools.

One of our lucky 5th graders will be chosen to speak at the rally. This great opportunity will take place Friday, October 18 from 12 noon-1:00 p.m.

Send your 5th grader with a sack lunch that day and dressed in red to show our School Spirit!



Calling all HP Parents!

It's product donation time! Starting November 1st HP and Employees share the cost of product donations (Employee 25% and HP 75%). If you'd like to participate in supporting Seven Oaks please reach out to Deb Garber at HP (deb.garber@hp.com).



Thursday, October 24th

Join us for our Seven Oaks Pizza & Pasta Family Fundraiser at Smoky Mountain!

Come in from open until close for Dine-in, Carryout, or Delivery and mention "**Seven Oaks Elementary**" and our school will receive 10% back!

Make it a Smoky Mountain night & support our school!



Science & Engineering Club

October 17th: Dr. Picklestein and Lady Argentum are coming to do a pre-Halloween chemistry show with hands on experiments.

December 19th: Adaire Evans from the Idaho Fish and Game is going to do a "Nose-to-Nose" program about animals in the winter.



Breakfast: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri @ 8:45 and Wed @ 9:00

News "Bite" from School Nutrition Services

DID YOU KNOW.....



1. ... your child may qualify to receive free or reduced meals?

Applying for and receiving free and reduced meals is simple and confidential. We offer online application processing that provides parents with an efficient and quick way to submit free and reduced applications.

Parents may easily access the secure web-based system at

www.meridianschools.org

click on lunch menus...click on free and reduced.....click on the application link

(www.frapplications.meridianschools.org)

2. ... your child's free or reduced lunch status from the previous school year expires annually?

Modified calendar schools' expiration date was September 17th and the grace period has ended.

Traditional calendar schools will expire October 8th.

3. ... your child can purchase a delicious and filling breakfast each day?

Call your school to find out what time they begin to serve breakfast.

4. ... you can make payments online to your child's account?

Go to www.MyPaymentsPlus.com

This is a secure way to manage your child's account (fees apply).

The MyPaymentsPlus app is now available in the Apple® App Store™

5. ... lunches that include fresh fruits, vegetables and green salads everyday are available to all students?

Menus are posted on the school nutrition web page.

www.meridianschools.org

...click on lunch menus



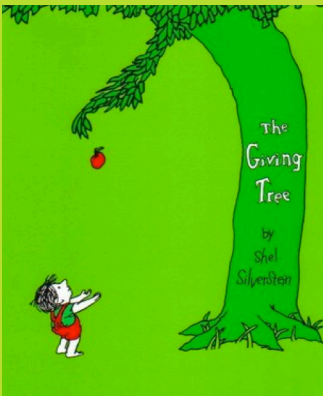
PURCHASE GIFT CARDS

Purchase gift cards for the holidays or just monthly spending during Parent Teacher Conferences. Look for the PTA table, where Gift Cards to several popular merchants will be available for purchase as well as order forms for over 700 other companies nationwide.

All orders are due October 21st with delivery before track break. If you are unsure of how Scrip works, contact Mrs. Kastner at kastner.dyan@meridianschools.org or anyone on the PTA board for more information. It's super easy:)

GIVING TREE FOOD DRIVE FOR THE EAGLE FOOD BANK!

Great news! Seven Oaks Elementary donated **310 cans** of food to the Eagle Food Bank in September! Our Giving Tree was so happy that it grew taller, adding more branches and leaves.



Our next challenge is to bring in **pennies!** Tom Holloway from Albertsons is asking Seven Oaks and two other elementary Eagle Food Bank to purchase turkey and food vouchers for the holidays. Last year Eagle Hills Elementary did this and was able to collect \$1,400.00 in pennies.

Tom Holloway will donate a **pizza party** to the class that collects the most, so start looking under those couches. Pennies will be collected in October, November, and December!



EXPLORE the Arts!

PARTICIPATE in PTA Reflections

Theme: "Believe, Dream, Inspire"

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

ART CATEGORIES:



Dance Choreography



Music Composition



Film Production



Photography



Literature



Visual Arts

Deadline for entries: Wednesday October 30, 2013

For details, contact: Seven Oaks Elementary PTA Reflections Chair:
Andrea Palmer at andrealynnepalmer@gmail.com

* Entry forms and requirements are available at school beginning September 16, or they can be emailed to you directly by contacting Andrea Palmer

*Entries may be submitted in the Reflections box located in the music room



NEW BOOKS!

The library just received a new shipment of BOOKS! We were able to add over 150 new titles to our collection because of YOUR support of the Book Fair in August. THANK YOU for supporting our school and students. To see a list of the books purchased, click on the following link:

<http://destiny.meridianschools.org/cataloging/servlet/presentbooklistform.do?listID=10769243>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair the second week of December. Make holiday shopping easy, shop the Book Fair! Books make great gifts! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be focused on updating our fiction section.