Canyon View Elementary Newsletter

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Principal's Message - March 2016

Canyon View Families,

"It's a GREAT day to be a Bengal Cub!" It's hard to believe we are in the final term of the school year. We have a lot going on with field trips, fun learning activities and preparations for end of year exams. Spring Break is also just around the corner being the first week of April. We encourage you to plan family vacations around school holidays and breaks as to maximize the instruction they receive in school. It's stressful for students when they return because they are trying to catch up on what they missed despite having completed schoolwork while they were gone.

Thank you for submitting Teacher of the Year nominations, we are in the process of reviewing those and making the difficult decision of choosing only one especially when there are so many that deserve it. We will announce the Teacher of the Year at our April 1st assembly where we will also have our Road to Success drawing for the iPod, bike or scooter. Please continue to log your reading minutes online and review it once in a while to show your child how many minutes they have read this year and how many books they have read, it can be very motivational and exciting for them to see their accomplishments.

Our staff has also been working diligently on our school improvement plan and will be submitting our plan for approval to the School Community Council on March 15th. As soon as it is approved we will send a copy for your review and support. We have seen a lot of great academic gains this year and are proud of all the supports we have been able to provide students. As we make plans for next year, we will keep you apprised of any changes and welcome your feedback to help us make Canyon View the best it can be.

As always, thanks for all you do to support your students and all of us here at Canyon View.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by and visit with me.

Thanks,

BJ Weller, **LCSW**

Principal









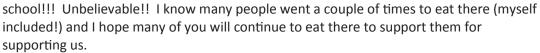




I know it is crazy to say this but do you realize we have less than 3 months left of school??!! It's an exciting time...weather is warming up (yes and sometimes no!), the kids are outside playing again rather than being stuck inside on weekends and saying "I'm bored!", and I can slowly start to see the teachers smiling again as they see summer break approaching in the

distance! Hahahaha! Though the school year is flying by, these last few months are packed with lots of activities and events so keep a lookout for flyers and notices of things that are going on and hold on and hang in for the last bit of the ride! It's going to be awesome! Quick but HUGE thanks to all the DUDES that came out during chess week! We so appreciate you for volunteering to help out. We had a great turnout each day and the students are really great players! Out of all the winners for the week, Matthew Filek (Mrs. Roberts' 5th grade class) won the drawing for a \$25 gift card to Toys -R-Us. Congrats Matthew!

And an ENOURMOUS thanks to everyone who came out to Jersey Mike's last month. We raised \$1800 for the



Thank you everyone for being the amazing parents that you are!! We sure are very lucky to be able to say Canyon View is our school!

Rayna Drago

PTA President





Week



Cultural night preparation is underway! Tuesday, March 15th, 5:30-7:00pm (bring a can of food or donation to help our food bank, also, grab dinner at the food trucks! Thai, Mexican, Crepes and Italian)



What's for lunch today? Click to find out.







PTA News

At our last meeting on March 4th, we voted in our Executive Board Members for the 2016-2017school year and here are the results:

President - Rayna Drago President-Elect - Amber Morzelewski Secretary – Raelynn Williams Treasurer - LeeAnn Ehrhart

Upcoming Events

Cultural Night

Our 3rd annual Cultural Night is coming up on Tuesday, March 15th from 5:30 to

7pm!! Everyone loves this event! Come stroll the halls and check out all the displays of the various countries each class has designed. Learn interesting facts, sample foods, enjoy the entertainment that is there and even stay for dinner. Local food trucks: Mama Simonetti's Food Cart, La Table Crepes, Maize Taco Truck and Rubadue's Saucey Skillet Thai Foods will all be selling food in the parking lot.

Admission to the event is free but we are asking if you plan to attend to bring a can(s) of food to be

donated to the Utah Food Bank. Donations will be









accepted in the large bins we will have inside the school starting Friday, March 11th through the 16th.

During Cultural Night we will be selling our leftover Spirit Wear. Sizes are limited but come see what remains. Prices will be reduced for this sale so grab a couple more items if your child has already grown out of the ones you purchased at the beginning of the year. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Zupas Café

It's dinner time!!! Put down the mac and cheese box, hang up the apron and let Zupas Café at 6550 South 3000 East in Holladay make dinner for you and the family on Tuesday, March 22nd from5-9 pm. 25% of all sales on this day and during these hours will go back to Canyon View to help us keep raising money for the not-so-cheap Chrome Book Labs we need for the students. Look for a flyer you will need to bring to the restaurant in your child's backpack coming soon.

Panda Express

We are giving you another day to NOT cook and instead head out for another yummy meal. Wednesday, April 13th from 11am-9pm, we will be having our last school fundraiser at a restaurant for the year at Panda Express at 6927 S. Park Centre Dr. in Cottonwood Heights. Look for more information on this coming in April.

Kindergarten Orientation

Have a child that is turning 5? Try and hold back the tears but it is time to get them enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. Stop by the school to fill out the necessary paperwork and then come to orientation on Friday, April 15th at the school from 2-3pm. While you listen to information you will need for your child, they will get to check out the kindergarten classrooms and the library. Sad to admit but I cried during orientation for my son!! LOL!

Employee Appreciation Week

April 18th through the 22nd is a very special week at Canyon View. It is time to pamper and show the love to everyone who works at the school. They do so much for our kids day after day and rarely are truly thanked for what they do so this is their week to be top priority. Look for information coming in April with special events we will be doing for the staff.

Lost and Found

Still missing that jacket? Can't seem to find those gloves? Come look in our lost and found bin right outside the cafeteria while you are at Cultural Night or anytime else. There are enough items to clothe a family in there!



Dr. Suess Day

Reminders

3/15 - SCC Meeting at 4:30pm

3/15 - Cultural Night from 5:30-7pm

3/11 - 3/16 - Utah Food Bank collection days

3/22 - Zupas Café from 5-9pm

4/1 – PTA Meeting at 9:15am, Spirit Day and Game Day in the library at 8am

4/4 - 4/8 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!!

4/13 - Panda Express from 11am-9pm

4/15 - Kindergarten Orientation from 2-3pm

4/18 – 4/22 – Employee Appreciation Week

4/22 - Classic Fun Center from 5-9pm

Box Tops

Thank you to everyone who helped collect Box Tops all year long. Though we do not have an exact total yet, we believe we surpassed our goal of \$1000!! Even though our contests are over for the year, please continue to collect your Box Tops and drop them off till the end of the school year. Everything that is collected now will go towards next year's purchase of the Chrome Book Labs.

Cub comments









Where is your family from?

Ripleys:Estonian

Decourts: Belgium and Netherlands

Davids: don't know

Morzelewski: Polish (kassapakis) Greek

Kaufmans: Hungary

Vanettens: my last name is Scottish

Lamberts: Italian, German French and England

Beatties: Denmark

Mrs. Anneli Doxey: Denmark Sweden English

Mr. Bawden: England

Mrs Chris Gray: From a land far far away, Murray

Mr. Weller: Prussia and Scotland Youngs: Germany, Ireland, and England Harrises: England, Germany, Scotland Christensens: Wales, Denmark and Germany



Mystery Spotlight

1)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 1 1/2

GREW UP: New Jersey

FAMILY: 1 boy and 1 girl

PETS: no

HOBBIES: running, skiing, and hiking

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Zupas

THING YOU DID AS A KID: Ice skated, baton twirled, ballet and gymnastics

FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Anything sweet, cake, cookies, ice cream....

UNIQUE FACT: I have completed 33 marathons and 40 half marathons

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chapstick

YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they give you a hug!

5) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 6mths

GREW UP: Salt Lake, Boston, and Broomfield, CO

FAMILY: 1 girl

PETS: no

HOBBIES: skiing, working out, reading, crossword puzzles and finding new covers of

songs

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Bombay House

THING YOU DID AS A KID: Gymnastics, ice skating, tennis

FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Gluten Free Chocolate Cake

UNIQUE FACT: I'm and only child

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chips, raisins, and vanilla ice cream

YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: Are kind to one another

2)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: October 2015

GREW UP: San Diego

FAMILY: 2 girls, 3 boys

PETS: 2 cats, Evie and Simba

HOBBIES: Teach Barre classes, hiking, and camping

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Mexican food

THING YOU DID AS A KID: read a lot, rode my bike, and

FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: German Chocolate Cake

UNIQUE FACT: Held a stingray

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chocolate

YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they laugh. The true joy kid laugh $\,$

3)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 3 yrs

GREW UP: Sandy, UT

FAMILY: 2 brothers, 2 sisters

PETS: no

HOBBIES: hiking, skiing, and anything outdoors

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Eva's

THING YOU DID AS A KID: Played outdoors

FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Cheesecake

UNIQUE FACT: I hate bananas, swam with sharks and hiked Kilimanjaro

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My phone

YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: Code!

4)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 1 yr

GREW UP: Salt Lake

FAMILY: 1 boy and 1 girl

PETS: 2 dogs Keeper and Gunner and 1 turtle Skeeter

HOBBIES: baseball

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Red Robin

THING YOU DID AS A KID: I used to ride horses and play basketball

FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Chocolate Cake

UNIQUE FACT: Scuba dived the Great Barrier Reef

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Coffee

YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: Participate











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6) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 3yrs

GREW UP: Ogden

FAMILY: 4 Girls and 1 Boy

PETS: 1 dog Isabel, 1 fish, and 1 rabbit Luna

HOBBIES: Run Scrapbook, basketball, waterski, and just started to learn how to knit

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Love Mexican Food!

THING YOU DID AS A KID: Played the wilderness family, rollerskating, listened to DOnnie and Marie

FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Carrot cake, chocolate cake, ice cream cake, and a good chocolate chip cookie

UNIQUE FACT: I have a twin sister

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: chocolate and cheese

YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they are polite and say thank you. I love it when they talk to me



1) Rayna Drago 2) Jill Hawkins 3) Camille Cole 4) "Coach T" Mrs. Olsen 5) Luarel Miller-Jones 6)Kerry Miner







PTA Volunteer Recognition

As you all know, PTA is always asking for volunteers to help out here and help out there. Well, it isn't easy to get people to help out sometimes but thankfully we have Marta Stott, our Volunteer Coordinator, who does her job so effortlessly. Unlike most of us in PTA, she works full time AND helps out all year long. At the beginning of the year she gathers all the names of people who signed up to help in the classrooms and gets that all organized. Then she recruits Head Grade and Head Room parents as well as helping find volunteers for other events at the school and then pretty much is the one running the show for our Cultural Night. She does it all. And to top it off, this woman is like a walking Pinterest board. Most creative person I know who thinks creating decorations for the school and events is just like making a bowl of cereal. No biggie...all just part of a normal day for her. Some of us (yes me!) are glad people like her exist or it would be a very boring and plain world!

Marta was born and raised in Cottonwood Heights (something in

the water here makes these native ladies truly amazing!). She started out at Butler Elementary and then switched to Cottonwood Elementary, went on to Olympus Jr. High and then Olympus High. She was an amazing soccer player and played Varsity all 3 years and made the state select team her junior and senior years. She graduated from the U of U with a Bachelor's degree in Sports Physiology and a minor in coaching. She coached the JV team and was the Assistant Varsity Coach at Olympus for 5 years. Soccer is her passion and she finds great joy in helping kids and adults "see" the game and fall in love with it. She still plays on a women's soccer team and helps coach both of her daughters who play competition soccer with Impact United. Now Marta has a job at Savage, Yeates and Waldron, PC as a paralegal and business manager. Hence why she is so good at organizing and managing events for the PTA!

Marta married her husband, Sean, who she has known since she was 12 and grew up in the same neighborhood with, in 2000. That way it made it easy to remember how many years they were married!. She loves living in Cottonwood Heights and how easy it is to get to the mountains and experience all they have to offer and then drive a simple 20 minutes and be downtown for work.

She has 2 daughters, Sage who is 13 and attends Butler Middle School and Emry who is 9 and is in Mr. Checketts' class. She enjoys spending time with her family and experiencing life together. She loves to hunt, fish, ski, camp, hike, bike and enjoys the beauty of the outdoors.

When I took over as being President of the PTA, I was so glad Marta was still going to be around and helping the way she does. She is the backbone of our group and without her help and great ideas, we would be quite a sad group. She may not realize how important she is but maybe she will now. Marta says she enjoys being a part of the PTA and that the people involved are very caring and committed to making our school even better than it is. She likes that she is more informed about what is going on at the school by being a member. "I love creating fun memorable events for the kids to enjoy and become a part of". She definitely does that and Marta, you are the heart of the group for sure. Thank you for all that you do for us!!







