



Canyon View Elementary

3050 E. 7800 South Cottonwood Heights, UT. 84121

Principal's Message – January 2017

Canyon View Families,

It was a sobering moment this week as I realized the school year is already half way over and there are still so many things to do to make this the best year ever at Canyon View.

I am, however, excited to see the progress our students have been making based on our recent math and language arts winter benchmarks. We are on target for reaching our school goal of having at least 80% of students demonstrating proficiency in both language arts and math.

We have some exciting things coming up at Canyon View.

- Digital Citizenship Week– February 6th-10th. Our goal is to help each student understand how to use the internet in a safe manner and be aware of the dangers and risks. We will introduce this idea at an assembly on January 27th by Netsmartz. <http://www.netsmartz.org>

o Canyons District also provides valuable parent technology support at <http://parentconnections.canyonsdistrict.org>

- Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up. Our goal is to have 100% of parents meet with their child's teacher. The most effective way for students to be successful in schools is when parents and teachers work together.

o Sign up via the Online Scheduler at www.canyonview.canyonsdistrict.org and use the password Canyonview.



- Sometimes, families experience challenges and don't know where to turn for support or guidance.

Canyons District offers free support services through the Canyons Family Center.

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/family-center-home>

Canyon View is the best school because of the students, teachers and families that choose to be here. "It's a GREAT day to be a Bengal Cub"!

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



It's 2017...2017!!! These years just keep flying by. With all the fun activities and events we have planned for January and February, it definitely will be March before we know it and I am so fine with that. It has barely been a month since winter officially started and I am so ready to never see snow again and be WARM! HA!

As we start the New Year, let me remind you that all of us at the PTA are here to make Canyon View a great place for our kids and teachers. We want to make sure every student has a great time through their elementary years while they learn the basics they need in life. There are a good handful of people that come to our meetings and that is so fine. We understand it is hard to make it to our meetings if you are working or have little ones at home. But please know, though you can't be at our meetings we truly appreciate any feedback you may have. We can only do so much...our mom brains are on overload so it is sometimes hard to see straight some days. Thankfully we have 2 male brains that come to our meetings to level out the estrogen! But any ideas, suggestions, comments you may have on ways we can make everyone's experience better please let us know. 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 you, your kids and 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. And if you have something negative to say, that's fine...I won't go on Twitter and call you out. HA!

We love what we do and want EVERYONE to love it too.

Let's have a great 2017 everyone!!

Rayna Drago
PTA President



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A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a red shirt and a backpack, holding several books.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW??

There is LOTS going on this month and next so get ready for a ton of fun events to start off the New Year! First off, let's recognize the super kids of the month:

BENGAL CUBS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to all our January Bengal Cubs of the month!!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Armstrong (A.M.) – Zara Petty
Mrs. Armstrong (P.M.) – Austin Kraatz
Mrs. Waddoups (A.M.) – Lucy Henderson
Mrs. Waddoups (P.M.) – Nyal Angus
Mrs. Creager – Grant Martin

1st grade

Mrs. Mawhinney – Lucas Featherstone and Katie Shapiro
Mrs. Gunter – Kylee Kennicott and Eliza Miller
Mrs. Van Dyken – Mack Soffe and Rachel Hancock

2nd grade

Ms. Jenkins – Porter Kennicott and Brook Rosvall
Mrs. Molis – Sienna Gamonal and Grace Baty
Ms. Thompson – Lana Chen and Oliver Corey

3rd grade

Mr. Checketts – Madeleine Jones and Zac Ingles
Mrs. Gustafson – Emmie Featherstone and Hunter Daniels
Ms. Antivilo – Chloe Beattie and Grant Hite

4th grade

Mrs. Kernodle – Macie Wagstaff and Sophie Welding
Mrs. Moore – Witt Rolf and Micah Harris
Mrs. Tuckett – Connor Feeney and Brooke Barlow

5th grade

Mrs. Joko – Ava Starbuck and Blake Eggleston
Mrs. Roberts – Sophia Fisher and Aron Kohlmann
Mrs. Timoney – Eliza Wilkins and Tyler DeFeudis



PTA Elections

Elections for the 2017-2018 PTA Executive Board will be held in March and we are taking interest now for the following positions:

President-Elect

Treasurer

Secretary

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. 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 1st. Nominees will be announced February 3rd after the PTA meeting and then elections will be held March 3rd.

SKATE NIGHT AT CLASSIC FUN CENTER

January 27th from 5-9pm come out to **Classic Fun Center** at 9151 South 255 West in Sandy 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 nachos or pizza and a drink or hot dog, chips and a drink.

\$5 in Classic Cash will also be given out (while supplies last) by PTA President, Rayna Drago, to anyone who is wearing Canyon View Spirit Wear.



Spirit Week at Jersey Mike's

Monday, February 6th thru Friday, February 10th go to Jersey Mike's (right next to Target) and bring your Free Sub with donation card (each student will get one) for a FREE Jersey Mike's Regular Sub with a \$2 donation. Last year we made over \$1800 during this week!!!! Let's see if we can get over \$2000 this year!! You can go any day during this week during regular business hours (10am-9pm) and **100%** of the proceeds go to Canyon View to help purchase our iPads for K-2nd grade.

Everyone is welcome to donate more and you can tell friends and family to go during this week and contribute to the Canyon View jar that will be at the registers. This is a huge opportunity to make some good money for Canyon View so please help out and eat a meal or two at Jersey Mike's!!

Movie Day!!

It's time for the **PTA 2nd Annual Movie Day!!** Come watch **The LEGO Batman** movie on **Saturday, February 11th at 3:30pm** at Century 16 Union Heights Theater in Sandy.

Tickets are \$7.50/person and payment must be turned in to your teacher by Wednesday, January 25th if you want to attend. Look for the flyer in your child's backpack about this event.

PTA does not make any money off this event. Price is for theater rental. Any friends or family are welcome to attend. **NO REFUNDS** can be given if you are unable to attend. Please contact PTA President, Rayna Drago, at runnerrayna@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



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Book Fair

Who loves new books??? I know I do!! As usual, during Parent/Teacher conferences (Feb. 15 & 16) our Book Fair will be open for parents and kids to buy as many books as they can. You can even come after school on the 14th to buy some books as well. Don't forget to purchase a book or two for your teacher...they will have baskets with their names on them with books they would love to receive from a generous parent.

If you would like to help out during the Book Fair, look for a Sign-Up genius sign up email coming about a week or so before that has volunteer opportunities.

Girls on the Run

The very popular **Girls on the Run** program is now coming to Canyon View. Tricia Jensen (one of our CV moms) and Rayna Drago will be heading this up with help from teachers, Mrs. Joko and Mrs. Tuckett. Girls on the Run is a physical activity based positive youth development program that inspires 3rd-5th grade girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. This after-school program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem lessons and uplifting workouts. The goal of the program is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.

Practices will be Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30pm and Fridays at 1:50-2:50pm at Canyon View.

Program starts February 21st and finishes with a 5k race at Sugarhouse Park on May 20th

Flyers for this program have been sent home but if you need another copy, there are some extras in the front office. Registration is open at www.girlsontherunutah.org.

Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance.

Any questions please contact Rayna Drago at runnerrayna@yahoo.com.



Choir

Spring choir will be starting up again in February. Start date is yet to be determined but watch for information about that coming soon. If your student is interested in participating, rehearsals are at 8am every Monday and Wednesday in the Kiva.

Choir is for 2nd-5th graders only but any 1st grader can participate if they have a sibling in a higher grade who is also participating.

REMINDERS

Our next **Box Tops** contest will be starting in February. The kids enjoyed the Boys vs Girls contest so much from last year we are doing it again! Look for the sheets at the end of the month and start filling them up and then turn them into your teacher or to the Box Tops box right outside the front office. Make sure the Box Tops are not expired, have a code on them and please turn in those Bonus Box Tops coupons in separately...do not attach them to your sheet. All money made from Box Tops goes towards those iPads we need for K-2nd grade so please help us out!

Girls' Basketball is still going on - Tuesday's at 8am in the gym for girls in 3rd-5th 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.

Spirit Wear will be available all year if you ever need to pick up a new item. You can go to <https://squareup.com/store/canyon-view-pta> to purchase any of our items any time.

Though the holidays are over you can still do all your yearly shopping on AmazonSmile and donate to your favorite charity...Canyon View PTA!! Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/87-0451218> and Amazon will donate .5% of your sale and we will use the money to help buy those iPads for K-2nd grade.



- 1/27 - Skate night at Classic Fun Center from 5-9pm**
- 2/1 – Deadline for interest for a PTA Executive Board position**
- 2/3 – PTA Meeting at 9am, Spirit Day and Game Day at 8am in the Kiva**
- 2/6-2/10 – Spirit Week at Jersey Mike's**
- 2/11 – Lego Batman Movie at Century 16 Theater in Sandy**
- 2/14 – Valentine's Day class parties**
- 2/14-2/16 – Book Fair!!**
- 2/15 & 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 2/16 – EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:40pm**
- 2/17 – NO SCHOOL**
- 2/20 – NO SCHOOL – President's Day**
- 2/21 – Girls on the Run starts for 3rd-5th grade girls**
- 2/27 – 3/2 – Chess Week**



CUB CORNER

This month we asked our 1st graders to submit a drawing about “What I did over my Winter Break”. Thank you to all those that contributed!



Student Services

If you have a service that will benefit Canyon View students, we are willing to list your information in our newsletter. Canyon View PTA does not endorse any of the names below. This is just an area for information that you may be interested in.

Carol Copene – 801-942-4155 - Reading Tutor with 40+ years of teaching experience





GET TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF

To start off the New Year's recognition, I am just highlighting one teacher this month and she is a teacher who helps get our kids started in school life...Mrs. Armstrong. She is one of our incredible Kindergarten teachers and she is awesome. She is great with the kids. She is the nicest woman around. She is a superb teacher. And any student that starts off in Kindergarten with her is just set on a path of success. I know this because my son had her 3 years ago so I can have a biased opinion. 😊 Not only is she a great teacher but for the past year and a half she is the teacher liaison to the PTA and always comes to our meetings to give us feedback on what the teachers like and need. She is committed to Canyon View and it shows and we love her for it! Read below a little bit about her:

My name is Carolyn Armstrong and I have been teaching at Canyon View Elementary for the past 10 years. I teach Kindergarten because I just love this age! I love their enthusiasm and fun infectious personalities; they bring a smile to my face daily. I think Canyon View is an awesome place to work because of all the talented and dedicated faculty.

I grew up in the Holladay area and I graduated from Olympus High School. I obtained my bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. My interest has always been with the younger children, so I pursued a double degree enabling me to teach kindergarten as well as grades 1 through 6. I have had the opportunity over the years to teach in kindergarten, first and second grades as well as teaching in an accredited private preschool.

I am married with 4 children, one son and 3 daughters. We spend a lot of time together and enjoy playing games and going on vacations together. I am also a grandma and have 3 new little grandbabies on the way this year! Wow!

If I can find any extra time in my life, I enjoy baking, sewing and decorating. In college, I earned the name "The Cookie Queen" because of how often I baked cookies. Some of my other passions are traveling with my husband, attending BYU sporting events and you may also see me at the mall because I love to shop!



OH BABY!

Guess who!?

Are you able to pick out any staff, teacher, or PTA babyface?



1- Armstrong 2- Tuckett

3 -Bawden 4- Doxey

5-Mollis 6-PTA Marta Stott

