

SQUIRREL TALES

FROM TINY ACORNS



MIGHTY OAKS GROW

NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Mrs. Lil Folkner

These past few weeks it has been my great pleasure to meet and work with staff, students, and parents at Seven Oaks. This school's reputation for academics, extracurricular activities, and parent advocacy and support is well earned and respected and I am very pleased to be a part of this culture.

As a public educator for 25 years, I have seen the increased challenge of attracting and keeping students at neighborhood schools given the options of open enrollment, charter schools, and home school. I see the challenge of increasing the number of students at Seven Oaks as a public relations opportunity in the making and one that school staff, parents, and the community can work on together.

In other meetings with school community and staff personnel, wants and needs have surfaced that have caught my attention and interest. Some of those areas are:

- Obtaining more one on one devices, for student use especially for technical writing and increasing the accessibility of web-based programs to students.
- Increase K-2 student proficiencies in math fluency, number sense, and place value with more hands on manipulative kits, models, and intervention support to include high, medium, and low performing students by implementing parent volunteers in additional avenues of support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

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

Sept 26: Tears of Joy Assembly

Oct 1: PTA Meeting
6-7 pm Library

Oct 6: Spirit Day
Career Day

Oct 13: Spirit Day
Inspiration Day

Oct 18: Harvest Festival

Oct 20: Spirit Day
Book Day

Oct 27: Spirit Day
Education Day



PRINCIPAL NOTE CONTINUED:

- Promote genre reading through library incentive programs.
- Dr. Clark's concern that all elementary schools align K-5 instruction to Idaho Common Core Standards to better support all students as they prepare for the challenge by participating in the new Smarter Balance testing next spring.

Schools on modified calendars also face the additional challenge of conducting school during August, a prime summer vacation month. Idaho schools are budgeted based on daily average attendance. Seven Oaks had 46 students absent on Friday, August 30, which is more than 10% of our current student population. Whenever possible, I encourage families to take vacation days during track breaks which will help to reduce absences and increase our attendance numbers.

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Conference week will be October 7-11. Your child's teacher will be contacting you in the coming weeks with an invitation to attend. Until then, enjoy the beautiful autumn weather and fall festivities so abundant in our part of Idaho.

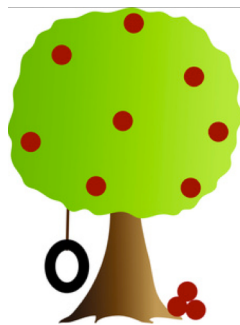
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Pick an Apple - From our Classroom Giving Tree

Would you like to give your child's teacher/class something they need? Pick an apple from the tree in the front lobby.



Each apple has a classroom need and/or a teacher request. Thanks for helping to fill our classrooms with their needed and wished for items!





Message from our Counselor: Meghan Raney

BULLYING DEFINITION

For a behavior to be considered bullying, it must have three elements:

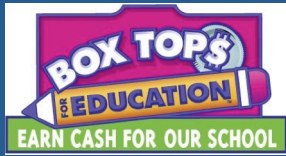
- It must be *intended* to cause *harm*.
- It must be *repetitive*.
- A *power imbalance* exists between the bully and the victim.

Bullies can use their bodies (physical), mouths (verbal), electronics (cyber), and relationships (social) to harm others.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT BULLYING

- *Tell, Tell, Tell, Tell, Tell a trusted adult.*
- Rescue a potential victim (play with him or her).
- Avoid a bully situation.
- Don't join in gossip, rumors, or mean talk.
- Use short term escape plans (confuse, blow off, don't have any "buttons", fake it, humor, etc.).
- Ask bully to stop (use I statements).
- *Tell, Tell, Tell, Tell, Tell a trusted adult.*

Be a **defender**...make a choice to take action that helps victims and stops bullying.



Lets "Shoot to the Moon for Box Tops".

Please start Bringing your Box Tops into your class, so our Despicable me Minions can start collecting Box Tops

Sept. 13- Oct 18th. Classes will be awarded prizes for most collected Box Tops, most filled out worksheets, and most bonus coupons. Worksheets can be found at www.boxtopsforeducation.com or by the front office. No staples on the worksheets please.

We are working with the Eagle Albertsons to help promote the Box Tops for Education. The Store Director, Tom Holloway, will be helping to judge our class minions as well as some in-store assistance in getting the word out. Watch for some **AMAZING** ads coming out this Wednesday from Albertsons that will give you some great deals on General Mills products, and will provide an extra 25 Box Tops per 10 items sold. Simply turn your receipt code into your child's teacher. **Don't forget that 100% of the Box Top money goes to the teachers.**

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 has been a BIG hit and is available on both a hooded sweatshirt and t-shirts. Next Assembly/Spirit Day is Thursday Sept. 26.

T-shirts \$10 & Sweatshirts \$20



Spirit Wear Order Form

Seven Oaks Elementary

Name: _____ Child: _____

Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

Phone: _____



A. Hooded Sweatshirt Green: \$20*

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

D. T-shirt Yellow: \$10*

B. T-shirt Green \$10*

Sweatshirts (runs 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. 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.



Seven Oaks

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Oct. 18 2013

AT

WATERS EDGE EVENT CENTER 287 E. SHORE DR. EAGLE

Doors open at 5:45 pm - Dinner served at 7pm

GOOD FOOD *Good Friends*

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS TO BENEFIT OUR

Great school

No host bar - Tickets: \$35 per person

RSVP *BY* October 2

SAVE \$5 PER PERSON *AND* RSVP by Sept 27





RSVP Name:

Email or Phone:

Yes # of adults attending [\$30 each by Sept 27 early rsvp]
[\$35 each if responding after Sept 27 but before Oct 2]

I/We would like to sponsor a teacher [\$30]

Unable to attend, but would like to donate:

RSVP by Oct. 2, 2013 & include payment with this response.
Make checks payable to: Seven Oaks PTA.

SCRIP – GIFT CARDS

This is a program that is easy money for Seven Oaks at no extra cost to you. Purchase gift cards to over 700 companies nationwide including grocery stores, retail and online stores. Then a percentage of sales is given to benefit our school. During October Parent Teacher Conferences a table will be set up where you can order Scrip Gift Cards. These are great birthday and Christmas gifts and are also great for those places you already spend money each month such as grocery stores. There will be some popular gift cards available for purchase at the table, as well as order forms for any of the over 700 companies nationwide. Orders are due the last week of October 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:) Thanks for your support.



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

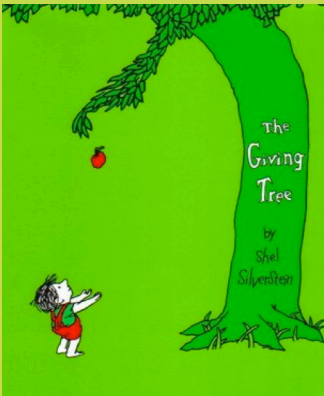
* Entry forms and requirements are available at school beginning September 16, or they can be emailed to you directly by contacting Andrea Palmer

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



FRIENDS & FAMILY FOOD DRIVE FOR THE EAGLE FOOD BANK!

This year we are planning on making our annual food drive an ongoing food drive throughout the entire school year. Our goal is to have Seven Oaks donate over 400 cans of food each month, which is possible if each child donates just one can per month.



We read "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein to the entire student body at Monday Morning Meeting on September 9th. Seven Oaks will have our very own "Food Drive Giving Tree" in the hallway. We will watch our tree grow as students give the gift of food and love to our Eagle families and community.

OCTOBER SPIRIT DAYS

OCTOBER 6TH: Career Day - Dress like what you want to be when you grow up

OCTOBER 13TH: Inspiration Day - Dress like the person that inspires you the most

OCTOBER 20TH: Book Day - Dress like your favorite book character

OCTOBER 27TH: Education Day - Wear elementary, middle school, high school or college shirts





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 with questions.



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Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school — for books, band uniforms, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding? It's called Take Charge of Education[®], and it's helping our school right now.

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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.

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.