THE ROCKY READERS

A Message From Our Board...

Finding Strength In Numbers

Old Mill Elementary has had an amazing show of support from our parents this year! One goal that our board had this year was to increase our PTA membership from last year. We had 109 members last year and I am happy to announce that our membership this year has increased to 192 members, making that a 76% increase! Included in that number is 100% classroom teacher membership along with membership from the staff of OME. We now have one of the strongest PTA support in this school district.

Thank-you to all the parents and staff of our school who support us through membership, corporate sponsorships, and volunteers hours from home and at school. Our school benefits from the strength in numbers of our members in so many ways. The PTA is the largest child's advocate and by becoming a member, you are a voice for your children. The more members we have, the larger the voice we become.

Wonderful programs come from the result of having the strength in numbers and I learned last month that not only do we help in the creation of great programs, we also protect the things that are so valuable to our schools. Our school benefits from the Trust Lands here in Utah and each year Old Mill Elementary receives a percentage of the Trust Land money to help the school. The Trust Land funds are constantly attacked by people wanting to take it away from the Utah schools and the voice of the PTA members have been protecting it.

Old Mill Elementary PTA thanks the parents and staff of our school for your continued support and we look forward to a wonderful and prosperous year. The 2012-2013 PTA board is dedicated in helping with the success of our school and we would like to continue to reach out to our parents to come join us in this rewarding dedication to our school!

Kim Dickerson - PTA President

A Walking Success!

We had another successful walkathon at Old Mill. Kids, parents, grandparents and siblings all turned out to participate in our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Funds from the walkathon go towards programs such as Meet the Master’s and this year we are saving for more playground equipment!

Some kids ran and ran hoping to medal as the top lap runner in their grade. Teachers competed for a gift card towards books for their classroom and Mr. Hardy endured the dunking booth all day on Friday while the students redeemed their dunking booth prize.

We would like to give a big THANK-YOU to all who participated, volunteered and our sponsors for a great 2012 Walkathon.

Teresa Hansen
Fundraising Chairperson

BOX TOPS

It’s time to bring in your BOX TOPS that you have been saving all summer! We will be collecting October 19th and announcing the winners October 29th. For our first count, each grade will have a 1st place winner that will receive donuts, 2nd place will receive popcorn and the other classes will receive otter pops. Please turn in your BOX TOPS to your teacher and not the front office. We are excited to announce that all BOX TOP money raised this year goes towards helping fund field trips.

If you have any questions, please contact Teressa Hansen teressao3@gmail.com
Counselor’s Corner...

Did you know Old Mill Elementary has a school counselor? Holly Todd is a 1/2 time school counselor who is at the school to help your child succeed in the academic setting. She can provide individual and small group counseling to help students who are struggling at school. Please note that school counseling interventions are provided to help your child succeed in the school setting. School counseling should not replace professional counseling/therapy for non-school issues.

She goes into every classroom about twice a month to teach students ways to be "Safe, Kind and Responsible." Every year, Ms. Todd has a theme to help the students be successful. This year her theme is based off of "All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten" but changing it to ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM ROCKY THE OWL. Rocky has several important skills to share with the students and will do so during these lessons.

Ms. Todd wants school to be a happy and safe place for your child. If you have any concerns or questions, you can reach Holly by phone at 657-3130 or email at holly.todd@wasatch.edu

Holly Todd
Counselor

Say Thanks to Mr. Hardy!

Principal’s week is October 8-10. Show your support and say thank you to Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Hardy loves the children of Old Mill Elementary so much that he was willing to give up his whole day to sit in a dunking booth as one of the level prizes for the walkathon. Mr. Hardy's favorite color is blue, favorite snack is peanuts in the shell, likes to drink ginger ale, and loves hardware stores! He likes Mexican and Chinese cuisine and his favorite books are historical fiction and Louis L'Amour. His hobbies are woodworking and likes to collect tools. Drop by and say hi to Mr. Hardy and give him a thanks for being such a great principal!

Old Mill Welcomes New Teachers

We would like to welcome our new teachers to Old Mill Elementary!

Mrs. McCasland - Kindergarten
Ms. Ferguson - First
Ms. Woodruff - First
Mr. Stone - Fourth
Mr. Lowther - Speech (Mr. Lowther used to teach fourth grade at OME 2 years ago!)

Emergency Bags Wanted!

Just a reminder to send in your emergency bags that were sent home. Please return with emergency contact info, a letter, photo, and a small snack. Water will be provided.

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