



# Canyon View Elementary

3050 E. 7800 South Cottonwood Heights, UT. 84121



Principal's Message – January 2016

Canyon View Families,

Happy New Year! Despite the freezing temperatures, we have had a great start to 2016. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduated from the DARE program on January 12<sup>th</sup> and had a nice ceremony directed by our own Officer Galieti. Three of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students read essays they had written regarding how to make the right decisions in their lives and also about living drug free. Way to go Bengal Cubs!

I sent a reminder a couple of weeks back regarding attendance and the importance of being here every day and on time. To be in compliance with the Compulsory Education Attendance Law, certain steps are taken to inform and educate parents. I would like to explain what that all means and what steps we take to help you be aware of attendance concerns.

A parent can excuse their child a total of 10 days throughout the year, anything above that requires documentation verifying illness, medical appointments, bereavement, court appearances, emergencies, preapproved educational leave and special family or religious events. **The best thing you as a parent/guardian can do is send your child to school everyday and on time or call /send a note informing the office of your child's absence or tardy.**

#### School Response/Support

After 4<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence, school will call you and check in to see if everything is okay and to request communication from you regarding the nature of the students absences and tardies.

After 6-8 unexcused absence or 18-24 tardies, you will receive an official letter signed by me which is an official administrative notice. It explains the compulsory education laws and looks legally scary because it is also called a Truancy Citation. – Don't stress, just call me and communicate with me the reasons for your child's absences or tardies and we will come up with a game plan to support them.

The purposes of these letters is to educate you as a parent/guardian of the laws and most importantly remind you to get your child to school everyday and on time.

After 9-11 unexcused absences or 27-33 tardies, you will receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter signed by me. This second letter will also be filed with the district because after 12-14 unexcused absences or 36-42 tardies you would be out of compliance with Compulsory Education Laws and would then be referred for truancy court and/or mediation.

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

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Welcome back everyone!

2016 has begun and I am very excited to see what the New Year will bring us here at Canyon View! We have a lot of fun activities coming up in the next couple of months: Skate Night, Chess Week, Jersey Mike's week, Zupas night, Cultural Night, Employee Appreciation week, Art Night, Movie Day, Morning Donuts, and more!! It's going to be a fun filled year for sure.

As your PTA President, I am here to lead our PTA to help make Canyon View a great place for our students and teachers. It is not an easy job, but I have enjoyed every minute of it so far. I have a great team who work with me and wonderful parents who come to support what we do. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions on ways we can make everyone's experience better so please know you are welcome to contact me at any time with any issues/suggestions you may have. Maybe you have a concern that you are not sure you should bring up with the Principal or maybe you have a great idea for our next fundraiser. Whatever it is, we are always open to listen to our members and try to do what is best for the school. Just because you may not make it to meetings or volunteer all year long, that does not mean you cannot have a say in things we do. Email me, call me, text me or catch me at the school (Just look for the woman chasing after her daughter as she runs crazily in the halls around 3pm!) and I would be happy to speak with you.

Thank you and let's have a great 2016!!

Rayna Drago  
PTA President



Canyon View is proud to announce that 3 of our students received Awards of Excellence at the Council Level Reflections Contest last month, and will represent us at Region. They are: Kimball Hansen in Music Composition, Brooklyn Proctor in 2D Visual Arts and Kamryn Adams in Dance Choreography. The region awards ceremony is on January 26, at 6:30 pm in the Jordan High School auditorium.

Congratulations to them and good luck!

Additionally, two other Canyon View Students received awards of Merit at council: Grace Williams in 3D Visual Arts, and Eliza Wilkins in 2D Visual Arts. Although they won't be representing Canyon View at Region, they did an outstanding job.

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**Upcoming Events**

**PTA Elections**

Elections for the 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We are taking any interest for the following positions:

- President
- President-Elect
- Treasurer

If you would like more information on the job responsibilities of these positions or you would like to be considered for any of these positions, please email PTA President, Rayna Drago, at [runnerrayna@yahoo.com](mailto:runnerrayna@yahoo.com). Email your name, position you are applying for, some things about yourself and why you feel you would be best for this position. You must be a current PTA member to be considered. Deadline for consideration is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominees will be announced February 4<sup>th</sup> after the PTA meeting and then elections will be held March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Box Tops**

Thank you Canyon View for your continued support of our Box Tops program! We are so close to hitting our \$1000 goal and being able to help fund our future purchase of our Chrome Book Labs the school needs. We will be starting a new contest on January 19<sup>th</sup> so look for your Box Top sheet in your child's backpack then. This contest will be boys vs girls!!! So keep on clipping and turning those sheets or baggies in to the Box Top box right outside the front office (make sure your child's name is on the baggie!) or to your child's teacher.

Cultural Night will be March 15th from 5:00PM-7:30PM.

We are looking for performers/entertainment. If you know any adults, children, grandparents, neighbors.... who might have a skill or talent from another country, we would love to have them!

What's for lunch today?



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CONGRATULATIONS to the 5th Graders and Officer Galletti. They have all graduated from the D.A.R.E. Program. Thank you 5th grade teachers for allowing the students to participate.

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### Classic Fun Center Skate Night

January 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm come out to Classic Fun Center for a fun night with your fellow students! Silcox Orthodontics (6724 E. Highland Dr) has graciously donated to take care of our skate night and every student that comes gets to skate for free!!! Bring your roller skates, your rollerblades, your scooter, and have a good time.

You can rent skates for \$1 or even a scooter for \$3 if needed.

If you want to participate in the other activities they have there (Laser Tag, Blast Zone, and Bounce area) it is just \$5 for unlimited use of these areas (\$3 if you want to just buy one extra activity).

Stay for dinner and pay just \$3 for a drink and hot dog or drink and slice of pizza.

Come early and find the PTA table to get some Classic Cash (\$5 to use for anything while you are there!). Limited supply so first come first served. 😊

### Reminders

-Girls' Basketball- Tuesday's at 8am in the gym for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Learn skills, practice drills, and play games. Permission slips are in the office if you would like to join in. Basketball will continue till the end of February and then Volleyball will begin in March. Look for flyers for that coming soon!

-1/29 - Classic Fun Center Skate Night 5-9pm

-2/1- Deadline for interest for a PTA Executive Board position

-2/2- Parent/Teacher Conferences

-2/4- Parent/Teacher Conferences and PTA Meeting at 9:15am

-2/5- NO SCHOOL

-2/11- Valentine's Day Parties

-2/12- NO SCHOOL

-2/15- NO SCHOOL

-There will be NO Spirit Day or Game Day in February due to no school on the 5<sup>th</sup>. 😊

## Canyon View New Year Resolutions

Kyndal, Hess: better friend be a better friend

Brooke, Hess: to be better at reading

Sam, Gustafson: cool awesome to be the smartest kid in my class

Annie, Tuckett: do better in spelling

Shawn, Checketts: I want to read more

Audrey, Tuckett I want to be better at math

Collin, VanDyken: I don't know

Nellie, Moore: score 10 goals in soccer

Eric, Logan: handwriting

Whitney, Moore: science

Ashton, Roberts: to get better at math

James, Tuckett: take frogs more

Grace, Mahwhinney: be better at math

Bella, Joko: get my roundoff back handspring back tuck down

Amy, Checketts: not be grumpy

Ava, Woodland: learn how to do a somersault this year

Cameron, Moore: be a standup comedian

Sadie, Roberts: earn more money

Alex, Tuckett: his mom says to stay out of trouble

Mrs stocking: drink more water

What's happening this month? .



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Mystery Spotlight

1) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 5th year  
 GREW UP: Sandy, UT  
 FAMILY: 3 Brothers  
 PETS: 1 Cat named Sherlock  
 HOBBIES: Soccer, running and traveling  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Indian  
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Big reader and always did my homework  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Sugar Cookies  
 UNIQUE FACT: Lived in Argentina and I have broken my nose 3 times  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Diet Coke  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Are motivated

2) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 2nd Year  
 GREW UP: Sugarhouse  
 FAMILY: 4 girls and 1 boy  
 PETS: Pigeons  
 HOBBIES: I like to build things-cabins, home remodeling, and recently I've taken up the trumpet  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Sizzler  
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Safety patrol  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Lasagna  
 UNIQUE FACT: Climbed Lone Peak and scored a INFJ on the Meyers Briggs Personality Test. (only 1% get that score)  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Oxygen  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Realize their own potential

3) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 10 yrs  
 GREW UP: SLC, UT  
 FAMILY: 2 Boys  
 PETS: 1 dog named Teagan and 1 cat named Max  
 HOBBIES: Skiing, hiking, and reading  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Salt Lake Pizza and Pasta  
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: rode my bike and hiked  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Red Velvet Cake Bites from the Sweet Tooth Fairy  
 UNIQUE FACT: I love to scuba dive  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Diet Pepsi and my phone  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Say thank you and please

4) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 18yrs  
 GREW UP: Pittsburgh PA  
 FAMILY: 2 Girls  
 PETS: 2 dogs Sophie and Grace  
 HOBBIES: Gardening, fishing, skiing, and reading  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Valters (Italian) Loves pizza!  
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Played in the woods, rode my bike, played with friends and I liked to swing  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Lobster  
 UNIQUE FACT: Only Jewish Staff member  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Bazooka Bubble Gum  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: When they see me outside of school and run and give me a hug.

5) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: Eons  
 GREW UP: Ogden  
 FAMILY: 2boys and 1 Girl  
 PETS: 1 dog named Daisy and 2 cats named Belle and KIKI Boing Boing  
 HOBBIES: Quilting, gardening, and camping  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Mexican-- Cafe Rio  
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Rode horses and hauled hay  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Camping with Dutch Oven cobbler  
 UNIQUE FACT: I won the Lynn Lehman Award  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: TV and My grandchildren  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: When they are kind to others



6) YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 4 yrs  
 GREW UP: Right here in Cottonwood Heights  
 FAMILY: 2 Brothers  
 PETS: 3 dogs named Peanut, Abs, and Boomer  
 HOBBIES: Basketball, long boarding and nintendo  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Dragon Isle  
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Played Sports  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Rootbeer Floats  
 UNIQUE FACT: Born with a cataract in my eye  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: dogs and cats  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: When they make me laugh and do funny stuff

Answers

1. Ms. Amber Tuckett
2. Mr. Bill Bodell
3. Mrs. Jennifer Davis
4. Mrs. Kathy Collins
5. Mrs. SuLinda Moore
6. Mr. Josh Barlow



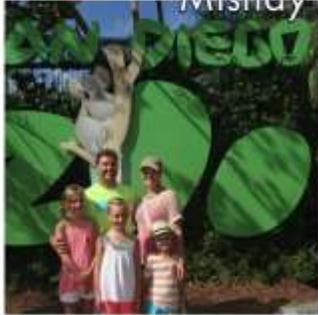


Mishay DeCort



**PTA Volunteer Recognition**

This month we are going to recognize our awesome Secretary, Mishay DeCort. She can let someone else do the writing for once! I can barely chew gum and walk but being Secretary, Mishay has to listen to what everyone is saying during our meetings and record all the pertinent information that is being discussed, as well as participate in discussions she feels she has things to say about and then pass all the information on to all our members after she rewrites all her notes. It isn't as easy as it sounds. But luckily she does it well and helps me remember what I was even talking about during the meetings! LOL!



Mishay was born and raised in Salt Lake City and graduated from Skyline High school and then got a degree in Mass Communication from the University of Utah. Though she was going to start a career in public relations, she decided to start raising a family and her now 10 year old was born 6 months before she graduated. She met her husband the day he moved here from Michigan in 1999 as she was working as a bank teller and he was opening an account. She offered to show him around (insert joke here...lol!) and the rest is history! For 13 years they have lived in Cottonwood Heights all while raising their 3 kids, Kali (10) in Mrs. Roberts' 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, Leiya (8) in Mr. Checketts' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and Christian (5) in Mrs. Waddoups' Kindergarten class. Thankfully, only one of her kids is leaving Canyon View so we have her around for a while

on PTA as well as returning as Secretary next year! Whew!

Mishay and her family love to ski and snowboard and go camping in the summer. They love to travel and try to go on 4 or 5 trips a year! Michigan to visit family is a favorite destination as well as Disneyland since they are complete freaks about that place! They love to go rafting and hiking down in Southern Utah and before kids she used to go canyoneering. She even once repelled off of Morning Glory arch in Moab!!! That's nuts!!! Now her favorite outlet is running and she ran her first half marathon last year...way to go! She loves food and trying new recipes which is why she needs to run now. I can so relate to that! LOL! Mishay recently found out her Great Grandfather opened and ran the first coal yard in SLC. The land he owned was West of Sugarhouse Park between 21<sup>st</sup> South and I-80. Too bad he didn't hold onto that land for his family!! \$\$\$\$\$ Once the coal yard was successful he wanted his brothers to come help him run the business and he got 2 third class tickets for his younger brother and wife to come out from England on the TITANIC!!! Unfortunately they both perished when the boat sank. Pretty cool family history I have to say!

Mishay joined the PTA 3 years ago when her neighbor, Hilary Ripley, our Math Program Coordinator, asked her to come and see what a PTA meeting was all about. First meeting and she agrees to be a Co-Education Commissioner with Hilary. She didn't waste any time getting to work for sure! Last year she was in charge of our newsletter and this year, our Secretary. Like most people, Mishay had preconceived ideas about PTA but as soon as she joined she realized what a great group it is and how much she enjoys being involved with her kid's school, getting to know the staff and teachers and feeling like what she is doing is making a difference. Little does she realize, what she has done these past few years has made a HUGE difference! Our PTA would not be the same without her. Thank you Mishay for being the fun, hilarious, hard working mom/PTA member that you are!



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