

Explorer Events

September 2014

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 students safe and our school secure.

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 wonderful specialists who will supervise students in the school's vestibules, providing appropriate inside activities.

Student Birthdays

It will be my pleasure to deliver a small birthday card and gift for all of our birthdays. In December we will celebrate the *half-birthdays* of those born in June, and those born in July will be recognized in January.

Every precaution is taken to protect the privacy of all students. Student pictures from field trips & school activities, however, may be published online, in the school newspaper, on our website, etc. If you do not want your child's picture published, please inform your child's teacher.

Message from Mrs. Brown

Wow! We are so excited to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year of learning! We appreciate your continued support in our efforts to keep all students safe by checking in at the office and wearing an identification badge **each time** you come to the school, i.e., classroom helpers, volunteers, presenters, etc. Please refer to our *Family Information Guide* found on our school's web site for more information. Please review the Safe Walking Route included to help in our collective efforts to keep our students safe. <http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/>

If you have children who are now in junior high, please request that they come directly home after getting off the bus rather than coming over to Spanish Oaks to visit. When the junior high bus drops off students we are still holding school. If it is necessary for your junior high student to pick up siblings from our school, please designate a location where your children can meet, i.e., the flag pole, in front of the school, or the *cat walk* in back. Junior high students will be expected to wait outside for siblings. Thank you for your support!

By law each school in Utah has an elected School Community Council (SCC) that fulfills specific school responsibilities. The first meeting of our SCC will be Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 3:45 p.m. in our faculty lounge. We have posted the meeting schedule and contact information on the school web site. SCC meetings are open; any parent is welcome to attend.

Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. We are excited to learn and grow alongside them!

Movie Under the Stars

To kick off this year's PTA focus of "Only with Teamwork Are We Able to Accomplish Our 'Bucket-Filling' Goals", on **Friday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m.** *The Aristocats* will be shown! Families are invited to bring blankets, pillows, chairs, and treats and join us outside for *our movie under the stars!*

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

Please watch for more information regarding our **School Cents Day ...** Our wonderful PTA will arrange a day when our school can earn 1% of sales made with accounts linked to our school.

Please see our homepage for more details @
<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/>

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

"Bucket Filling" at Spanish Oaks

This year at Spanish Oaks we are focusing on being "Bucket Fillers"! Each of us has an invisible bucket. It is constantly emptied or filled, depending on what others say or do to us. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When it's empty, we feel awful ... **At Spanish Oaks, we fill buckets!**

At our Back to School Night we introduced our "bucket filling" focus to parents. During the first week of school Mrs. Brown joined each of the classes and shared *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* We introduced our buckets, "drops", thank you rewards, weekly winners, posters, etc. The students learned how EVERY faculty and staff member at our school will have "drops" and be giving them out all year long to students they see filling other's buckets, 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 "drops" are then returned to the classroom teacher, where teacher keeps track of ALL the drops for the whole month!

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

In each classroom the teachers will keep track using our "drops" of all the times their students fill someone's bucket ... At the end of the month they will turn in these totals and the bucket-filling winning class will earn a 'thank you' reward activity, i.e., root beer floats, creamies, pizza celebration, popcorn and story, etc., with Mrs. Brown! At the end of the year we will have a whole-school bucket-filling celebration!!

Have YOU Filled Someone's Bucket Today!?!

Notes from the Office

- **Attendance** - Contact the office if your child will be late or absent (see numbers and emails on magnet)
- **Telephone** - The office phone should be used for emergencies only. Please help your child memorize telephone numbers.
- **Checking students in and out of school** - If you need to pick up a child during school hours, please come to the office – *please do not go directly to the classrooms*. Only those listed on SIS can check out students unless you let us know otherwise.
- **SIS Verification** - If you have not verified your information on SIS, please do so ASAP. If you are not sure how, there are instructions on the school website.
<http://www.nebo.edu/parents/sis>

September Calendar

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| Labor Day – No School | 1 |
| Preschool Open House | 2 |
| PTA Board Meeting | 3 |
| SCC Meeting | 3 |
| Hearing Screenings (Room 5) – K, 1, 3, 6 | 3 |
| PTA Family Movie Night @ 7:30pm | 5 |
| “Road to Success” Opening Assembly | 9 |
| Early Out at 12:00pm ... Staff Development | 17 |
| Joint AM/PM Kindergarten | 17 |
| 1 st Grade Grandparents Program @ 2:00 | 19 |
| Vision Screenings | 24 |
| 1 st Grade Johnny Appleseed Day | 26 |
| Sports Day (wear favorite team colors) | 26 |
| School Pictures | 29 |

PRESCHOOL

The Nebo School District Preschool Team provides **free** screenings and/or evaluations for children 3 to 5 years of age. If you are concerned that your child may have a developmental or speech delay, we would love to help. Please call and schedule an appointment with Dianna Liddle at (801) 367-5511. If your child qualifies for services, they will be provided at **no charge**.

Green Fiber Community Paper Recycling

Spanish Oaks is proud to partner with *Green Fiber* for our school and community recycling needs. A list of acceptable items can be found at:

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

"Not Over Night ... Over Time"

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

GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION

As part of our learning this year, we will be using *Google Apps for Education*, enhancing students' ability to access, collaborate, and share what they have been learning in school. As a parent you have access to your child's *Google Apps for Education* account, which is accessed using her/his Aspire/SIS student number and password.

You may change your child's password at any time from the Nebo Parent Home page (<http://www.nebo.edu/parents>) by doing the following:

1. Click on "Change a Child's Password"
2. Log in to your parent Aspire/SIS account (please check with the school secretary if you do not know your username or password).
3. Select the child for whom you want to change the password
4. Create and confirm the new password.

Please note the same password will enable your child to log on to school computers, access Aspire/SIS, and sign in to Google Apps.

For detailed information, please visit our Spanish Oaks "Parents" link @ <http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/parents>



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

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

ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

Spanish Oaks Elementary now provides parents an **easy** and **convenient** way to pay school fees. Parents may pay with Discover, MasterCard, or VISA credit or debit cards for these items. Our web store accepts payments over the internet 24/7. By contracting with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, we provide you a secure site for making payments.

Pay the Following Fees Online

- Donation
- Class T-shirts
- Pre-School Tuition
- Before/After School Programs
- Library Fees
- School Play Admission
- And More

** Please note school lunch will continue to be paid through **PayPams** @ <https://paypams.com/>.

Parents can make payments online while on their home or work computer, any time of the day. It only takes a few minutes to make a payment using a Discover, MasterCard, or VISA credit or debit card. The convenience of paying online is further enhanced when parents access the store and see a familiar shopping cart (just like shopping online.)

To make an online payment follow these simple steps:

1. Visit our school website at <http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/>
2. Click **Online Payments link**
3. Make payment using a Discover, MasterCard, or VISA debit or credit card
4. Payment will be processed and receipt can be viewed and printed. A receipt will be sent to the email address provided during account set up.
5. Logout

A payment receipt will be emailed to the address used when setting up the web store account. To view/print previous online payments or to update login information, please click on **My Account**.

Please Visit our Spanish Oaks Homepage and look for the following link:

