

# March 2018

# **March Happenings**

2/26	Literacy	week	begins	
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- 3/1 Dress up as your favorite book charcter!
- 3/2 No School
- 3/5 6th grade ski trip
- 3/6 6th grade play sign-up deadline
- 3/7 6th grade ski trip
- 3/7 Garry Krinsky 'Toying with Science' assembly
  - 9 a.m. Check it out at garrykrinsky.com
- 3/11 Daylight saving time begins
- 3/13 Dry Creek Academy sign-ups due
- 3/16 We'll see *Fiddler on the Roof* at SVHS presented by the Star Valley High School Drama Dept.
- 3/19 No school for students, teacher PD
- 3/26 6th grade play practice begins
- 4/1 Easter Sunday
- 4/2-6 Spring Break

# Spring Play

In May, Osmond Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be performing *THWACKED*, a fractured tale of frogs, folks and falling skies! Guaranteed to be a great experience for participants and spectators.

Interested sixth grade students will need to sign-up by March  $6^{\rm th}$  as practice will begin on March 29.

A favorite activity occured during library.
Students were given a piece of paper to place on their backs for classmates to write something positive. They were uplifted as they read what their peers had written.



Students
took
advantage
of our
appreciation
station and
wrote many
Thank You
notes!



#### Osmond is filled with 'Wonder'

as we celebrate literacy week. This year's theme is:

# We are all Reading Wonders!

Our fantastic PTC lead by committee chairman, Brianna Johnson, have created an awesome Literacy Week. Activities for the week:

- Daily Drop Everything & Read,
- Check out the bulletin board by the Media center & match the teacher with their favorite book as a child, (you can even check one out in the library!),
- A "Wonder" bulletin board in the office hallway features ideas for random acts of kindness that students could perform. It is amazing how kind our school can be!
- An "Appreciation Station" is set up in the library. Students are able to write a quick thank you note to someone who has impacted their life.
- During library time, Mrs. Hunsaker is reading "We're All Wonders" by R.J. Palacio. She will also lead students through a guided kindness activity.
- Star Valley Media brought in readers from each of the valley's elementary schools. Eileen Hale and Erica Bazil represented Osmond. If you haven't had the opportunity to listen, they are still available on SVI's website and are well worth your time!
- Green Eggs & Ham will be served for breakfast on Thursday, March 1.
- Dress up as your favorite story book character on Thursday, March 1.

#### Message from our Principal

Osmond Elementary is very safe. We have safety procedures and safeguards in place and practice them on a consistent basis. We work with the school district and local law enforcement to maintain school safety.

Of course, we consider the matter of school safety everyone's business. We thank you so much for respecting and supporting our increased safety focus around Osmond Elementary and LCSD #2. So much of what we are doing to insure safety can only be accomplished via a partnership with our families and community.

You are aware Monday, February 26 we took precautions and followed our "lockout" procedures in response to a situation we perceived as dangerous or threatening. We continue to up our school preparedness through drills and these activities.

At any time you have questions regarding our procedures, please contact me at school (885-9457) or come by for a visit. We welcome your concerns, thoughts, and ideas as we strive to provide the safest learning environment possible at OES. A good resource for guidance in talking to children about violence from the National Association of School Psychologists can be found on-line at www. nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers

Thank you,

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#### Osmond Elementary's Ski Program

was initiated by Dr. Kelly Tolman during the 2004-2005 school year while he was the principal of Osmond Elementary. Original information sent to parents included, "a goal of our physical education program is to teach the children sports that will help them remain active throughout their lives. Living in an area with abundant snow makes skiing and snow boarding an obvious choice." Partnering with Pine Creek Ski Lodge helped us reduce the cost and provided valuable instructors.

The ski program was designed to be funded by the students through a fall fund-raiser. Participating students have their lift tickets and rentals paid for by it's proceeds. Students have the option of paying their own way if they do not want to participate in the fund-raiser. This approach has been very successful.

A great big THANK YOU shout out is sent to all of our parents and stakeholders who have purchased from our adorable salesmen! You make it possible!!!

# 6th graders WILL go skiing

Weather didn't seem to be cooperating with our 6th grade skiing plans. However, this last weeks abundant snow fall has totally changed the skiing conditions!

The 6th grade ski trips will be held on Monday, March 5, and Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

#### Osmond 4th grade students have been enjoying our winter

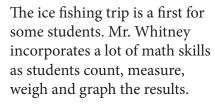
through a variety of outdoor activities. All classes traveled to Jackson to feed the elk and visit the National Wildlife Museum. Mr. Whitney's students A.R. Celebration was a snowshoeing trip to the South End. His class also invited dads to accompany them on their annual ice fishing expedition.

















Students report that the fish were delicious!



