



# Canyon View Elementary

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Canyon View Parents,

What a GREAT start to the new school year. It has been exciting to see the excitement and enthusiasm of our students and teachers as they have been developing and strengthening classroom relationships and building confidence as they review academic concepts and delve into their new grade level curriculum.

I hope you have felt informed and communicated with regarding changes and improvements happening here at Canyon View. I will send a weekly e-mail informing you of upcoming events and important information. I've also asked my teachers to communicate with you weekly or at least three times a month of what is happening in their classes. We know it takes a village to raise a child and they are most likely to be successful when those supporting them communicate frequently and effectively. We are also continuing to provide reading and math interventions for students by hiring aides through our Land Trust funds which was approved by the school community council. The intervention support also helps teachers provide enrichment opportunities for students.

The parking lot has been running smoother and I'm pleased to let you know that on average we are getting all cars through in about eight minutes which is about three minutes faster than last year. I know, three minutes might not seem like a long time, but when you are sitting there waiting, it can feel like three years. So, good job and thank you for your support and following our parking lot rules. Woot Woot! Final work is still being finished on the fence and hopefully by the time you read this, the basketball standards will have been installed. I've been told any day. We have some extra curricular activities starting and will keep you informed of new ones as they get set up and started. We also partner with Community Ed to provide after school programs for students. For more information visit their website at - [https://entrada.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=rw\\_community\\_ed&](https://entrada.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=rw_community_ed&)

Here is a list of additional school activities that students can participate in. We are also working on providing more opportunities for younger students, more information to come

- School Choir - Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00 – 8:40 for Grades 2-5
- Volleyball - Tuesdays 8:00 – 8:40 for 4th & 5th grades
- Orchestra – Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 7:50 – 8:40 for 4th & 5th grades
- Techniteer Troupe – Mondays 3:30 – 4:30 for 4th & 5th grades

I look forward to a great year and appreciate your support!

Mr. BJ Weller Principal

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What's happen-  
ing this month?  
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Fall is fast approaching now. The leaves are changing, there is a cool crispness to the morning air and school is in full swing. The first full month of the year is always busy with lots of activities, after school clubs starting, homework assignments and PTA business as you have probably seen. Well hold on because our last and biggest event of the month is on its way...the PTA fundraiser! Our membership drive and Spirit Wear sale are not money makers for us. The membership dues go to the National and Local PTA and the Spirit Wear is just for fun to give us all some gear to wear to show off our school pride. We don't make money off of either. So to do all the fun events throughout the year, to pay for your child's field trips, to help purchase needed equipment for the school, to help give the teachers some much needed money to supply their classrooms and so many more things, all comes from our ONE and ONLY fundraiser this month. The more money we raise, the more we can do for the school and our children.

This year we will be doing a fun Cub Crawl where the kids run laps around the school. They will ask for pledges for every lap they do. The student who brings in the most money from EVERY class will get to win the grand prize of a limo ride to Get Air Salt Lake and dinner. We will also have drawings for many fun items that every student who donates at least \$10 will have a chance to win and if we raise \$20,000 or more, Mr. Weller has agreed to camp out on the school's roof!!!! It's going to be an incredibly fun event for the students and hopefully a great fundraiser for the PTA. All the information on our fundraiser will be coming soon so be on the lookout for it and please help and give as much as you can.

As you scroll through this newsletter you will see all the fun things that have already gone on in the few short weeks since school has started. Canyon View is such a COOL place!! Can't wait for all that is coming up!

Rayna Drago  
PTA President



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### WHAT DO I NEED TO I KNOW??

EVERYTHING!!! Want to be down with all the school happenings? Well this is the place to find out all the information you could ever want to know.

### Your PTA Executive Board and Committee Heads

In case you wanted to know what your awesome PTA board members looked like...well see below. These women give so much of their time to help out at the school and we wouldn't be the great PTA that we are without them. Thanks

ladies!

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are here so make sure you have signed up for a time to meet with your child's teacher. While you are there don't forget to visit the Book Fair in the Kiva and load up on some new books! Good feedback from the teacher = new book reward!

**NEW THIS YEAR...DURING CONFERENCES, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE AN EARLY OUT DAY! ALL STUDENTS WILL BE OUT AT 1:40!!**



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## Cub Chorus

1) Please purchase THIS YEAR'S Canyon View T-shirt. They have changed colors this year so I think it will be too hard combine with shirts from past years. Either the pink or black short-sleeve T-shirt would be great. I think Rayna is putting orders in TOMORROW, so I realize this isn't much notice, but I don't know that we will have an opportunity for later orders.

2) Save the date: Monday, September 26th, 8:00 am - FIRST REHEARSAL!! Hopefully your kids had fun last year and will want to spread the word to their friends.

Thanks, Cristen Barlow

## Volleyball

Time to get your spike on! Volleyball has started...every Tuesday at 8am in the gym for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Even though it has already started, students can join in any time. Flyers are in the front office if you need more information.

## Spirit Wear

Thanks to everyone who ordered their Spirit Wear! All the kids are going to look so awesome in their new gear for the year! If all goes well, all orders should be in by the first week of October so the kids will have their new gear for Spirit Day on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Extras have been ordered so if you didn't purchase anything this time, we will be selling items throughout the year.



### Box Tops

Our first Box Tops contest is almost over! You have till **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** to turn in your little squares for the month and the class with the most Box Tops wins a yummy ice cream party!! Please turn in your Box Top sheet to your child's teacher or put the Box Tops in a Ziploc Baggie with your child's name and teacher listed on the bag and drop the baggie in the Box Top box right outside the front office. If you need a Box Top sheet, there are extras in the front office.

New this year...you can now drop your Box Tops in the Canyon View Box Top box right at the Customer Service counter at Smith's right up the street. Please tell your neighbors and friends who may not have kids at home that they can help out the school by dropping their Box Tops off at Smith's. The more money we can make for the school...the better for our kids!!

### PTA Membership Drive

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to turn in your PTA membership envelope. It is just \$5 to join and the class with the highest memberships turned in will win an ice cream party! Lots of ice cream going around at the school! If 2 or more people in your family join the PTA, your names will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card!! Not only do you give your child a voice on national issues by joining but you and your child also get to win some fun stuff! Envelopes are in the front office if needed.

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



### Football Time!

Our annual Brighton Football Night is coming...**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Come cheer on the Brighton Bengals as they play West Jordan at Brighton High School.

Free entry to the game for all CV students if they wear their Spirit Wear or school colors

\$1 hot dogs for all CV students

Meet PTA President, Rayna Drago, at the entrance near the ticket booth before the game and she will give students \$5 Classic Cash to use at Classic Fun Center!

Look for the flyer on this event coming soon.



**Reflections**

This year’s art contest theme is “What Is Your Story?” The National PTA annual Reflections contest is a wonderful way for student’s to showcase their talents in a variety of artistic ways such as: dance, film, literature, music, photography and visual arts. All students in Kindergarten through 5th grade can participate. All submissions will be judged and winners will be chosen to move on to the region and possibly, state and national levels. All students should have brought home a Reflections packet. There are extra packets in the front office if needed. Submissions are due October 19th. Good luck!

**Shop and Donate to the PTA**

Did you know you could shop on Amazon and donate to your favorite charity all at the same time? Through a program called AmazonSmile, whenever you are doing your online shopping, you can go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/87-0451218> and Amazon will donate .5% of your sale to Canyon View PTA. All of the same items you would get on Amazon are on AmazonSmile so you aren’t missing out on your favorite products. This way you get to help organizations, like us, while you are shopping! Pretty cool??!! So c’mon...get shopping already!

**Want to be a VOLUNTEER at Canyon View?**

If you are planning to help out in your child’s classroom or with the PTA, you MUST be an approved volunteer with the Canyons School District. Even if you were approved last year, you have to reapply every year. Without an approval to be a volunteer, you WILL NOT be allowed in the school. Go to [www.canyonview.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonview.canyonsdistrict.org) and click on the Volunteer Registration





### Reminders

**9/23 – NO SCHOOL**

**9/26 – Choir starts - 8am in the Kiva**

**9/28 & 9/29 – Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**9/29 – EARLY OUT – 1:40pm!!**

**9/30 – NO SCHOOL**

**10/7 – PTA Meeting @9:30am (time change!), Spirit Day and Game Day @ 8am in the Kiva**

**10/7 – Vision screening for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

**10/7 – Brighton Football Night at Brighton High School at 7pm**

### Teacher and Staff Recognition

We have some amazing people who work at Canyon View. Every day, year after year, they are there to teach, care for and help our children succeed. They don't always get the praise they deserve but in our little way, we would like to highlight these special people who make Canyon View the incredible school that it is. To start off this new section, we are highlighting the 2 people who run the school...the 2 most important people at Canyon View...Principal Weller and Administrative Assistant, Chris Gray. We see them every day but now they are letting us learn a bit about them and how they got to be the incredible people that they are. We want to thank them for all that they do and for caring so much about our kids. Canyon View would not be the same without you both!!





**Principal Weller:**

Wow, the mysterious life and history of Mr. Weller... Well, I was born in Salt Lake and then because my dad was serving in the Air Force, my family moved to Biloxi, Mississippi where I lived until I was four. We then moved to Kearns, Utah where I graduated high school. I am the 2nd child of four and was always in competition with my older brother. I was a very curious and adventurous child and loved to explore and learn new things. Some of my neighbors called me Dennis the Menace because of that curious and adventurous behavior.

I grew up playing neighborhood games like kick the can, hide and go seek, soccer, basketball and more basketball. I was always involved in school leadership from elementary through college and used the campaign slogan "Vote BJ Weller, he's a good Feller!"

My family taught me to work hard, love and serve others and to be non-judgmental. As a father of three children; Kaden 17, Kyla 15 and Sam 11, and with the guidance of my wife, Becky, we have tried to instill those same things in them as we believe they are critical to making our world a better place.

I have had lots of job experiences including mowing lawns, changing oil at Q-Lube, being the mascot for Hardee's restaurant (Chris P. Chicken... though apparently I didn't do a good job because they went out of business here in Utah, but I did get to keep the costume which I used for a variety of fun through high school), Security guard, Bus Driver, summer camp counselor, ropes course instructor, waiter/ bartender, social worker, counselor, assistant Principal, adjunct faculty and now the best job ever... Principal.

This is my 2nd year at Canyon View and I have to say I've been super impressed with the students, staff and families here. I like to say "It's a GREAT day to be a Bengal Cub" because of all the GREAT things that are happening here. I appreciate the positive energy and enthusiasm that is felt here and for the support I have felt as we continue to learn and grow together.

I want our students to enjoy school and have lasting positive memories when they leave.





**Chris Gray:**

I was born and raised in Utah. I lived in Sandy, Murray, Kearns and Granger. I lived in New Mexico for a short time when I was in the 9th grade, but my parents moved back to Granger the summer before I started high school. My husband was in the Air Force when we got married so we lived in California, Hawaii and New Mexico. We have also traveled to Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Canada and Mexico.

I went to South Kearns Elementary, Kearns Junior High and graduated from Granger High School. A couple of fun facts. While I was attending Kearns Jr. High, we were all in an assembly in the gym when we had an earthquake. It was pretty scary, especially when we saw our teacher jump off the bleachers and run outside leaving us all behind. And, the night I graduated from Granger High School, was also the night I got engaged to be married. I'm sure there were many more highlights, but these two things are two of my most memorable!

I have had many hobbies, I enjoy doing crafts, (once I see how to do it...I don't have much ability to visualize things on my own). For many years I decorated wedding cakes and made birthday cakes for family, friends and neighbors, but making wedding cakes comes with a LOT of stress, so I decided to quit doing them after my youngest daughter got married. Now my hobbies are spending time with my kids and grandkids. I do dinner for them almost every Sunday. They think this is for them, but it is actually for me. I LOVE spending time with them!

This is my 12th year at Canyon View! I worked as an office aide at my local elementary when my kids were in school and fell in love with that job. When I decided to go to work full time I tried to stay in the school, but the awesome secretary there decided not to retire, so I went to work for the Southland Corporation (7-Eleven) in their district office as an Administrative Assistant. I worked there for almost fourteen years, and then was finally able to get this awesome job at Canyon View! I absolutely LOVE working in this great school! I think we have about the best teachers, staff and students in the whole district! I love watching the students be kind to each other, and love to hear about their adventures. One of my most favorite things each year is helping the Kindergarten students find the gingerbread man. Those little people in Kindergarten are so cute and they get SO excited!!

This year my husband and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We are really excited to be able to go on a cruise with all of our kids and grandkids. Not one of us have ever been on a cruise, so next month 21 of us will have the opportunity to "cruise" for the very first time! We have been looking forward to this for over a year now, so I'm not sure what we will do when we get back. However, with three kids (& spouses), 12 grandkids, and 6 grand puppies, I am sure there will not be too much "free" time for me to have to fill. ☐



What's your favorite thing about Canyon View Elementary so far?

Brooklyn (Jenkins) Math  
Aryana (Mahwhinney) art  
Jackson (Kernodle) reading  
Cooper (Kernodle) reading  
Max (Gustafson) geography  
Isla (Mahwhinney) play games and get to go the computer lab  
Henry (VanDyken) stations  
Quincy (Moore) boosters  
Ava (Thompson) everything  
Ryan (Gustafson) math  
Mrs. Van Dyken- I love the students  
Conner (Gustafson) recess or math  
Makenna (Joko) math  
Araya (Joko) math  
Indie (Thompson) reading  
Roberta -Smith- the kids  
Cambria (Armstrong) playing with my new school  
Winter (VanDyken) reading  
Adison (Mahwhinney) Art



### OH BABY!

Guess who!?

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



1- Mr. Checketts (3rd grade)

2- Mrs. Gunter (1st Grade)

3. Mrs. Hawkins (Playworks)

4- Mrs. Lee (Aide)

5-Mrs. Miller-Jones (Aide/PTA)

6- Ms. Thompson (2nd grade)



## Canyon View's Superhero Cub Crawl Fundraiser

For The Grown Ups!

**The one and only fundraiser for the PTA this year and it's the Cub Crawl!**

**September 26th:** Kickoff and envelopes sent home

**September 29th:** Superhero Cub Crawl (dress like a super hero!)

**October 5th:** Packets and donations due by 9AM

**October 6th:** Mr. Weller sleep on the roof if we reach \$20,000

**October 7th:** Limousine grand prize riders get ready! (1 top earner selected from each classroom)

**The money raised will pay for field trips, classroom supplies, school programs, education nights and Chrome Books! We'd like to raise \$40 per child.**

- Each student will participate in the Cub Crawl running between 26-40 laps (1/16<sup>th</sup> of mile laps)
- All pledges are raised on a per lap basis or **a simple flat donation** (*Pledges due October 5th at 9AM to qualify for prizes*)
- **Pledges can be paid online at <http://canyonview.canyonsdistrict.org/> using square button on the right hand column** \*include the student's name and teacher in the additional notes section or they can be collected after the race from sponsors. *Check made out to Canyon View*
- **THE GRAND PRIZE TOP EARNER from each class (1 out of 25 chance) will receive a HUMMER LIMO RIDE that will take them to Get Air to jump, Straws for an afternoon cookie and drink, Mountain View Park and then to Arctic Circle for a kids meal (1:45PM-5PM) on October 7<sup>th</sup>**
- For every \$10 a student earns they will be entered into a raffle for fun prizes (see prizes listed below)
- **AND!** Mr. Weller said that if we **raised \$20,000** he would Campout on the roof for the night
- Every 1,000 minutes earned equals a minute extra recess time and root beer floats will be provided for the top class in each grade level. FUN!

If you have any questions, call me, Micki Harris [801.831.1571](tel:801.831.1571)

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