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Odyssey Elementary PTA Newsletter

Dear Parents & Families

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. We have begun our planning for the carnival which will be in May. If you have any ideas, and would like to input them please feel free to come to our meeting. Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month at 3:15PM. In the month of February we have several upcoming events. Please look at the calendar for the month which is attached. Please also remember to talk to your children about safely crossing the street. Our children's safety is our number 1 priority.

Candy Cove

We will be re-starting the Candy Cove this month on 02/05/2010. Remember we do this every Tuesday & Friday from 2:30 - 3:00PM. All the items we sell are priced from \$0.10 - \$1.00. The money we raise from this goes to pay all the different events we have during the year. For example: Class Parties for our children, Dads and Doughnuts, Moms and Muffins, Family Day, Family Literacy Night just to name a few. If you would like to volunteer to help run the Candy Cove you are more than welcome to.

Black History Month

Black History Month celebrates contributions made by African Americans and people of African descent around the world. It was started by an African American man named Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. It was celebrated the second week of February. Now it is celebrated for the whole month of February in the United States and Canada, and the month of October in the United Kingdom. We will have bulletin board space where our students can write about African Americans who they admire. Don't forget about the women and the Underground Railroad. Any student who participates will get a piece of candy, and their work will be on display for the whole month.

Dance:

We will be having our first dance practice on February 9, 2010 at 4:00PM in the cafeteria. We will be doing 3 different dances : La Raspa, Un Zapateado, El baile de los Viejitos. We will be separating children according to grades. Here are some of the rules so your child can participate:

- They cannot miss more than 3 practices.
- They will have to provide their own costume.
- All other school rules apply.
- Must provide own transportation to and from practice.

Talent Show

We will be having our very first talent show at the carnival this year. If your child would like to participate they will have to submit their music and dance to the PTA. This gives everyone a chance to do something very different and express themselves. They can sing, dance, and show off any talent they may have. If you have any questions please ask.

Science Club

- Science club has begun for 4th - 6th grade. They are meeting every 3rd Wednesday and Thursday of the month from 2:30-3:45 PM. Please make transportation arrangements for them as the buses are not running at this time.

Events

Bring your family to school week is February 7-13, 2010. We will be doing fun family activities all month long. Look at our calendar for more information for the dates and events.

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Volunteer Needs:

- **AmeriCorp** is in our school their focus is to help every child read. They need volunteers to listen and help our children read. Any time given is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Marissa Poulsen 801-737-8400
- **Science Club** is in need of Volunteers. Some duties would include: handing out materials to the students and helping them with some of the projects they will be doing. It is very easy to do and we would appreciate the help. Any questions please contact Mrs. VanArk 801-737-8443

Thank You Teachers and Staff!

I would like to say that we have some of the best teachers and staff, and they work very hard so our children can learn and be the best they can be. If you have a moment please let them know that you appreciate them, a simple thank you would bring a smile.

Reminders to Parents

- If you would like to attend our PTA meeting they are every **2nd Thursday of each month** in the schools conference room at 3:15PM. This is when we discuss upcoming events and how we can help our students and teachers. Community Council meetings are held right afterwards at 4:15PM
- Please remember to talk to your children about safely crossing the road. Remind them that they have to stop and look both ways before crossing.



Healthy Kids + Healthy Habits= A + Students!

Weekly Highlights

Monday

Please make sure your children are at school on time. School begins at **8:20 am**

Tuesday

Candy Cove @ 2:30 PM begins February 5, 2010

Wednesday

Science Club for 4th & 6th graders 2:30 - 3:45 PM 2/17/2010

Thursday

Science Club for 5th graders 2:30 - 3:45 PM 2/18/2010
PTA MEETING - 02/11/2010 @3:15PM

Friday

Candy Cove @ 2:30 PM begins February 5, 2010

Upcoming Events

- PTA Mtg. 2/11/2010 @ 3:15PM
- **Candy Cove** begins 2/5/2010 at will still be every Tuesday and Thursday after school.
- Family Fun Breakfast Day 7:45AM in the cafeteria
- Valentine's day class parties 2/12/2010.
- Black History Month all month long
- Bring your family to school week 2/7-2/13/2010
- 5th grade Family Literacy Night 2/11/2010 @ 6:00PM
- 3rd Grade Family Literacy Night 2/25/2010 @6:00PM
- Fridays are school spirit days don't forget to wear your school t-shirts / colors (maroon & white).

Tongue Twister of the month :

The first 10 students who can come up to Mrs.Salgado and say these tongue twisters 3 times correctly in a row will win a prize. Their names will be out on the "Tongue Twister Hall of Fame". Good Luck!

1. A big black bug bit a big black dog on his big black nose!
2. The big black bug bit the big black bear, but the big black bear bit the big black bug back!

Odyssey Elementary PTA YOU'RE PTA REPRESENTATIVE'S:

PTA PRESIDENT: **Yesenia Salgado**
PTA SECRETARY: **Julie Jeffries**
PTA TREASURER: **Arlene Anderson**

