



# OAK HILLS EAGLEGRAM

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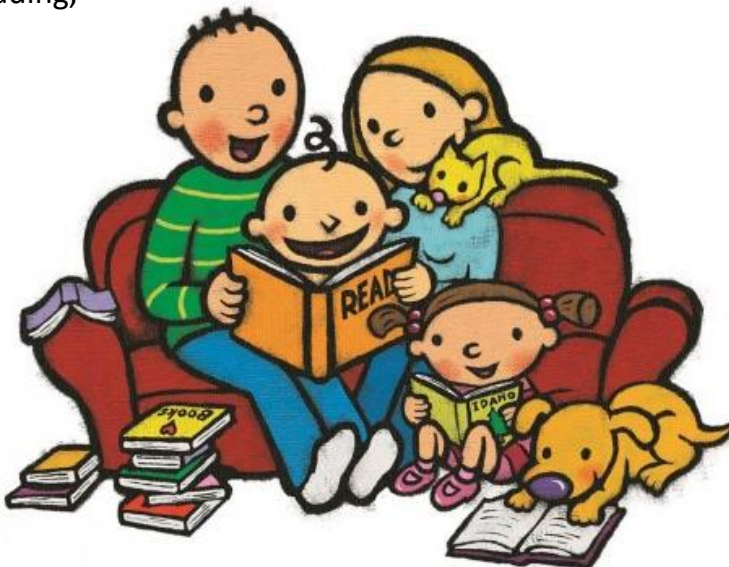
Hello Parents,

We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving break.

With the Christmas season upon us, there are many things that take up our time, like, parties, buying gifts, family activities, making goodies, seeing the lights and many other fun and enjoyable activities. While you are in the middle of buying gifts I want to encourage you to think about two gifts that are so important to your little ones who attend Oak Hills. First, is giving them the gift of reading. We are so focused on technology that sometime we forget about books, hard or soft bound reading book. Consider buying them a good book to read or a book for the family to read over the Christmas break. One of my children's favorite family time was reading novels to them. Reading together is a great family activity that will build many reading skills for your children. A second gift is time. Spending time is one of the greatest gifts that a parent can give their children. Spend some time reading with your child not only through this holiday season but also throughout the entire year. It is so good for kids to see and hear their parents read. What better way to give this time to your kids than by reading with them.

Happy Reading,

Mike



**Did  
you  
know?**

Our PTA puts on a very successful Spelling Bee. We have great spellers at our school. You can find the list of words on our website under School Information – What's New - or by clicking the link below. Getting a head start on practicing these words will "bee" helpful when the Spelling Bee takes place in late January.



<https://thegoodspray.net/davis-county-spelling-bee/>



M – Cheese Pizza  
Crunchers  
T – Popcorn Chicken  
W – Pot Pie  
Th – Corn Dog  
F – Pizza Rippers



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## ***PTA News***

The Holidays are upon us and life gets very busy for us all this month. A few updates. There will be no PTA meeting this month and no Spirit Friday. We will still have Popcorn Friday on December 7th.

The Christmas Choir is going strong and performances are December 12 and 13 at 7pm. We invite all to come and watch our singers in action. There will be a bake sale and an option to purchase shirts, hats and cinch packs.

For those of you who love to shop on Amazon, please consider shopping at Amazon Smiles. This is a program that can benefit our school. It is much like the Smith's program. Amazon Smiles donates money to our school because of your purchases. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (or your Amazon account), accounts & lists, AmazonSmiles Charity lists - search for Oak Hills Elementary PTA. Happy shopping!

Thank you,

Terra Lechtenberg, PTA President

## ***Looking Ahead...***

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Popcorn Friday

**December 12-13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Concert at 7pm

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – EARLY OUT

**December 21<sup>st</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>** – WINTER BREAK

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Popcorn Friday

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Meeting @ 11:30

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** – End of Term

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL – Professional Day

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Friday

January 21<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL

January 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> - Parent Teacher Conference

January 30<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents and Goodies

## ***ATTENTION!***

**Last day to register for the  
School Musical is  
DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>.**

<http://Oakhillsmusical.outerim.com>

## ***Counselor's Corner***

For the month of December we will be focusing on "Respecting others." Part of this includes noticing others who are experiencing different challenges in their life, and providing support and understanding. In my guidance lesson, I will read a story titled A Monkey on Ken's Back. The message in the story tells us that everyone has challenges and nobody is alone in the world of challenges. Challenges often bring on big difficult feelings that are hard to manage. When others around us can notice, respect, and offer help it can make a HUGE difference. My challenge is to notice others who might be experiencing a hard thing, and show respect and understanding by offering to help or by giving an act of service.

Shannon Struebing

**Get to know more about Miss Shannon on the next page.**





## ***Meet Our Counselor ...***

Hello! My name is Miss Shannon. I was born and raised in CA and moved to Utah 5 years ago. I lived at the beach for 8 years and still consider the ocean one of my favorite places to visit. Some of my likes include: hiking, boating on the lake, camping, biking, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. I am a proud single mother of three children who are my greatest treasures...Kory age 19, Ellie age 17, and Rylie age 14. I taught elementary school for 14 years in CA and two years in Utah, and while teaching developed a desire to help children learn about and manage difficult life challenges we all face. With this desire, I have now been a school counselor for 3 years and love helping students learn about life skills and how to identify feelings and manage their feelings through difficult challenges in life. My passion is helping children find their inner strength to work through and manage their life in ways that help them become the best version of themselves. I love teaching my students about the power of thoughts and how they are in control of their thinking, feelings, and behavior. I feel blessed to be able to work with so many children in the classroom setting as well as in individual and small group settings, teaching them all about the power of choice and how making good choices leads to positive consequences in their life. I love teaching kids about kindness and respect and how to love themselves as well as show love and respect for others, even though we all have differences. One of my mottos in life is, "Don't sweat the small stuff." I have learned that life is full of great challenges and trials we all must face, many times these experiences are for our good and allow us great opportunities for personal growth. I like to focus on the good in everything and find positive aspects to every day life experiences, even when things don't go the way we had hoped or wanted. I have learned that in the grand scheme of life, most "hard things" can be looked at as "small stuff" if you change your mindset and outlook. The power of our thoughts is significant in having a happy and healthy life. I believe in focusing on the positive in every experience, and asking ourselves... "what can I learn from this experience and how can I become a better version of myself through this experience I am having?" I love life, I love being a mother, a teacher, a counselor, and a friend. I love learning and have so much more to learn about life and my journey. I am so grateful and happy to be here at Oak Hills, where I get to learn and grow and help more amazing children learn and grow too.







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## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Program ...

The fourth grade program took place last Tuesday, before the Thanksgiving break. The program included the Virginia Reel, singing Utah songs about the Indians, father Dominguez, the Golden Spike, and the state song, playing Come, Come Ye Saints on the recorders, and each child had a speaking part. Mrs. Hess taught the music! Parents provided cornbread, milk, and old-fashioned candy. Thanks Merlin for setting up chairs and the office staff for checking in 120+ parents! We love our 4<sup>th</sup> Graders and their awesome teachers! We love Utah!





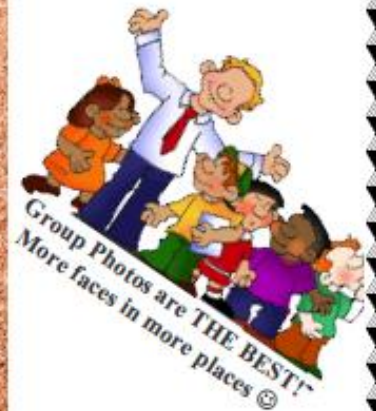


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Parents, Grandparents,  
Teachers, Friends,

"A good snapshot  
keeps a moment from  
running away."  
- Eudora Welty



Group Photos are THE BEST!  
More faces in more places ☺

**You will make our yearbook  
amazing and memorable!**

Yes, we need  
pictures NOW  
through APRIL.  
It's never too  
early to start.

Class activities, Field trips, Red Ribbon Week, Reflections,  
Family Fun Run, Halloween Parade, Veteran's Day, Spelling  
Bee, Christmas Choir, Read-a-Thon, School Contests, MLK  
Speech Competition, School Play, Student Council, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Valentine's Day, Junior Achievement City, any other event  
throughout the year you deem yearbook worthy!

Document every event with camera phone or  
regular camera and send your pictures via  
email, text or let me know you've got  
pictures and I'll figure out how to get  
them from you!

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If you would like to help with the yearbook, whether helping with pictures, design, distribution,  
advertising, or being a classroom photographer, I'd love the help/ideas. Text me your name, number and  
how you'd like to share your creativity and talents ☺