

# Orchard Avenue Elementary



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## October 2017 Newsletter



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### Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 10	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Picture Re-takes
Tuesday, October 10	Beginning 5:00 p.m.	Papa John's Pizza Night
Friday, October 13		End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
Friday, October 13	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	PTA's Fall Family Dinner
Monday, October 16	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Work Day
Thursday, October 19		Progress Reports go home
Wednesday, October 25	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Conf. (by appt.)
Thursday, October 26	8:00 am – 8:00 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Conf. (by appt.)
Friday, October 27	NO SCHOOL	PTC Teacher Comp. Day
Tuesday, October 31		Classroom Fall Celebrations
Sunday, November 5		Daylight Savings Time Ends
Thursday, November 9		Family Math Games Night
Friday, November 10	NO SCHOOL	Elementary Teacher Planning Day
November 20 – 24	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Break

**Orchard Avenue Elementary Mission Statement: We are curious, confident, capable learners empowered to be compassionate world citizens.**



**NOTE: SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSSION** on the following days coming up in October:

**Monday, October 16** - Teacher Work Day

**Thursday, October 26** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Friday, October 27** – Teacher Comp. Day

### **Note from Mrs. Woods**

I am hoping that your child shares with you the importance of self-talk and saying positive statements about themselves and their abilities. Through weekly morning PEP talks this past month, we have been asking all learners to think about “Who I am?” as a person and as a learner. Asking questions such as: what are my strengths, how do I handle challenges, how do I support other learners, how to ask for help, or how to let others know how I’m feeling. Please continue to encourage your child to recognize their self-talk and how this can support their new learnings. (PEP talks are posted on our school website if your child wants to share a message with you)

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** By now you have received a note from your child’s classroom teacher noting the date and time of your conference. If your scheduled time **does not** work, please call the school office or send a note to the classroom teacher to reschedule. Conferences are a great time to connect with you about your child.



### **Picture Retakes**



Picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Students who were absent for pictures in September will have their pictures taken at that time. Order envelopes are available at the office, or you can contact All Student Photo by visiting their website at [www.mystudentphoto.com](http://www.mystudentphoto.com). All students have pictures taken, whether a photo package is purchased or not.

### **Vision & Hearing Screenings**

1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given screenings for vision and hearing on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.



### **First Quarter & Progress Reports**

The end of the first quarter is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports for first quarter will be sent home in Thursday Folders the following week.

### **Fall Family Dinner**

The annual PTA Fall Family Dinner will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The pulled pork dinner meal is free and will be served between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fun activities will continue until 7:30 p.m. Parent/Guardians must accompany your student. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this fun event. PTA is looking for volunteers to help during the event. If you can help please contact PTA at [orchardavepta@gmail.com](mailto:orchardavepta@gmail.com).



# Spooktacular



## Classroom Fall Celebrations

Fall Celebrations will take place on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Classroom teachers will communicate with you about their specific plans for celebrations taking place. We ask that students do not bring or wear Halloween costumes to school. We will connect the fall celebration to our current learning.

### Notes from the Attendance Office...

If your student will not be attending school for the day we ask that you call the office or leave a message on the attendance reporting line by 9:30 a.m. (254-7560, "1"). Be sure to share the name of your child and the reason for the absence. If a reason is not given, the absence is recorded as "unexcused". Also, remember that if an absence is not verified by 10:00 a.m. an auto-caller is used to inform you that your student's absence is unaccounted for and you are asked to call the office to verify the absence. If your child has accumulated excessive tardies or absences letters are mailed to acknowledge this and we will connect with you to support you and your child.



### Heavenly Hats Foundation

In honor of all our family and friends who have taken on the battle that cancer brings we would like to assist Anthony Leanna the founder of a non-profit organization called the *Heavenly Hats Foundation*. He founded this organization when he was only 10 years old! His foundation donates brand new hats to cancer patients who lose their hair due to treatment. Since 2001 Heavenly Hats has distributed more than 2.3 million brand new hats to cancer patients all over the world.

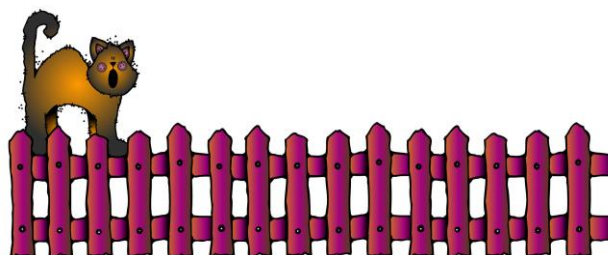


We will again support this cause by allowing students to wear their hats in school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. For the price of \$1.00 (which will be donated to the Heavenly Hats Foundation). Students can show support for Heavenly Hats and those suffering from cancer by wearing a hat to school that day.



### Colorado Ski Country's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Passport

If you have a student in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year you are eligible for a great opportunity to ski and snowboard this winter. Colorado Ski Country USA allows every fifth grader in the state of Colorado the opportunity to ski and snowboard three days for FREE at 20 CSCUSA member resorts during the winter season. Powderhorn Ski Resort is one of the member resorts included in this offer. If you would like more information about this or to register you can call them at 303-866-9707 or visit the passport resource page at [ww.ColoradoSki.com/Passport](http://ww.ColoradoSki.com/Passport).



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser for Young AmeriTowne...

Orchard Avenue 5<sup>th</sup> graders have planned to do the Young AmeriTowne program, an award-winning educational program to help students learn about business, economics and free enterprise in a fun and hands-on way. The program does come with a cost per student and to help defray that cost, 5<sup>th</sup> graders are selling holiday and/or all occasion gift wraps and bags. Find your favorite 5<sup>th</sup> grader and ask to see the fund raising packet, or stop by the office to take a look at a catalogue and place an order. Orders will be taken until October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!



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### Planning ahead... Save the Date!

Plan to bring your family to Orchard Avenue on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> for an evening of dinner and fun family games. Our multi-purpose room will be transformed into a family game center and will be a great time to get together with class friends and their families while learning how math games support your child's mathematical understandings. We will have flyers and reminders as we get closer to that date, but wanted you to include this on your calendar of events.



## Great Ways to Support Orchard Avenue Elementary...

**Box Tops for Education / Campbell's Soup Labels /  
City Market Community Rewards / Amazon Smile**

Orchard Avenue benefits greatly from the **Box Tops for Education** and **Campbell's Soup Labels** programs. Collection boxes for soup labels are by the front office window. It is helpful to send in your labels and box top squares clipped and ready to go.



**City Market** Value Cards will need to be designated to Orchard Avenue as the recipient of the proceeds by filling out a card with your City Market Value Card number. Those cards are available at the front office / foyer area as well.



**AmazonSmile** connects to your existing Amazon.com account – no need to create a new account. Your Amazon Prime benefits will work on AmazonSmile as well. Go to [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com). If it is your first visit, you will be prompted to select a charity to support. Search for “Orchard Ave Elem PTA”. Click the “select” button next to our name. If you want to change your charity designation click on the arrow next to your current charity name (just under the search bar). From the pop up window, select “change” next to the name of your current choice. Then search for “Orchard Ave Elem PTA” and select.



### Papa John's Pizza Nights are Back!

We are partnering again with Papa John's Pizza in the “Dollars for Dough” fundraiser for our school. For every flyer Papa John's receives on our designated night, they donate 20% of the net sales to our school.

Here are the dates for our upcoming “Dollars for Dough” days:

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Wednesday, April 4, 2018



Look for the flyer from Papa John's on the day of the event to signal our DFD day. Thank you for your support and to Papa John's for their support to our school!

## Watch D.O.G.S

We are so fortunate to have a WATCH D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) Program at Orchard Avenue. We have a couple of dads who have volunteered to keep a guardian eye on our staff, students, and campus. We appreciate their willingness to serve in this way. If you are interested in learning more about the program, or volunteering, please contact the school office. We would also like to thank Miss Luhrs for managing this program for our school.



### What do teachers do on Early Release Wednesday?

After students are released for the day at 1:50 p.m. on Wednesdays, your teachers are busy preparing to bring the very best learning experience to your child here at Orchard Avenue Elementary. Each month, two of the Wednesdays are used planning for instruction with each other or within individual planning. The other two Wednesday afternoons are used in learning. For the month of October, we are learning about the effects of trauma on our children and how best to support our learners when they have been impacted by a traumatic event in their life. We are also discussing how our learners can have a voice in developing their class agreements that align with our new shared vision as well as working on our school goals of social emotional learning, professional learning, and reading foundational skills.

### PARENT RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent of a student at Orchard Avenue Elementary, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- .. Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.
- .. Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- .. The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- .. Whether any teachers' aides or similar para-educators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please contact Vicki Woods at 970-254-7560 if you would like to receive any of this information.

