



# Osmond Elementary



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## September

**9/9/24**

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Simplot Safety Day*

**9/12/24**

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

**9/13/24**

*No School*

**9/18/24**

*Ribbon Cutting for our new swings!  
Time to be announced soon.*

**9/20/24**

*No School*

**9/23/24**

*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.*

**9/24/24**

*Student banking begins ~ Watch for a flyer with additional details being sent home soon.*

## Looking ahead . . .

**10/3/24**

*Picture Day at Osmond ~ More info to come.*

**10/8/24**

*First Day of  
Fall Dry Creek  
Academy*



## 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.

Our school theme for this school year is "You Belong." Belonging is a basic need, people will even join gangs and commit crimes just to feel belonging. Every student at our school is different and offers unique skills, personalities, and talents. These individuals come together to create something amazing at school, just as each instrument in a band contributes to the overall sound. It is our goal at Osmond Elementary to make sure each student knows they belong and they are needed at school. Please help us share this message with your child, they are Cougars, and they belong with us at Osmond Elementary!

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 currently in effect for the new year, so if you have not been scanned through our system, please plan to bring your driver's license with you. 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: [osmond.lcsd2.org](http://osmond.lcsd2.org). You may also join us on Facebook at Osmond Elementary as well as on Instagram at osmondelementary. Information will be posted on both of these social media platforms.
- **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.

## 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.



Osmond's Parent Teacher Organization makes a tremendous difference for our students! Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in the library.

*All are welcome!*

This year all of Osmond teachers are doing something new and exciting with our **CHARACTER EDUCATION** curriculum! Every week, teachers will use videos, articles, and games to teach their students about their brains so that they have better understanding about themselves, are better equipped to control their emotions and behavior, are more assertive and resilient, and have greater ability to understand and get along with others.

In the month of September, teachers will introduce the main parts of the brain and nervous system and how they function in students' lives, whether it's in learning academics, in gaining strategies in self-regulation, or in experiencing healthier relationships. Students will learn about the prefrontal cortex, the thinking part of the brain that does many important things, including makes decisions, solves problems, controls emotions and behavior, and has empathy for others. They will learn about the amygdala, the emotion center of the brain that keeps us safe by warning us of possible danger. However, it sometimes activates even when we are not in danger, such as speaking in front of others or taking a test. The hippocampus stores and retrieves our memories, so it is so important in learning and doesn't work as well without enough sleep. The students will learn a concrete representation of their brain—a "hand model" of the brain—as a way for kids to understand relationship between these brain parts, why they might "flip their lid" and how it affects their ability to think and learn when their prefrontal cortex is "offline."



Each month the newsletter will inform you what your student is learning about their brains and how it will build their character and increase their resilience!

**MEET THE  
+ NURSE +**

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Welcome back to another great year at OES! As we settle into the new school year, please kindly inform Nurse Kelli of any known allergies or medical conditions your child has, and of any medications they will need to take at school on a regular basis.

We have a new **OTC medication form** for "as needed" medications or ointments at school. For this form, daily medication forms, care plans or other school health related info:  
Go to: [www.lcsd2.org](http://www.lcsd2.org) > family and students > school health & nurse services.

This year in the Tech and Library Specials classes, we will be focusing on different aspects of Digital Citizenship. Every month we will be addressing a different topic. The topic for September is, "Being a Good Digital Citizen." We will be discussing what "Digital Citizenship" is, and proper behavior online. A few additional items of discussion for the month of September will be:

- What does it look like to be a good Digital Citizen in your online community?
- How you behave online can affect those around you in a positive or negative way.
- Using technology for the right reasons and in the right way.

We are excited to focus more on Digital Citizenship this year! Please reach out if you have any questions.

Addie Bradley - Tech Teacher  
Dani Call - Librarian



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 24, 2024.**  
Look for a flyer being sent home with additional details.

**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 that will open the evening of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.