



Canyon View Elementary

3050 E. 7800 South Cottonwood Heights, UT. 84121



Principal's Message – November 2016

Canyon View Families,

We hope you have enjoyed the first part of the school year. Our first term is coming to an end and Report Cards will be sent home on November 28th. Our students are learning a lot and enjoying using the technology in their classes to enrich their learning experiences.

I wanted to personally invite all of you to our winter music concert that will be held on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Butler Middle School. We will have both choir and orchestra performing. This is the concert that parents are invited to, so please come if you can.

As a reminder, with the cold weather and snow, we will only keep students in from recess if it's below 22 degrees, if the air quality is above 90 on the particulate matter scale or if precipitation is such that students will get soaked if they go outside. I understand that parents send their kids dressed to play in all kinds of weather and the teachers would certainly love it if all students stayed out during the entire recess, but for safety concerns I hope you can appreciate the days we keep them in side. We hope it's not too many! We will post an orange flag on the front pillar in the morning to signal inside mornings. Students can then go to the gym and wait for the bell to ring.

If you are planning a vacation, please submit a vacation request form at least five days before you leave to allow adequate time for teachers to gather homework for your child. If the request is less than five days, it places an undue burden on teachers and therefore there is no guarantee that homework will be available. Also, if homework is requested please return it back to the teacher within five days of your return. Thanks for your support in following these guidelines.

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



Hello Canyon View!

Now that November is here, the mood of the world has definitely changed but thankfully these kids make us forget sometimes about all that is going on. We started off with lots of anxiety and craziness in the world and the world is a changin' for sure. No matter what happens outside our Canyon View doors, I am thankful for all we have inside. A great staff, wonderful teachers, a PTA I am so lucky to work with, parents that are so supportive, involved and generous in all ways, and last but not least, our wonderful students that make each day the reason we all do what we do.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope it is filled with good times with family and friends. Make sure to wear those stretchy pants to dinner! HA!

Rayna Drago
PTA President



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW??

EVERYTHING!! Though November has been kind of quiet at Canyon View, here are a few things you need to know.

BENGAL CUBS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to all our November Bengal Cubs of the month!! Way to go!!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Armstrong (A.M.) – Ellie Vietor
 Mrs. Armstrong (P.M.) – Ella Otto
 Mrs. Waddoups (A.M.) – Allyson Price
 Mrs. Waddoups (P.M.) – Aurelia Boeger
 Mrs. Creager – Liam Lamonyun

1st grade

Mrs. Mawhinney – Thane Petit, Logan Petit and Weston Petit (The triplets!)
 Mrs. Gunter – Mauriella Ekstrom and Girgio White
 Mrs. Van Dyken – Danika Morzelewski and Henry Jensen

2nd grade

Ms. Jenkins – Katie Swinyard and Collin Johnson
 Mrs. Molis – Orion Ehrhart and Noah Lambert
 Ms. Thompson – Ava Boone and James Call

3rd grade

Mr. Checketts – Miriam Ross and Chase Ellerbeck
 Mrs. Gustafson – Lexi Lassek and Conner Laub
 Ms. Antivilo – Ari Timoney and Calvin Anderson

4th grade

Mrs. Kernodle – Emry Stott and Dane Carey
 Mrs. Moore – Brooke Stauffer and Quincy Jensen
 Mrs. Tuckett – Elizabeth Swinyard and Tyce Cook

5th grade

Mrs. Joko – Talmage Howe and Araya Ruff
 Mrs. Roberts – Nyla Bello and Ace Ehrhart
 Mrs. Timoney – Gabe Thornock and Donovan Wismer



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REFLECTIONS

From our Reflections Coordinator:

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Reflections Program this year! The entries really showcased our wonderful and talented Canyon View students. Even though we can't send everything on to the Council Level, we appreciate all your time and effort to support the program. The judges expressed how difficult their job was, and we will recognize ALL Reflections participants at a school assembly on December 9th.

The following students have received an Award of Excellence and will represent Canyon View at the Council Level competition later this month.

Primary Division (K-2nd grade)

2D Visual Arts:

Sienna Drago
Tiffany Herrera

3D Visual Arts:

Korbin Brammer
Lana Chan

Dance

Sadie Maxfield

Film

Oliver Brooks

Literature

Amy Rowley
Quinn Williams

Photography

Blake Barker



Intermediate Category (3-5th grade)

2D Visual Arts

Mylee Miner
Talmage Howe

3D Visual Arts

Alexander Turchenko
Max Reiser

Dance

Annie Call

Film

Lia Timoney

Literature

Brooke Barlow
Ethan Mensing

Photography

Ashton Barker
Nickolas Remsburg

Music

Kathryn Ellingson
Luke Barlow

Awards of Merit awarded to: Micah Harris and Mack Soffe

Good Luck to our Award of Excellence recipients at Council Level!

Thank you to those who assisted in putting on the Reflections program, our great judges and supportive school staff.

Raelynn Williams
Reflections Coordinator



CHOIR, ORCHESTRA & BELL CHOIR

IT'S SHOWTIME!!! I look forward to this show every year and it is finally here!! Mark your calendars...**Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm at Butler Middle School!!** Come listen to our own Canyon View students sing and play their hearts out after months of practicing.

You don't want to miss it!

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

This program was so successful last year, we are doing it again! **Any girls in 3rd-5th grades can come play basketball every Tuesday at 8am in the gym.** You can join at any time but a permission slip must be filled out before you can play. Forms are in the front office if you need.



Spirit Night at Buffalo Wings. Thank you to all who were able to come out and support us.

CANYON VIEW IS GETTING A GARDEN!!!

Thanks to Marianne Zenger, one of our moms at Canyon View, we hopefully are on track to get our own garden started come springtime. It's really exciting!! Read below all about it from Marianne and how you may be able to be involved.

Have you heard our great garden news? Canyon View Elementary will be growing a garden next year! My son, Eli, is in Mrs. Gunter's 1st grade class and I have 3 more boys heading to Canyon View in the next 6 years and I knew I needed to contribute to the school in some form or fashion. I decided to use my degree and background in Horticulture and proposed to Principal Weller and teachers, the idea of creating a garden space that would allow the teachers and staff to help the students' minds grow in new ways. The staff was fully supportive and enthusiastic and the district approved of our moving forward with the planning so here we go!

School gardens are a great resource for educating children in science and nutrition but have you considered their benefit in all the other ways they help as well? Gardens help teach history, language, math, chemistry, art, economics, geography, weather, journaling, literacy, family and consumer science and best of all, the joy of getting your hands in the soil and seeing the fruits of your labor. The possibilities are endless and exciting. School gardens have been shown to improve eating habits, improve test scores, fight childhood obesity, promote physical activity, connect children to the environment and help change attitudes towards learning. A fantastic opportunity to let little minds grow and grow.

There is still a lot to be done to get our garden started and the need for assistance is paramount. Our garden committee consists of parents, teachers, and school administrators and we are looking for more help. We need a few community Master Gardeners to join and a few more parents or grandparents to get involved. We have a few projects for potential Eagle Scouts too! We are in the design stage now and are looking to get bids on work in the next month or two. Some of the work will be done by Canyon View families and community members while some work will be done by licensed and insured contractors who will be putting in the cement mow strip, putting up fencing and also changing out the sprinklers to drip irrigation. If you are interested in volunteering, donating or giving a bid on the garden construction please contact me, Marianne, at zengermare@hotmail.com or 801-673-9598.

We are excited to get this garden up and growing. Come join us!

Marianne Zenger



REMINDERS



Keep clipping those Box Tops! Each one of them is worth 10 cents for the school and they add up pretty quickly. All the money we collect will go towards purchasing iPads for 1st and 2nd grade. Turn in a baggie full to your teacher or to the Box Top box outside the front office.



We still have lots of Spirit Wear leftover and it would be so great if every student had one shirt to wear on Spirit Day! You can go to <https://squareup.com/store/canyon-view-pta> to purchase any of our items any time. We will deliver it to your student the next day. **If you are in the Choir, you will need one of the t-shirts for the holiday show so make sure you purchase your shirt soon.**

Shop 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 1st and 2nd grade. It's holiday time, and we all shop online, so do some good while you shop for all your favorite gifts!

Shop Now

11/23-11/25 – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving break

12/2 – PTA meeting at 9am, Game Day at 8am and Spirit Day

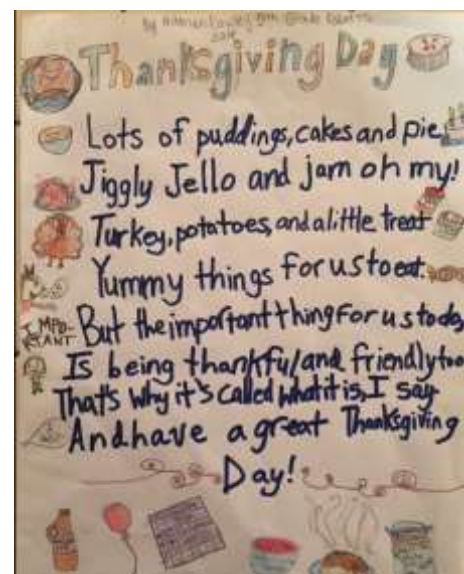
12/13 – Choir, Orchestra and Bell Choir show at Butler Middle School at 7pm



Spirit day winner: Mr Checkett's class

CUB CORNER

This month we asked our 5th graders to submit something following a Thanksgiving theme and we received some great drawings. Thank you for your submissions!



TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION

This month I want to recognize 2 teachers and 1 staff member who are true staples at Canyon View. They are some very special people and we are very lucky to have them at our school.

First up is Roberta Smith. She is our Lunch Clerk and she runs our Book Fair. Roberta just is an amazing woman. She is the nicest, sweetest person around and no one loves the kids more than she does. Sometimes I truly think she runs the school. HA!! Thank you, Roberta, for all your years at Canyon View and for being so great with our kids. Here is her story:

I was born in Delta, UT and I lived in this little town called Lynndyl. When I was 4 years old we moved to the town of Butlerville, which is now Cottonwood Heights. I went to Butler Elementary, Butler Middle and Brighton High School.

I love to craft and cook, I spend way too much time on Pinterest, I enjoy taking road trips and I LOVE spending time with my awesome 3 year old grandson, Brayden. Several years ago, my husband and I were in a 4-wheel club and every Easter we went to Moab for the annual Jeep Safari. Before I started at Canyon View I was a crossing guard with the Murray Police Department. I have been married to my husband, Gary, for 40 years and we have 2 daughters, Mckenzie and Alisha who were Canyon View students years ago. Though I am a big University of Utah fan, my house is divided. ..My daughter, Mckenzie, and my sister, Lynda, are BYU fans.

I have been at Canyon View for over 30 years. I love working with the staff and parents, but most of all the awesome students. My favorite time of the year is the beginning of school to see how much the students have changed over the summer.



Next up is super 1st grade teacher, Kerry Mawhinney. When my kids were going into first grade I never really cared who they would get as their teacher but I always heard from everyone how great Mrs. Mawhinney was. Though neither of my kids got her as their teacher, I have come to see why people always said that about her. She is kind, loving and truly enjoys what she does...you can see it in her students' faces when they are around her. And they love to sing with her!! Thank you, Mrs. Mawhinney, for teaching our 1st graders all the beginning knowledge they will need to be successful through their years at Canyon View. Here is her story:

I grew up in Salt Lake City and got my degree at the University of Utah. I met my husband of 40 years in the parking lot at the U when he parked right next to me. Now, my entire family cheers for the Utes. I have 3 brilliant, handsome/beautiful children and 7 grandkids! One of our latest family adventures was traveling to

California to see Utah beat UCLA at the Rose Bowl.

My absolute dream job would be to play the tambourine in a rock and roll band—so far, no offers, but I have not given up on the Rolling Stones giving me a call. I love to read, write, draw, and sing with kids!

I have been at Canyon View over 20 years and one of the best things about teaching first grade is that I get to see my students from first to fifth grade as they grow up.





Last is our only male teacher at Canyon View, Mr. Checketts. The kids ADORE him and he is a pretty amazing guy with a smile always on his face. You always know when he is around because you can hear his students laughing and having a good time. He loves his job and it shows and we love that he is here with us at Canyon View. Thank you, Mr. Checketts for bringing our kids so much joy and for helping them learn in a fun environment. Here is his story:

I grew up in Roy, Utah where I spent my childhood camping and fishing with my family, riding bikes, playing basketball, catching frogs and building tree houses. I was a happy kid and I loved school. My 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Anderson, helped me to love reading, art, singing and poetry. In high school I was on the basketball team and went to the state finals as the Sterling Scholar in Art.

After high school I attended USU and SLCC and earned my Associates Degree in Illustration. I then worked in Salt Lake as a freelance artist For 7 years. I met my wonderful wife, Jaimee, in 1989. We moved to Cove, Utah and raised two lovely daughters in a cute little house with a big garden next to a small stream. We were very happy there.

I went back to school to become an art teacher, but after volunteering at my daughter's school and enjoying it so much, I decided to change my degree to elementary education and I'm glad I did, because I love being a teacher, and now, every year I make 25 new friends.

Like everyone else, the good times in my life have been mixed with challenges and hard times. My mother passed away unexpectedly when I was in high school. Later, my daughter Katie became very sick when she was a baby and had to have a heart transplant when she was just three years old. But, for every hard or sad time in my life, I have had 100 wonderful, happy times.

I enjoy camping, fishing and gardening. I love to make fancy dinners for friends and travelling with my family. I like to spend time searching for trilobites and fossils out in the desert and learning about nature and geology. I still love poetry and art and love cutting up old photographs and magazines to make a collage. I like to think of life as big, fun, beautiful collage full of beautiful places and good times with family and friends.

I have been at Canyon View for 3 years now and I love working at a place where I am also a part of the community. When I go to the grocery store, the park or a concert at the junior high, I see my students and their families and feel a connection with them. Also, this may sound a little corny, but I feel better about the future of our community and our world after working here. I have been so impressed with the students at Canyon View and I know they will someday be our future leaders.

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



OH BABY!

Guess who!?

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



1– Mrs. Creager (kindergarten)

2– Mrs. Mays (secretary)

3 –Mrs. Waddoups (kindergarten)

4– Mrs. Donahue (librarian)

5-Mrs. Van Dyken 1st grade

6–Mrs. Kassapakis-Morzelewski (Aide/PTA President Elect)

