

SEP Conferences

Thank you to parents and students for your wonderful support of our SEP Conferences. A special "thank you" to Sarah O'Gwin and our PTA for the yummy dinner, as well as Jacoy Baird for very successful Book Fair!

A special *thank you* to parents for taking the time to speak *directly* with classroom teachers about questions and concerns. This is so helpful in facilitating effective home-school communication efforts.

AM School Access

The front and back doors on the east end of the school will be open each morning at 8:00 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 our students safe and our school secure.

Explorer Events

November 2015

Message from Mrs. Brown

We are so excited to officially begin our "**Jump Start Reading**" Road to Success reading program for the 2015-2016 school year.

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 "celebration" schedule:

- **November 19** ... 2:30pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **December 16** ... 2:00pm-2:30pm: Christmas tree decorating celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **January 26** ... 2:30pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Reading" Assembly - (two bikes)
- **February 10** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Valentine's Day cookie decorating celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **March 1** ... 2:30pm-3:00pm: "Jump Start Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **April 22** ... 2:00pm-2:30pm: Pizza Party celebration with Mrs. Brown - April
- **May 18** ... 9:30am-10:00am: "Jump Start Reading" Assembly -- (one bike and college grant certificates)

Holiday Food Drive

Our annual Holiday Food Drive will run from **November 1, 2015 - November 15, 2015**. Thanks to your generous donations, last year we collected ... 4,365 items!! All donations to *Tabitha's Way* will stay here locally to help stop hunger. This year our goal is to **EXCEED** last year's goal!! **All donations stay here locally** ... Thank you so much for your support!

Tabitha's Way Food Pantry has been a part of the Nebo School District for the past 5 years providing food and supplies for families in need. This year they plan on feeding 5,000 families. They are able to accomplish this amazing task because of the donations they receive from food drives. "Together we can stop hunger and meet the needs of our struggling student families!"

The food items of most need are:

Canned Meats	Canned Fruits	Cereal
Canned Tomatoes	Canned Vegies	Soups
Starches- dried noodles, died potatoes, packaged stuffing		

November Calendar

Daylight Savings Time Ends – “Fall Back”	1
6 th Student Council Conference	9
Make-up Picture	10
Reflections Assembly/Celebration	10
Holiday Food Drive	1-15
Election Day – Remember to VOTE	3
PTA Board Meeting	4
School Community Council	11
Veteran’s Day Assembly	9
Jumpstart Reading Assembly	19
5 th Colonial Day	23
5 th DARE Graduation	24
2 nd -6 th Grade(s) BYU Field Trip	24
Thanksgiving – No School	25-27

Spanish Oaks Behavior Plan

This year Spanish Oaks Elementary will continue our implementation of a “ticket system” to encourage positive school-wide behavior and safety. Each “ticket” issued will include: the student’s name, the behavior, the consequence, action plan, and who reported the behavior. A copy of the ticket will be sent home that day to be **signed by a parent** and returned to the classroom teacher the following morning before school. Our Skills Teacher will track students and contact parents. Students begin each term with a “clean slate.”

Please visit our school website under the “**Parents**” link for more information and a copy of our **Behavior Rubrics**.

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

School Choir

We are excited to be offering a “combined” choir this year for grades 1st -6th. Choir practices began on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, and will be held each Wednesday at 8:00-8:45 a.m. in the Little Theater. Both choirs will be starting out with patriotic and Christmas music. If you would like to mark your calendars, we already have the date for our evening performance on December 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

*We love children who love to sing ... and,
we LOVE Mrs. Aagard and Mrs. Christensen!*

BOX TOPS for Education

Box tops for this school year need to be turned into your child’s teacher by **February 22, 2016**. Please continue to save box tops for the next school year!! The class with the most box tops will be rewarded with a pizza celebration! Funds received from box tops help **buy school supplies for our school**.

"Not Over Night ... Over Time"

Our Mission: strong foundation ... individual potential ... responsible citizenship ... lifelong learning.



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

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

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.



Notes from the Office

- **Explorer Food Drive and "Teddy Bear Project"**
Our Explorer Food Drive will run **November 1-15**. Please watch for more details on most-needed items. Thank you for your support!
- **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 Wednesdays*)
- **Lunch Schedule**
 - 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. 1st / 3rd 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

Macey's School Cents

Macey's is excited to serve our community and school with their School Cents Program again this year. Every time our parent supporters shop at Maceys, Spanish Oaks Elementary will **receive back 1% of the total spent!**

The School Cent's program will run electronically through the Perks system. If you linked your account to our school last year, you are all set. If not, please visit Macey's to sign up for a Perks account. Once you have your account:

1. Log in to your Perks account
2. Select the tab 'nonprofits'
3. Press the select button next to Spanish Oaks

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.

"Extraordiberries" at Spanish Oaks

This year at Spanish Oaks we are focusing on extraordinary deeds! Can one good deed from an ordinary person change the world? Well, we are going to find out ... This year at Spanish Oaks we are focusing on doing Extraordinary Deeds for those around us. We will work to perform good deeds for others, which will multiply as they are passed on by those who have been touched by our acts of kindness. It is going to be an EXTRAORDINARY year! **At Spanish Oaks, we are extraordinary!**

During the first week of school Mrs. Brown joined each of the classes and shared *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*. We introduced our "blueberries", thank you rewards, weekly winners, posters, etc. The students learned how EVERY faculty and staff member at our school will have "blueberries" and be giving them out all year long to students they see doing extraordinary deeds, i.e., Mr. Billie might give one to a student for cleaning up in the lunchroom after themselves; Mrs. Downey might give one to a student who walks quietly through the library when asked; Mrs. Johnson might give one to a student who remembered to be on time for school all week long, etc. These "blueberries" are then returned to the classroom teacher, where teacher keeps track of ALL the berries for the whole month!

Every week teachers will send the name of someone in their class who has been an "Extraordiberry" that week. We will announce their name(s) on Friday morning and invite them to come to the office for a special "thank you"! Each weekly recipient will then get to write their name on our gigantic blueberry muffins we have hanging outside the main office!!

In each classroom the teachers will keep track using our "blueberries" of all the times their students do an extraordinary deed ... At the end of the month they will turn in these totals and the *extraordiberry* winning class will earn a 'thank you' reward activity. At the end of the year we will have a whole-school *extraordiberry* celebration!!

It is going to be and Extraordinary Year!

Please Take A Look at Our Website!

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

- School Google Calendar
- Lunch Menu and Payment Link
- Teacher Websites
- Monthly School Newsletter
- PTA Website
- Parent Resources
- Student Resources
- 2014-2015 *Family Information Guide*
- School News with Articles and Photos
- Library Website

ParentLink

To access and make changes to your ParentLink Account Information, please go to:

- <http://www.nebo.edu/>
- Parents
- ParentLink
- Login (same as your SIS/Aspire login)

This account is where you control the telephone #'s that ParentLink calls if there is an absence. The system updates itself from SIS/Aspire each night. As a result, it is critical that each family take a moment at the first of *every* school year to "**verify**" their contact information listed in SIS/Aspire and keep this information current.