



Canyon View Elementary

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Principal's Message – February 2016

Canyon View Families,

I can't believe how fast time is flying and with four---day school weeks all through February, March will be here before you know it! The rest of the school year is full of many activities and events and I will be keeping you up to date in our weekly e-- mails so please check those for additional information.

Our School Choir is starting February 22nd thanks to Cristen Barlow who will be leading it this Spring. Students 2nd – 5th grade can sign up and need to turn in permission slips by Friday, February 19th. Permission slips can be picked up in the main office.

I want to congratulate Abigail Swinyard in Mrs. Timoney's class who was a finalist in the Canyons District Science Fair and is advancing to the Salt Lake Valley Regional Science Fair in March! Way to go Abigail!

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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As the year progresses on, so does our PTA. Only a few short months ago, I started this job and here we are ready to elect our next leaders for the 2016-2017 school year. Our nominees for the open positions we have are now official and we will be conducting our elections at our next meeting on March 4th. Thankfully our elections do not come close to the circus of the Presidential elections we are all trying to forget is around us ALL.DAY.EVERY.DAY. HA! I promise I am a US citizen and my emails are never classified!! ;)

Though many of us have work obligations and family obligations that make it hard to volunteer at the school or do more as we wish we could do, there always are ways to help outside of coming to meetings or participating at events. You are always welcome to contact me and say I can't be at this event but I can make a few phone calls if needed or maybe do some creative work at home that needs to be done. Or maybe you can help with providing food for the teachers during parent/teacher conferences. You can buy some of the needed food or drinks and have a friend (or me!) drop it off for you. These are great ways to be involved without having to BE at the school.

Take a moment to visit the PTA area on the school's website and see what committees we have. Maybe one seems appealing to you. Contact that committee head and get more information about what they do. You will be surprised at how grateful they will be with a simple question of "How can I help?"

Though we have a core group of people that help every year with all our events and activities, we always are so appreciative of newcomers and whatever bit of time they can give. It makes a huge impact for our teachers and students.

And that is a fact I don't flip-flop on. ;)

Rayna Drago
PTA President

Upcoming Events

PTA Elections

Elections for the 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board will be held at our next PTA meeting on March 4th. Our nominees are:

President: Rayna Drago

President-Elect: Amber Morzelewski

Secretary: Mishay DeCort

Treasurer: LeeAnn Ehrhart

All current PTA members are encouraged to attend the next meeting and cast their vote on these positions.

Come to our PTA meetings, your kids will have a blast!



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



Jersey Mike's Week

Monday, February 22nd thru Friday, February 26th go to Jersey Mike's (right next to Target) and bring your card (each student will get one) for a **FREE** Jersey Mike's Regular Sub with a \$2 donation. You can go **any day** during this week during regular business hours (10am-9pm). 100% of the proceeds go to Canyon View to help purchase our Chrome Book Labs.

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.

Tuesday, February 23rd is our SHOOL PRIDE NIGHT at Jersey Mike's. Come from 5-6:30pm and dine with Principal Weller and get some fun prizes while you are there.

Chess Week

Monday, February 22nd thru Thursday, February 25th is our annual chess week in the library before school begins at 8am. Students can come and play against one of our "Dudes" and if they beat a Dude, they win a coupon for a free pizza at Pizza Studio!!

All winners will be entered into a drawing and one lucky winner will receive a special prize at the end of the week!!

Look for a flyer with all the details about Chess Week in your child's backpack.

If you are "DUDE" (Dads, Step-Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, and Brothers) and would like to participate, please contact PTA President, Rayna Drago at ptacanyonview@gmail.com.



Thank you Roberta, volunteers and crew for a fabulous book fair.



Choir

It's that time of year again...Spring choir starts **Monday February 22nd!!** If your student is interested in participating, rehearsals begin 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.

Cristen Barlow will be the new Choir Director. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Cristen at cristencb@gmail.com.



Movie Night

Canyon View is going to the movies!! Come watch **ZOOTOPIA** on **Saturday, March 12th** at **3pm** at Century 16 Union Heights Theater in Sandy.

Tickets are \$7/person and payment must be turned in to your teacher by **Friday, February 19th** if you want to attend. Look for the flyer in your child's backpack about this event.

This event is open to all friends and family.

Cultural Night

Our 3rd annual Cultural Night will take place on Tuesday, March 15th from 5:30 to 7pm. 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 Saucy Skillet with special Moroccan & Thai Foods** will all be there.

Admission to the event is free but we are asking all that plan to attend to bring a can of food that we will then donate to the Utah Food Bank. Donations will begin to be collected on Friday, March 11th and end at the event on the 15th.

If you know of any cultural musical groups, dance groups, etc. that would like to be a part of our cultural night, we are looking to fill some more entertainment slots. Please contact Rayna Drago at ptacanyonview@gmail.com.

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Spirit Wear Sale

Shirt getting a little too tight? Had a growth spurt during the year? No worries...we still have a bunch of extra Spirit Wear items that are available for purchase. We will be having a year-end sale at Cultural Night on Tuesday, March 15th. Sizes are limited but come see what remains. Prices will be reduced for this sale. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

If you want to purchase an item sooner, please contact Rayna Drago at ptacanyonview@gmail.com.

Girls' Basketball and Volleyball

Just a reminder that girls' basketball will be ending on Tuesday, February 23rd.

Starting Tuesday, March 1st, and continuing every Tuesday through the end of the year, girls' volleyball will be starting for girls in grades 3-5 at 8am. Look for a flyer and permission slip for this soon.

What's happen-
ing this month?
Click to find out.



Lost and Found

Our lost and found bin is growing and growing! If your child has been missing a jacket, sweatshirt, gloves, etc., it probably is in our bin waiting for its owner to take him home. Please have your child come look through the bin which is right outside the cafeteria. Or if you have a moment, look through yourself (since most kids can't seem to find things right before their eyes! LOL!) and see if some of the items belong with you.



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Reminders

2/22 – 2/26 – Jersey Mike's Week

2/23 – Jersey Mike's SCHOOL PRIDE NIGHT from 5 – 6:30pm

2/22 – 2/25 – Chess Week

2/26 – NO SCHOOL

3/4 – PTA Meeting @ 9:15am, Spirit Day and Game Day@8am in the library

3/12 – Zootopia @3pm at Century 16 Union Heights Theater in Sandy

3/15 – Cultural Night from 5:30-7pm



Classic Fun Center

Classic fun night was Classic! Principal Weller joined us with his family.

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Box Tops

Our Boys vs. Girls contest is going so well! Let's make this last collection the best! Whichever sex wins, gets a whole day of firsts!! First to get in line to get their lunch, first to go out for recess, first to come in in the morning and of course huge BRAGGING RIGHTS ...so get those Box Tops in by the 19th!! So far the boys are winning by just 47 BoxTops.

What do you love about canyon view?

Brooke Ashley and Kyndal (Thompson): The teachers take care care of you. Everybody here is nice

Mackenzie (Checketts): I like that we can make new friends and meet new people

Justin (Kernodle): everything

Devon (Thompson): I love canyon view. I've been here a long time and it's just the best school

Eliza (Tuckett): I learn

Dylan (Kernodle): I like being with my friends

Tyce (Thompson): Math

Jada (Thompson): Everything

Lili (Kernodle): I love that it's a nice place to be.

Lucy (Tuckett): All the teachers are super nice

McKenna (Tuckett): I like the teachers because they are really nice

Mrs. Timoney: My favorite thing about CV is how friendly everyone is. Kids, parents, teachers all smile and say "hi" in the halls.

Hilary Ripley: The kids

Shannon Erickson: PTA moms and all the smiley faces. The kids love Mr. Weller too!

Alex Lambert: I love those hippie 5th graders

Rayna Drago: It's so close to my house.

Mr. Weller: I love that we are a team and working towards the same goals. People are caring and reach out to each other. And the PTA dinners

Kathy Donahue: I love being around the kids. Their energy. Their learning. Their laughter.

Roberta Smith: I love our new principal, he is hands on. He is delightful to work for.

1)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 1.5
 GREW UP: SLC, UT
 FAMILY: 2 girls and 3 boys
 PETS: No Pets
 HOBBIES: traveling, jogging, yoga, art, and gardening
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Costa Vida
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Busy with piano and gymnastics
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Ice cream cake
 UNIQUE FACT: Speak Norwegian
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Plain M & Ms
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they say thank you. Some kids will take the time to thank me for a lesson

2)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 14 yrs
 GREW UP: Sugarhouse
 FAMILY: 1 boy
 PETS: 2 pets, Jack and Summer
 HOBBIES: gardening, traveling, arts and crafts
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Market Street
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Played outside games
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: White cake with 7 minute frosting
 UNIQUE FACT: tubing down the ditches in Hawaii
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chocolate
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: Learn to read

3)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 4yrs
 GREW UP: Iowa
 FAMILY: 1 girl
 PETS: 2 dogs Greta and Howie, 1 cat, Luke, 4 chickens, Tweety, Charlotte, Edna, and Fay
 HOBBIES: gardening, hiking, rock hounding and bird watching
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Mexican Food, El Piasa Grill
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: dance, gymnastics, soccer
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: chocolate cake with caramel frosting
 UNIQUE FACT: I was Wendy for the Wendy's restaurant and I was a zookeeper
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Tylenol and coffee
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When the kids laugh so hard it gets behind their control

4)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 3yrs
 GREW UP: Sandy
 FAMILY: 3 boys
 PETS: no pets
 HOBBIES: Spend time with family and calligraphy
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Silver Fork Lodge, especially breakfast!
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: I don't remember
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Strawberry Shortcake
 UNIQUE FACT: I try to always be positive
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Family
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they behave

5)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: Starting my 4th year
 GREW UP: Monticello
 FAMILY: 2 boys and 2 girls
 PETS: 1 dog Tater
 HOBBIES: Quilting and organize things
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Olive Garden
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: dolls, Barbie, and rode my bike
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Burnt Almond Fudge Ice Cream
 UNIQUE FACT: My husband and I did not date
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Diet Coke
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they practice reading



6)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 10yr
 GREW UP: Salt Lake City
 FAMILY: 2 boys and 2 girls
 PETS: 2 dogs Chewy (Chewbacca) and Carly
 HOBBIES: Talking on the phone with loved ones, running and family
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Red Butte Cafe
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: danced, sang, ran, hanging out with friends
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Anything chocolate
 UNIQUE FACT: Did not miss 1 day of school K-6th
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My spouse and my kids
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they are so kind and respectful to each other

Answers: 1) Mrs. Susie Stocking top right 2) Mrs. Kathy Donahue-bottom right 3) Mrs. Holly Bishop bottom left 4) Mrs. Janet Huff -middle left 5) Mrs. Rebecca Lee -middle right 6) Mrs. Cindy Wallace-top left

PTA Volunteer Recognition

As President of the PTA, you always learn from those that came before you and build on the paths that they created. This month we are going to recognize a past PTA President who is now in charge of this newsletter, Micki Harris. I was not around 2 years ago when Micki was President but her legend still lives in everything we do throughout the year. She always has brilliant ideas that I sometimes question how someone could be so clever...it's just not possible!! Thankfully we have her to look to when in need of some good ideas.

Micki grew up in Santa Clara, Utah (St. George) and graduated from Snow Canyon High School, Dixie College and eventually Southern Utah University with a dual major in Elementary/Early Childhood Education. Hence why she is so good with kids!! She taught 4th grade and Kindergarten while supporting her husband through medical school until she had her 3 children: Becket (12 yrs.) at Butler Middle School, Gretchen (10 yrs.) in Joko's 5th grade class and Micah (8yrs) in Checkett's 3rd grade class. Through the years, she has lived in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Minnesota and West Virginia but finally she cemented her feet in Cottonwood Heights.

Micki loves to play all sports and be active in every way...basketball, volleyball, softball, running, hiking, biking, cornhole...whatever is going on she will try it. Speaking of loves: She loves the seasons Fall and Summer, especially when there is a slight breeze through the trees and everything is green. She loves frozen yogurt. She can't emphasize that enough. She would take that over any treat any day. She loves to listen to a good book or podcast while she cleans and mucks out her house. Call her crazy, but she says there is so much happiness in those two things. She loves her chill time with her kids. Sometimes these connections are during dinner, homework, car rides, or when their heads hit the pillow at night. She also loves going on Humanitarian Service Missions with her husband. Micki and her husband are amazing humanitarians and they do many service missions throughout the world through a program called LDS Charities. Right now they are assigned to South America. The vision committee they serve on helps doctors and patients all over the world receive better eye care, resources and equipment, since many countries don't have these benefits that we have here in America. Her husband, specializing in eyelid and facial plastic surgery, will perform surgeries for the out of country doctors so they can then provide these surgeries for patients locally. She loves to do these missions and meet people from around the world and to be reminded of what the world is like outside of our little world we sometimes take for granted. She is working on learning Spanish to communicate better with the people.

When asked about unique facts about herself she says, "I almost died as a baby and I like to remind all my friends and family about the miracle that took place

December 21, 1977. I mostly just enjoy the eye rolling when I remind people. Elementary fact, I won the Smokey Bear coloring contest when I was in 2nd grade. It is seared into my brain as the happiest elementary day of my life when they called my name. I think I won a sticker. I also won a belly flop contest on a cruise ship against a bunch of grown men when I was 18 years old. I was the only girl and sometimes that stunt is really hard to pull off. It was definitely a proud moment when I came up out of the water with people cheering me on for my skills."

Why is she involved with the PTA? "Let's be real...It's my kids attending the school and it's my kid's friends and especially my kid's teachers and the staff. Bless you teachers and staff. I don't expect someone to do all the work for my kids' benefit. It's a team effort and I am downright happy to be a part of it. I've made some dear, lifelong friends, I've had a few cries, and I've had some laughs where I can barely catch my breath. Bottom line, I could make up a million other excuses as to what I could be doing with my day, but when those kids, friends and teachers give you the thumbs up, I feel that is where my time matters."

Micki...you are a class act. I am so glad I have been able to follow in your footsteps and have you to fall back on if needed. You are just too cool for words. Thanks for what you have done for Canyon View and continue to still do.

