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Oquirrh Elementary PTA Monthly Newsletter
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Title 1 News

Next year, Oquirrh Elementary will be able to access Title I funds. With those additional resources we hope to be able to create programs that further support and enrich the education of our students. We are excited to create a school-wide improvement plan. To begin the process, we will be doing a comprehensive school assessment this Spring. We look forward to the adventure of improving our school. With your help, Oquirrh will become even better and stronger.

Attendance Info

This Spring, we are asking teachers, students, and parents to focus on improving attendance and punctuality at Oquirrh. We will follow the policy outlined by the West Jordan feeder system in Jordan School District. Students are more likely to learn important foundational skills in literacy and numeracy if they attend school when that information is presented in their classes. Daily attendance is a factor in our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for No Child Left Behind. To improve learning, we need to improve attendance. Additionally, our students at Oquirrh will learn more if they come to school on time. Students who are consistently late miss important class reviews and instructions. Many of our students report that the reasons for their tardies include: "I had to babysit my alarm didn't go off, I took too long eating breakfast my brother lost his shoes, my mom was tired, it snowed." These are not excuses for tardies or absences. Illness, special family events, or doctor appointments would be excused. Please send a note or call if your student is absent or tardy for one of these reasons.

Tips For Better Attendance

If you plan ahead, you may have fewer crises and fewer upset feelings before school each morning.

Try taking the following steps the evening before:

- Plan breakfast in advance.
 - Have students lay out their clothing for the next school day (including those illusive shoes and socks).
 - Check the weather report. If snow is anticipated, please set your alarm clock for an earlier time to accommodate the time needed to put on gloves and boots, clear snow off of vehicles, and drive students to school.
 - As we are now on Daylight Savings Time, please make sure that students still get to bed at a reasonable hour, though it gets dark later. Students need their rest to get up early and do their best in school.
 - Check alarm clocks.
 - Gather homework, sign home notes, prepare lunch money, and check backpacks before bedtime.
- We look forward to continuing a great year with you and your children. We hope that our efforts at school support your efforts at home.

PTA membership reminder

Oquirrh PTA is always looking for new PTA members. We invite everyone with students at Oquirrh to join Oquirrh PTA, and we thank all who have already joined. We are also in the process of assembling next years PTA Board. If interested, please call Bob Kilcrease @ 801.759.7861 We encourage everyone to visit www.pta.org for family resources and information.

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