



# Canyon View Elementary

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## Principal's Message - April 2016

Canyon View Families,

Spring has sprung and we are gearing up for the end of year activities, including our Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence, also known as SAGE. We will be starting our SAGE assessments the beginning of May.

Here is some basic information regarding SAGE and some helpful tips to prepare your child for these important tests.

SAGE is administered to students beginning in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and aligns with the state's core standards for English language arts, Math and Science. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students do not take the Science assessment. SAGE is unique to UTAH and was developed by Utah educators. Here are two websites that can give you a more in depth look at SAGE if you are interested.

<http://sageportal.org>

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/SAGE/>

### Helpful Testing Tips

- Get a good night's sleep the night before the test, as ample rest allows for a sharper brain.
- Eat a good breakfast. Carbohydrates and proteins will keep students full longer and provide the nutrients needed to concentrate.
- Dress in comfortable clothing.
- STAY POSITIVE!
- Read the directions carefully to ensure a clear understanding of instructions.
- Utilize the SAGE platform tools provided, such as a highlighter, screen reader, calculator, dictionary and translator.
- Read all answer choices before making a final choice and use the scratch out tool to eliminate the wrong answers right away.
- Take your time!

Our goal for students is not just to achieve proficiency on these assessments, but we want to see how much growth they have made this year.

As always, thank you for supporting your students and all of us here at Canyon View!

BJ Weller, LCSW

Principal

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**Canyon View's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year**

**Michelle Van Dyken has been a life changer for many students in and out of school. Her dedication to the students, school and community is inspiring and her desire to continually improve as a teacher has opened the door for many struggling students to succeed both academically and socially.**



**Michelle has a strong sense of community within her classroom and is cognizant of the emotional well being of her students. She assigns buddies for new students to help with transitions, recess buddies, has a cool kid of the week, communicates weekly with her student's parents through newsletters and much more.**

**Michelle Van Dyken has served as our Canyons Union Representative, served on our Building Leadership Team and has written and received grants to bring more technology into her classroom. Michelle is a standout teacher and representative of what we value and believe here at Canyon View Elementary!**

**Congratulations Mrs. Van Dyken!!**





Another month has passed, and we are inching closer and closer to the end of the year! So many things are coming up in these last weeks and it's so much fun to see the kids smiling and being excited for all that is in store for them. Plus I think they are daydreaming of days at the pool and warm nights playing late and of course...no homework!! J Those were such great times; endless days of playing with friends till Mom or Dad would yell my name down the street to come in for the night. Then I would wake up and repeat it all again. Canyon View students have such bright futures ahead and it's been a real joy to see them grow right before my eyes literally and figuratively. Some days when I get to see an assembly or watch a student get an award, cheesy me gets all teary eyed thinking

about how special these moments are. How special our students are. Time goes way too fast.

Sigh....to only be able to go back and live it all over again.



Rayna Drago  
PTA President



**Teacher of the Year**

If you did not hear the news, Mrs. Van Dyken (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) was chosen as Canyon View's Teacher of the Year!!! Mrs. Van Dyken is not only the sweetest woman, she is an amazing teacher in every way. Her students love her, the staff loves her and parents love her as well. She is amazing in and out of school and is definitely deserving of this award. CONGRATS MRS. VAN DYKEN...YOU'RE THE BEST!!!



Upcoming Events

Skate Night at Classic Fun Center

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> skate night of the year is **Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-9pm at Classic Fun Center**. Come skate the night away with your fellow students and enjoy discounted prices on food and other activities there.



Donut Day

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the cafeteria...**best day of the year!! Time to eat some donuts!! Bring the family and enjoy a fun morning having some yummy donuts. Get those kids all sugared up and then send them off to class for the teachers. LOL! Coffee will be served from COFFEE & COCOA located at 6556 S 3000 E. Milk and chocolate milk will also be available. We will have some fun math, reading and other activities on the tables for families to participate in.

During this time, we will also be holding a **BOOK EXCHANGE**. Have some old books you would like to get rid of? Bring them and exchange them for other books there and then enjoy some time reading while you eat. You must bring a book to be able to exchange for another one. Please only bring books appropriate for elementary children. Whatever books we have leftover will be donated to our library or to the local library.

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**T-Shirt Contest**

Have a student who loves to draw? Well we are looking for next year’s Spirit Wear design and we need one of our students to draw it for us! Look for a flyer coming soon with requirements and instructions for our design contest. Deadline to turn in the designs will be Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and then Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the students will get to vote for their favorite design and the winner will be announced the last day of school. Contest will be open for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade since our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be graduating. Sorry 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

**Choir, Orchestra, Bell Choir and Art Show**

It’s a night full of the arts! Come see our choir, orchestra and bell choir perform on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Butler Middle School**. And either come early or stay after to check out our art display. All the art projects our students have been working on all year with our amazing art teacher, Mrs. Stocking will be displayed right outside the auditorium. Plus we will also be showing movies some talented 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have created. Don’t miss out on this jam packed, entertaining event!



**Zupa's Night**

We made \$263 from Canyon View's Zupa's Night. Thanks for all who came and supported it. This money will go toward purchasing Chrome books for the kids.

**Reminders**

**4/22 - Skate Night at Classic Fun Center 5-9pm**

**5/6 - PTA Meeting at 9:15am, Spirit Day and Game Day in the Kiva at 8am**

**5/11 - Principal Weller's Birthday!!!**

**5/13 - Donut Day and Book Exchange at 8am in the Cafeteria**

**5/13 - T-Shirt Design Contest Deadline**

**5/17 - SCC Meeting at 4:30pm**

**5/17 - Choir, Orchestra, Bell Choir and Art Night at Butler Middle School at 7pm**

**5/20 - Kindergarten Field Day**



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



**Mystery Spotlight**

1)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 4yrs  
 GREW UP: Mobile, Alabama and Utah  
 FAMILY: 1 brother and 2 sisters  
 PETS: 2 dogs Seamus and Aiden and 1 snake Pita  
 HOBBIES:Paddle Boarding, Mountain Biking, Hiking and Repeling  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Tandoor Indian Grill  
 THING YOU DID AS A KID: Swimming, sailing, and motorcycle riding  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Chocolate Decadents  
 UNIQUE FACT: I was a zookeeper for 18 yrs  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My Computer  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they follow directions

3)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: Taught 26 Years and has volunteered for 5yrs  
 GREW UP: Wyoming on a Ranch  
 FAMILY: 2 boys and 1 girl  
 PETS: 1 dog, Sienna  
 HOBBIES: Music, sewing, gardening, and cooking  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Cafe Rio  
 THING YOU DID AS A KID: Chores, fed cattle, and milked cows  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Chocolate cake  
 UNIQUE FACT: I was on "America's Funniest People Show" and was on the USO tour and performed around the world on military bases  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: watermelon  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they sing with me!

2)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 27yrs  
 GREW UP: Dugway, Utah  
 FAMILY: 1 girl  
 PETS: 2 cats, Purrzle and Ambrose  
 HOBBIES: sewing and gardening  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Olive Garden  
 THING YOU DID AS A KID: Played in the desert  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Frozen Yogurt  
 UNIQUE FACT: I once mothered 10 kittens  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: water  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: Are kind and respectful

4)YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 10 years at least  
 GREW UP: Salt Lake  
 FAMILY: 2boys and 3 girls  
 PETS: none  
 HOBBIES: reading and playing the piano  
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Cafe Rio  
 THING YOU DID AS A KID: read and practiced the piano  
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Chocolate  
 UNIQUE FACT: Played keyboarding in a band called "The Reunion Band"  
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My kids  
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they make progress. That's the most rewarding part!

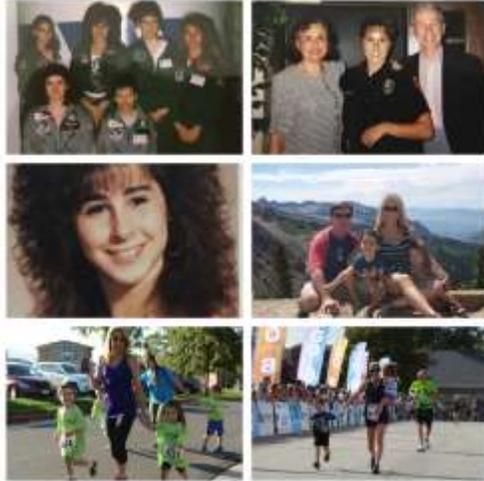


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1) C-Pat Driscoll 2) D-Jane Lawrence 3) A-Edna Eadles 4) B-Sherri Freestone

PTA Volunteer Recognition

After writing all the recognitions this year, I realized though many of you know my name, read the many emails I send, and get all the endless flyers I give to your child about events we have planned, you may not know much about me or even know what I look like. Probably a good thing that our PTA members know a little about their PTA President! So this month you get to learn a little about me!! Hopefully after reading my story you will be ok that I decided to take on this job for one more year!!

Unlike many of the other women I have recognized, I am not from Utah at all...I am a Jersey girl. Born and raised in Paramus, New Jersey which is about 20 minutes from NYC. If you met me 25 years ago, I was your stereotypical East Coaster with a thick accent, big hair (see my yearbook pic) and Jersey attitude. I was a competitive ice skater for 11 years and did a little gymnastics and track in high school but mainly my days and nights and all summers were at the rink skating. When I was a sophomore in high school I saw the cheesy movie Space Camp and it made me want to become an astronaut. I actually did go to Space Camp in Alabama for 10 days...it was awesome! So with my goal of being an astronaut, I attended Purdue University, joined Air Force ROTC and pursued an Aeronautical Engineering degree. But after

fracturing my skull during some ROTC training, my astronaut goals became a thing of the past and I shifted gears to a degree in Criminal Justice. Plus I realized all my hair was NOT going to fit into that astronaut's helmet! HA! I was chosen to intern with the Secret Service the summer before my senior year in college back in NJ and then I graduated with a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Right after graduation I moved to Mesa, AZ and was hired by the Mesa Police Department. After 4 years of being a cop I left the department and was quite unsure of what I wanted to do. I managed a retail store, bartended and did some local theater and voiceover work. After 7 years in AZ I found myself moving to Los Angeles. There I continued to bartend and had a lot of fun playing a cop on General Hospital for 5 years. Think you may have seen me?? J I have always had a passion for fitness and after I finally stopped bartending, I started my own personal training company. I trained people at their homes all over Los Angeles. At the same time I ran my first marathon (LA Marathon back in 2004) and became hooked. So as I was training people at their homes, I also trained people to run the LA Marathon with a group called the LA Roadrunners. I started working for adidas as well (lots of jobs!) and after 9 years of working with the LA Roadrunners they made me their Head Coach at their 2<sup>nd</sup> location in Westlake Village, CA. AND at this time, I teamed up with a local business man and we created a half marathon event in Oxnard, CA called Santa to the Sea which is still going on today, 7 years later. I was a very busy woman!

After living in LA for 11 years, I moved to Cottonwood Heights 4 years ago due to my husband getting a job out here. My husband and I have been married for 8 years and have a son, Mason (6), in Mrs. Jenkins' first grade class and a daughter, Sienna (5), who starts kindergarten next year. Though I am a stay-at-home mom now, you may catch me working local running events as I have been in charge of the finish line areas of a few races around the city. Running and working out are a huge part of my life. I have run 33 marathons and over 50 half marathons and handfuls of other races. My goal is to run 50 marathons by the time I turn 50 which is a lot sooner than I would like! I love to ski, hike, spend time outdoors, travel, laugh with my kids and spend time with my friends. Those that know me will say I am a bit OCD and a perfectionist and am anally organized. Which I guess helps me with this position! I am not afraid to be silly and I love to make people laugh.

When my son started Canyon View, I knew I wanted to be a part of the PTA and crazy as it sounds, I actually wanted to be President someday and I jumped right in. We have an amazing PTA and we are so fortunate to be able to do so many fun events for the kids and I wish we could do more for our teachers. I have such incredible people who make my job so much easier and though I spend a ton of time...a ton of time...did I say a ton? (HA!)...doing this job, I have enjoyed every minute of it. I love knowing what is going on at the school and knowing what my son is involved in because he can't seem to tell me! LOL! I love getting to know the kids, all of the parents, and I love seeing the kids succeed and enjoying events we create for them. I want our kids to have great memories of their time at Canyon View and whatever I can do to make that happen I will. PTA is a really important part of Canyon View and I am so glad I am a part of it. Best job I have ever had...and you know I have had many!!



What's happen-  
ing this month?  
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