
SEP Conference Sign-Up

Student Educational Plan conferences (SEPs) for parents, students, and teachers will be held on **October 25 and 26**. We will again be using *Google Docs* to schedule conferences. On **Monday, October 9**, you will receive an email from your child's teacher with conference sign-up information. If you do not have internet access, please call Mrs. Johnson, our office technician, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to have her schedule an appointment.

PTA Book Fair

Please come to our Book Fair **October 23 - 27**, where it will be a *cool* place to discover **hot** books! We will be open during parent teacher conferences on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The book fair is a great place to get children excited about reading!

AM School Access

The front and back doors on the east end of the school will be open each morning at **8:30 a.m.** Students are welcome to choose to stay inside or go outside once they arrive at school each morning. If students choose to remain inside, they need to stay in the **east hall** by the lunchroom where supervision can be provided. We should not have students in any of the other halls. To facilitate student drop-off, the front doors on the west side of the school by the kindergarten rooms will be opened at 8:45 a.m. Students are welcome in classrooms after 8:45 a.m. We will continue to have our PM Kindergarten students come to the front door. This will help us keep students safe and our school secure.

Explorer Events

October 2017

Message from Mrs. Brown

We are so excited to begin, once again, our Road to Success reading program for the 2017-2018 school year. **Our reading goal this year is to read 1,750,000 minutes as a school!!!**

Mission: Motivate Utah elementary and high school students to advance academically by working with schools to reward educational accomplishments.

Vision: Achieve the highest reading scores in the country for elementary students and the highest percent of high school graduates pursuing post-high school degrees.

Below please find our monthly "**Jump Start Your Reading**" celebration schedule:

- **September 14** ... 2:00pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Your Reading" Kick-off Reading Assembly
- **October 24** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Reading Celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **November 7** ... 2:30pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Your Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **December 19** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Decorating Celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **January 23** ... 2:30pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Your Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **February 6** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Cookie Celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **March 1** ... TBA: Champions Challenge Rodeo and Reading Assembly -- (two bikes, rodeo tickets, boots)
- **April 17** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Pizza Celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **May 21** ... 2:00pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Your Reading" Closing Assembly -- (one bike, college grant certificates)

Be Someone's Hero

Heroes reach out and HELP people.
Heroes take care of and stand up for EACH other.
Heroes take RESPONSIBILITY and show RESPECT.
Heroes choose OPTIMISM, seeing opportunities and possibilities.

HEROES show up ... to serve EVERY day!

October Calendar

PTA Board Meeting	4
3 rd Grade - Bean Museum & Bridal Veil Falls	4
School Picture Day	5
Google SEP Sign-ups Emailed	9
Be Drug Free (wear RED)	9
Walk to School (wear GREEN)	10
ZUPAs School Spirit Night 5:00-9:00	10
2 nd Grade - Cornbelly's Field Trip	11
Stand Together (wear BLUE)	11
School Community Council	11
Safe Internet (wear WHITE)	12
Jog-A-Thon Fund Raiser	13
Fall Break – No School	19-20
PTA Book Fair Week	23-27
SEP Conferences	25-26
Last Day of Term 1	27
Halloween Costume Parade @ 2:30pm-3:00pm	31

Spanish Oaks Elementary Jog-a-Thon

When: Friday, October 13, 2017

Time: During the school day (please see flyer)

Where: 2701 East Canyon Crest Drive, Spanish Fork

What: Fundraiser for Spanish Oaks Elementary



Come support our school!

STOP ... WALK ... TALK

The STOP Signal

Our school-wide "STOP signal" for problem behavior is STOP, using our words and actions. When we experience problem behavior, or see another student experiencing problem behavior, we can use this signal.

WALK Away

Sometimes, even when we tell others to "STOP", problem behavior will continue. When this happens, we can "WALK away" from the problem behavior.

TALK

When we use "STOP" and we "WALK away" from the problem, sometimes others will continue to behave inappropriately. When this happens, we can "TALK" to an adult.



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<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/>

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/content/school-calendar>

School Choir

We are excited to be offering choir again this year. The "Combined Choir" for 1st-6th grades began on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Practices will be held each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. in the Little Theater. Our combined choir will be starting out with Patriotic and Christmas music.

If you want to mark your calendar, we already have the date for our evening performance. The evening performance will be at Spanish Oaks Elementary on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Please have your student(s) bring the registration form to our next choir practice
<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/spanish-oaks-combined-school-choir> We are looking forward to working with your children.

We love singing with children who love to sing!

School Wellness

We are so excited to continue our Health and Wellness/Gold Medal School focus at Spanish Oaks this year. We want to thank all of our families for their enthusiasm to celebrate birthdays and special occasions with their child's class. Due to the growing health concerns and allergies of many of our students, we would like to propose an **alternative** to the traditional "candy/sugar" treats. The following are just a few suggestions:

- A donation of your child's favorite book to the classroom library
- Fun pencils and/or erasers
- A goody bag with non-edible items

What a great way to support health and wellness at our school ... **Let's be healthy, Explorers!**

School Spirit Day(s) ... FRIDAY!

We invite ALL students to wear their **grade-level class T-shirt on FRIDAY(s)** to show their school Spirit!

Notes from the Office

➤ **Rainy/Snowy Days:** Please make sure your child knows what to do after school on rainy or snowy days. Please do not have one of the options be to call home.

➤ **Planning Time:** Below is our Planning Time schedule. This may be helpful when checking students out of school early. It will take a little longer to check a student out if they are at a planning time class.

6th Grade – 12:00-12:30

4th Grade – 12:30-1:00

3rd Grade – 1:00-1:30

2nd Grade – 1:30-2:00

1st Grade – 2:00-2:30

5th Grade – 2:30-3:10 (not on Mondays)

➤ Lunch Schedule

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m..... 3rd Grade Recess

10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. 1st Grade Recess

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m... .. 2nd Grade Recess

11:20 a.m. - 11:55 a.m..... 6th Grade Lunch

11:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 5th Grade Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. 4th Grade Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. 3rd Grade Lunch

11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. 2nd Grade Lunch

11:55 a.m. - 12:30 p.m..... 1st Grade Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m... .. 5th Grade Recess

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. 4th Grade Recess

➤ **Explorer Food Drive:** Looking ahead ... Our Explorer Food Drive will be held **during the winter months**. Please watch for more details on times and most-needed items. Thank you for your support!

Outside Play

As the weather begins to cool, the expectation is for students to **go outside on appropriate days**. Students need to come dressed for outside play. As the inevitable 'inside day' is needed, we are grateful to our specialists who will supervise students in the school's vestibules, providing appropriate inside activities.

“Teacher’s Favorites Things” Board

The PTA is working on updating our ***“Teacher’s Favorites Things”*** display outside Mrs. Brown’s office in the East hallway of the school. The purpose of this display is to not only get to know our amazing teachers better, but in the event a parent or student would like to “gift” them something, this information will help with useful gift ideas. There are items listed from their favorite snack and hobbies, to classroom supplies they could always use more of!

Costume Parade

We will hold our costume parade Tuesday, **10-31-17 at 2:30 p.m.** (We will not start until about 2:40 p.m.; students will head outside at 2:30 p.m.) Students will line the perimeter of the school facing AWAY from the building. The parade route will be outside this line of students, and inside the circle of parents that will be lined up FACING the building.

Parents, please remind your students: **NO weapons ... NO masks ... ONLY** appropriate costumes AND/or makeup for our school day. Really scary, bloody, graphic, violent, etc., costumes, masks and weapons need to be worn that night with parent permission/supervision ... They are **NOT** appropriate for our school day. Thank you!

Ghosty Grams

Student Council members will be selling Ghosty Grams the end of October during lunch. Students or parents may purchase Ghosty Grams for someone in the school for 25 cents or 5 for a dollar. A treat will be attached to the gram and then will be delivered to the person at the *end* of the school day. Parents may purchase Ghosty Grams in the office.

School Picture Day

Our School Picture Day is **Thursday, October 5**. Please watch for school picture packet information to come home the first of the month. ALL students will have their picture taken so they can be included in the class photo.

School picture retakes will be **Thursday, November 9**. If your child had pictures taken on the regular picture day and you would like to have them *retaken*, please send the entire picture packet back to school with your child. The child will turn the packet in and have another picture taken. If you forgot to send your picture money on regular picture day and you want a packet, students will need to have their picture taken again on retake day and give Lifetouch the money packet. When you receive your picture packet, the class picture will *not* be included in the packet. Class pictures will not come until a month or so after retake day.

Attendance and Tardies

We can not excuse absences after 2 days. Absences can be excused in advance, but no longer than 2 days after the absence.

Please call or email both deann.carter@nebo.edu and stacey.johnson@nebo.edu to excuse absences. If you call after 9:30 a.m. in the morning to excuse your child, you will probably still receive a call from ParentLink.

If you are checking your student out *early*, you must come to the office ... Please do not go to the classroom. If you call a few minutes ahead, we can have your student on their way to the office.

- Thank you, from the Office Staff!

School Schedule(s):

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/spanish-oaks-daily-schedules>

Spanish Oaks

Jog-a-thon



October 13th

9:15-11:15 am & 1:00-3:00 pm

AM: Kinder

1st Heaton and Robison
2nd Lewis/Call
3rd Pullan
4th Fagergren and Rigby
5th Sant
6th Quinton and Crockett

PM Kinder

1st Phelps
2nd Young and Loomis
3rd Stewart and Dimmick
4th McKendrick
5th Babcock and Brown
6th Dyche/Taylor

Our Goal is \$5,000 Dollars

BOX TOPS for Education

Box tops for this school year can be turned into your child's teacher ... **all year long!** Please look for the Box Top container in your classroom. The class(es) with the most box tops will receive awesome rewards! Funds received from box tops help buy school supplies for our school.

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/box-tops-spanish-oaks>

Growth Mindset

At Spanish Oaks Elementary we believe in the power of *growth mindset*, and approach each year with the belief that all our students are capable of learning and growth. What is growth mindset? Simply put, it is the belief that intelligence and ability are not fixed traits, or that we are born with only so much of them. Rather, with effort and perseverance all students are capable of academic achievement.

Every day our students will be immersed in *growth mindset* in our classrooms. The students will be asked to take educational risks. They will be praised not for their mental quickness or natural intelligence, but for approaching the process of learning with grit and determination. They will grow in ways they never thought possible.

How can you as a parent help? You can value growth and improvement in your home. Grading is valuable as a data tool for tracking progress and helping us devise appropriate instruction, but the most important thing is that we see students grow. For example, if a student goes from scoring a 55 percent on an assessment to scoring a 68 percent, we have two choices: we can either look at the 68 percent as an unimpressive D+, or we can celebrate it as a big increase in comprehension of a skill or concept. We choose the latter. Be mindful of where your students start and how they progress over time. In our estimation, continual progress, however incremental, is to be valued.

Here are some things you can do to extend and promote *growth mindset* in your home:

- Encourage your child to take risks and tackle new challenges at school.
- Praise your child not for the ease with which he or she learns a concept, but for the amount of effort put into learning it.
- Emphasize perseverance and effort in extracurricular activities. For example, "I'm proud of how much effort you put into that basketball game" instead of "I'm proud of how many points you scored in that basketball game."

We hope you will join us on this *growth mindset* journey. We cannot do it without your help,

Spanish Oaks Faculty and Staff



PTA Book Fair

Come to our Book Fair and find **monster deals** on great books! Our book fair will run October 23-27, and will be open late during SEP conferences on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Parents are welcome anytime!

Come shop for your family, begin your Christmas shopping or find a great 'thank you' gift for an amazing teacher.

You may also order online (books will be delivered to the school) at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/spanishoakselemsch1>

Thank you for supporting reading at our school!

