

# Osmond Elementary

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

10/5

### Mad River Assembly

Will be presenting Freedom Bound, a spellbinding story of the Underground Railroad. Osmond students will be joining other students at the Star Valley High School Auditorium.

10/10

### School Pictures

8:00 a.m. Preschool - 10:30 a.m.

10/12

### PTC Meeting

10:00 a.m, all interested parents are encouraged to attend.

10/13 & 10/16

No School

10/17

### Bus Safety Week

10/18

### Bus Safety Assembly

Sponsored by our Fantastic Transportation Dept. at 9 a.m.

10/18

### Dry Creek Academy Ends

Osmond's Fall D.C.A. will be over. Watch for Winter sign ups!

10/31

### Halloween

Our PTC is bringing us Pumpkin Patch & Crazy Hair Day.



### Osmond's Cougars are

## Off to a Great Start

The 2017-2018 school year is off and running with students eager to learn. Fourth and Fifth grade students have been able to go on field trips to enhance their learning experience. The Fifth Grade trip to Minnetonka Caves was highlighted last month. So this month you will find photos of our Fourth Graders as they traveled to J.R. Simplot's Smoky Canyon Mine and historic sites in the Stump Creek, Idaho area.

The operations at Smoky Canyon consist primarily of open-pit mining for phosphate ore. Student's were able to learn of the mines operations, marvel at the size of the machinery, and examine the rocks for composition and fossils. Osmond Elementary has a whorl tooth shark (Helicoprion) fossil that was found in the mine.

The field trip included a stop at the McGrew Cabin located a short way up Stump Creek at the mouth of Horse Creek just south of the guard station. The cabin was owned by Nancy Ann McGrew. She was a former civil war nurse and came on the Lander trail with her sons. She saw Tygee Valley and wouldn't go any farther! She said she'd live forever on the pure air and good water. Nancy was a midwife and delivered a lot of babies in the area. Amazingly, she planted five acres of potatoes which she watered hauling buckets of water from the nearby creek.

### Star Valley Arts Council presents. . .

## Mad River Theater Works

Many thanks to the Star Valley Arts Council for providing quality learning experiences for our students. This year they have chosen Freedom Bound.

From their web site we learn "Freedom Bound is an original play with music that tells the tale of the most important

incident in the history of the Underground Railroad in Ohio. The show follows the story of Addison White, a slave who escaped from Kentucky and traveled the Railroad north to the small town of Mechanicsburg, OH. There, he was befriended by a farmer named Udney Hyde. He lived in Hyde's barn, working for his meals by day and learning to read and write with the help of Hyde's daughter, Amanda, by night. Hyde was a suspected abolitionist, however, and it was not long before Addison was discovered by his former Master. Federal marshals surrounded Hyde's cabin in the middle of the night. They were prepared to arrest Addison and return him to slavery, but over 100 citizens from Mechanicsburg confronted the marshals and

demanded that they set Addison free. Freedom Bound uses drama and music, as well as riddles and rhyme, to create characters that emerge from the past and bring the Underground Railroad to life right before your eyes." Students will enjoy the production in the SVHS auditorium on Thursday, October 5.



## Sharing info through Facebook

As much as we value our monthly newsletter, we are aware that calendars are fluid. It is our goal to keep parents and the community up to date with Osmond's happenings. To achieve our goal, we have added one more avenue for communication, Facebook. Please like our Facebook page, [Osmond Elementary](#). We will update our status regularly.

## Calling all Veterans

Please help us update our list of area Veterans! Osmond Elementary has a tradition of honoring those who have served our country. In order to do so, we keep a list of local Veterans. Keeping this list current is a challenge. We are asking for your help in our effort. Please call the office (307.885.9457) or send an email ([kojohnson@lcsd2.org](mailto:kojohnson@lcsd2.org)) if you know of someone we need to include. Thank you!

## Beware - it's time for a Halloween Celebration

Halloween is on its way! Students are encouraged to bring decorated pumpkins for display in our annual Pumpkin Patch sponsored by our fantastic PTC. Pumpkins are to be brought to school the morning of the 31<sup>st</sup> and picked up after school as they cannot be transported on a bus.

In lieu of costumes we have a crazy hair day. Students are able to use their creativity to come up with really unique and even scary ways to do their hair. If you choose to color your hair, it must be washed out or dyed back to a natural color before school the following day. Have safe & fun Holiday!

## Back to school Reminders

Six weeks into school and things are going GREAT! We have a few reminders to enable us to better serve you and your student.

**Calls to have your child sent to an alternate location must be received at least 1/2 hour before school is out.** Messages are taken throughout the day and delivered to the teachers at the cut off time. This allows the teachers time make sure your child receives the note. **With students at specials or on the far end of the playground, we cannot guarantee delivery if you call within the last half hour of school.**

**Please call the school and excuse absences.** We appreciate hearing from you when your child is or is going to be absent. A side benefit of the call is knowing why your child is absent this helps us keep on top of any possible illness outbreaks.

**Flu & cold season is approaching.** While regular attendance is important, sending a sick child to school is counterproductive. We will try our best to help keep your child healthy but in the case they come down with something while at school, we will give you a call to pick them up. Thank you for helping us out.

## PTC & Our Local Banks are Providing Banking Day

Each Tuesday, during morning recess, the window of the old office is rolled up and dedicated parents along with representatives from our local banks turn it into an opportunity for making savings deposits. The banking program teaches students important financial management skills which will benefit them for a lifetime! If they deposit money the required amount of times, each bank will reward them by depositing \$25 into their account at the end of the year! Guidelines are:

- ◆ Deposits must be \$1 or more,
- ◆ A Bank Buck is given out by each participating bank after a deposit. Students must keep track of these to redeem them at the end of the year.
- ◆ 40 Deposits must be made by May 18, 2018 to earn the \$25,
- ◆ For 1st Bank and the Bank of SV; 8 of those deposits must be made at the bank,
- ◆ For Wells Fargo 6 separate deposits need to be made in the Afton branch before November 10th (closing date),

## Becoming better citizens through Social Skills of the Month

“The habits we form from childhood make no small difference, but rather they make all the difference.” –*Aristotle*

Hence, Osmond Elementary focuses on a social skill monthly. Using *Teaching Social Skills To Youth* (Tom Dowd, M.A., Jeff Tierney, M.Ed.) as our primary resource, a skill is chosen and then taught in each classroom and reinforced with posters hung in the halls. Our skill for the month of October is; Accepting “No” for an answer. To aid you in reinforcing the skills at home, we will send a copy with each newsletter. Thank you for being the World's most supportive parents!

# Accepting “No” for an answer

## Step 1. Look at the person.

### Rationale:

Looking at the person shows that you are paying attention.

### Helpful hints:

- Don't stare or make faces.
- Don't look away
- If you are upset, control your emotions. Try to relax and stay calm.

## Step 2. Say “Okay.”

### Rationale:

Saying “Okay” lets the other person know that you understand.

### Helpful hints:

- Answer right away.
- Speak clearly. Don't mumble.
- Don't sound angry or start to argue. That might lead to problems.
- Take a deep breath if you feel upset

## Step 3. Stay calm.

### Rationale:

Staying calm allows you to hear exactly what the other person is saying.

### Helpful hints:

- If you react negatively, you may make the situation worse.
- People will think you are serious about improving if you stay calm.
- Staying calm shows that you have control of your emotions.
- Accepting a “No answer this time may improve the chances of getting a “Yes” answer later on.

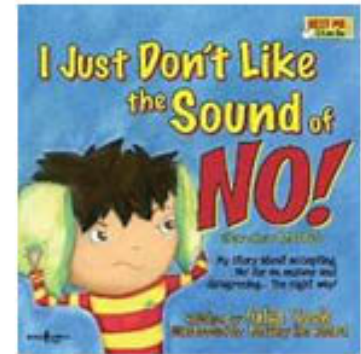
## Step 4. If you disagree, ask later.

### Rationale:

If you disagree right away, you will appear to be arguing.

### Helpful hints:

- Take some time to plan how you are going to approach the person who told you “No”.
- Plan in advance what you are going to say.
- Accept the answer, even if it is still “No”.
- Be sure to thank the person for listening.



### Accepting No for an Answer

1. Look at the person.
2. Say OK.
3. Stay calm.
4. If you disagree, ask later.

How many people will fit in the bucket of Simplot's GIANT earth mover? OES students were game to see!

