

# **Osmond Elementary**

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# 9/06/23

5th Grade Simplot Safety Day

## 9/14/23

*PTO Meeting* ~ 10:00 am in the Osmond Library. All parents are welcome.

#### 9/15/23

No School

## 9/20/23

Online registration for our Fall Dry Creek Academy will open that evening. Please watch for more info to be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

## 9/26/23

Student Banking begins
Author Dan Gemeinhart will be
visiting our school!

# Looking ahead...

#### 10/3/23

First Day of Fall Dry Creek Academy

# 10/5/23

Picture Day at Osmond ~ More info to come



# Welcome To A New School Year!

Thank you to all who attended our back-to-school night. I am thrilled with the turnout and all the support you give to the school and your children.

As we approach the excitement, growth, learning, and challenges that lay ahead for this new school year, I would like to remind you of our theme this school year, "The best view comes after the hardest climb." Hopefully you have had a chance to get out and hike a little with your child through the summer or fall months and had the opportunity to feel and reflect on the reward that comes after accomplishing a difficult hike. Similarly, we look forward to helping students feel the success of their accomplishments throughout the year. I was able to spend some time with each grade level on the first day of school to talk about being prepared for the hike or challenges that lay ahead and keeping in mind that reward and feeling of success that comes after accomplishing hard things.

I'd like to share a few quick updates on our construction projects. We hope to be moving some 5th grade classes into our new addition soon as the project nears completion. Over the summer a lot of work was done throughout the building including new hallway carpets, paint, reroofing a portion of the building, Wi-Fi upgrades, electrical updates, and landscaping changes to name a few. We look forward to the addition of swings on our playground thanks to your support and fundraising efforts last year. We are starting to receive quotes for this project and we hope to see it completed before snow flies. We value your support as we work together as school staff, students, families, and community to have an epic 2023-24 school year!

Sincerely, Principal Jack

# BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

- All visitors must check into the main office. If your intent is to access the building beyond the main office, visitors must have their ID screened and wear a school issued visitors badge. This is for your child's safety and is required during school hours with students in attendance. THANK YOU for your cooperation.
- Specials calendars, school calendar, and bus information are available on the school's website: <u>osmond.lcsd2.org</u>. You may also join us on Facebook at Osmond Elementary as well as on Instagram at osmondelementary. Information will be posted on these two social media platforms as well.
- We ask that you please try to call before 2:00 for any busing changes or messages. This will allow us plenty of time to make sure your student gets the message.
- We are unable to transfer a phone call from you to your student's classroom.
   If you need to speak with your student you may leave a message with the office and we will have your student call during their next recess.
- Please call the office and let us know if your student is absent so we can excuse them.

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# Fall Assessments

As we begin the school year, Osmond students will engage in several preliminary assessments in reading, writing, and math. These screenings provide teachers with vital information that will better equip them to give focused support for your child in having a successful school year.





Wear your Braves gear in celebration of SVHS Homecoming. Let's Go Braves!

Osmond's Parent Teacher Organization makes a tremendous difference for our students! Our first meeting is scheduled for **September 14**th at 10am in the library.

All are welcome!



## **Reunification Form**

In the event of a crisis, we may need to evacuate students and staff from the building and relocate by bus to a safe and secure location. One critical aspect of our crisis response is reunification of students to their parents or guardians.

We sent home a reunification form in each student's back to school folder. We ask that you please fill that out, if you have not already, and have your student return it to the office. Thank you for your help!

# Author Visit at Osmond Elementary

Dan Gemeinhart: New York Times best-selling author will be visiting Osmond Elementary on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Dan is the author of a number of award-winning books for children. His positive and engaging presentation will also include the Research and Writing Process.

We have some books written by Mr. Gemeinhart for sale in the library. This is an OPTIONAL opportunity. We offer them at a discounted price, and sell them on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Paper backs are \$5 and Hard covers are \$9. Checks can be made out to Osmond Elementary. These books can then be signed by Mr. Gemeinhart on the day of his visit.



Books already owned by students or bought from other places can also be brought to the library to get signed by Mr. Gemeinhart, not later than Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.



Our local banks have once again stepped up to help our students with our Banking Program. This is a program that provides our students an opportunity to learn the process of making deposits and reaping the benefits of saving. If a student participates and makes weekly deposits into their account, at the end the participating banks will contribute \$\$ into their account. We are grateful to First Bank, Bank of Star Valley, and Advantage Credit Union for participating again this year.

Banking will be every Tuesday during morning recess starting September 26, 2023.

**Dry Creek Academy** is an after-school enrichment program offering students an opportunity to explore a variety of interests. Our faculty share their knowledge by leading a class in their area of expertise. Classes are held one afternoon a week and students are able to catch a late bus to the high school to ride their route bus home. Due to the number of students participating each student can only sign up for one class (total, **not** one per day). Please be watching for more information coming home soon regarding the online registration.