



Canyon View Elementary

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Principal's Message – December 2015

Canyon View Families,

It's been a blessed month here at Canyon View. Thank you for your generous donations to our Cereal Service Drive. We collected about 1000 boxes of cereal to help students in need. It was humbling to see so much service being performed for others in need.

We also had a great reminder of how unexpected the weather can be. Please as a family have an emergency plan in the event that school is closed, starts late or dismisses early. Please instruct your children on where to go or what to do if a parent is not at home. The district will send out a skyalert message in the event of any changes in the school schedule.

As always, thanks for all you do to support your students and all of us here at Canyon View. Wishing you the warmest of Holidays and a much deserved restful break!

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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Happy Holidays!!

We are in full swing for the holiday season now and it is almost time for that long winter break I know the kids are ready for. We parents may not want the kids around all day but I know the kids are ready to sleep in, play video games all day if they can, and wait for Santa to bring them all new toys!

To kick off the holiday season our chorus, orchestra and bell choir put on a spectacular show on the 1st at Butler Middle School. These students met twice a week before school started since the beginning of school to prepare for this show and their hard work truly paid off. Mrs. Hess (Chorus), Mrs. Rupper (Orchestra) and Mrs. Lawrence (Bell Choir) did such a great job working with all the students. We are so proud of everyone!! Our PTA moms decorated the auditorium and made the show such a fun night. Thank you to all of you that attended and supported our students.

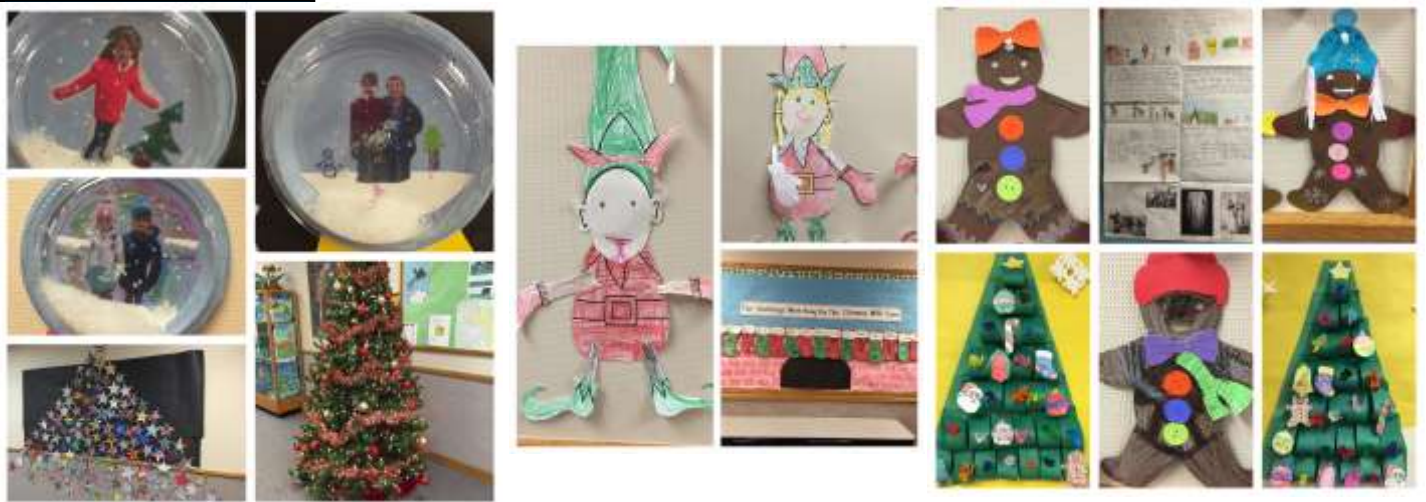


As 2015 comes to end, I am thankful for all the things Canyon View has given to me as its PTA President. I have met some incredible parents, got to know so many of the students, teachers and staff and I feel so honored to be able to do this job. I am excited for what 2016 brings but most of all I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful school community here at Canyon View.

Have a wonderful, amazing, fantastic, get-everything-you-want Christmas everyone and have a very Happy New Year!

Rayna Drago
PTA President





Reminders

December 18th - Pajama Day

December 21st - January 3rd - No School (winter break)

January 4th - School resumes

January 8th - Spirit Day and Game Day @8am

January 8th - PTA Meeting @ 9:15am



Mystery Spotlight

1)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 4th year
 GREW UP: South Jordan
 FAMILY: 1 brother and 3 sisters
 PETS: zero
 HOBBIES: Read and Wakeboard
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Cafe Rio
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: rode my bike, played house and played with Barbie's
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: chocolate cookies
 UNIQUE FACT: I've been on a safari
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: warm coats, boots, friends and family
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they have good manners

2)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: Too many
 GREW UP: in Florida and California (opposite ends)
 FAMILY: 2 boys and 1 girl 5 grandkid (3 girls and 2 boys)
 PETS: Zero
 HOBBIES: Swim, bike, watch sports
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Tony Roma's
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Play at the beach and play school
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: donut
 UNIQUE FACT: born in Cincinnati
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Dr. Pepper and chocolate with nuts
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When the light turns on and they get it

3)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 11 years
 GREW UP: Bountiful
 FAMILY: 1 boy and 1 girl (3 grandkids)
 PETS: Zero
 HOBBIES: needlework, other crafts and watersports
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Baja Cantina in Park City
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Sports, Sports, Sports, Softball, basketball, gymnastics and running
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: spice cake
 UNIQUE FACT: woodworking and trained on all machines and wanted to be a comedian when this person grew up
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Family
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: Get excited about learning

4)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 12yrs
 GREW UP: Fountain Green
 FAMILY: 1 boy
 PETS: Zero
 HOBBIES: scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with family
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Olive Garden
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Played marbles and worked on my farm
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: German Chocolate cake
 UNIQUE FACT: Likes to go bottle hunting
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Cheese!
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they enjoy learning

5)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 8 yrs.
 GREW UP: Kingston, UT
 FAMILY: 2 boys
 PETS: 1 dog named Buddy
 HOBBIES: Ski and hike
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Thai Food
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Read a lot of books and rode bikes
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Good chocolate from France
 UNIQUE FACT: I can speak French
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Hot tea in the winter
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: When they're happy



6)
 YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 8yrs
 GREW UP: Here! Went to Skyline High school
 FAMILY: 2 boys and 1 girl 6 2/3 grandkids
 PETS: 1 dog Ridley and 1 cat Mia
 HOBBIES: Grandkids U of U sports, and swimming
 FAVORITE PLACE TO GO OUT AND EAT: Little America and Cowboy Grub
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Played jacks, rode bikes, hopscotch and Troll dolls
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Glaus Bakery--chocolate mint cake
 UNIQUE FACT: Kissed the Blarney Stone and 6th grade hopscotch champion
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: family, chapstick and music
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO: when they have that "aha!" moment.

PTA Volunteer Recognition

As the Reflections art contest comes to a close, it is only fitting that this month we recognize our Reflections Coordinator, Raelynn Williams. Reflections is a nationwide contest and there is a lot of work that goes into getting it all organized. It is months of planning and learning what has to be done, sparking interest in the students to participate in the program, seeking out people to help judge each submission, displaying all the submissions, handing out awards to the students that participated and then following the contest to the end. Raelynn worked so hard and did her job so effortlessly and we are so thankful for her hard work. You rocked Reflections Raelynn!! J And not only does she head up Reflections for us, Raelynn is also our Party Coordinator. This means she is the school's favorite person for school parties because she buys the yummy cookies all the kids get!! I think this job is probably the most important!! HA!



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





What's happen-
ing this month?
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Raelynn was born in Washington State but grew up primarily in South Jordan. She attended BYU (no booing Utah fans!) and met her husband in an economics class. They both graduated with a degree in Economics and she then got a Masters in Statistics. This super smart woman, worked as an independent statistical contractor working on many projects but her favorite was developing an intelligent technology based program to teach English as a second language. She calls herself a real nerd but I say she is amazing.

She lived in New York for 3 years while her husband went back to school and they also lived in DC for 8 years. When her daughter was 3, she became a stay at home mom and shortly thereafter they moved back to Utah. So glad she did! Raelynn loves adventurous cooking and trying new restaurants, golfing, hiking and being in the mountains. She also loves to go to the ballet.

When asked why she joined PTA, Raelynn said, "I finally realized I had no more excuses. Since I am not working and my kids were both in school, I wanted to do something useful with my time." She also commented that she didn't know how much she would love it. "The staff at Canyon View is amazing and I love the other parents in the PTA and the teachers. It's fun to be a part of something and feel like our work makes a positive difference in the student's school experiences."

Though Raelynn's oldest daughter is in Mrs. Joko's 5th grade class, we aren't losing her yet. Her son just started Kindergarten this year so thankfully we have this super woman around for a few more years on the PTA. We are extremely lucky to have Raelynn on our PTA team... she is incredibly nice, smart as you have read, completely dependable at her jobs and a lot of fun to know. Thank you Raelynn for being the amazing woman that you are!