



Canyon View Elementary

3050 E. 7800 South Cottonwood Heights, UT. 84121

Principal's Message – February 2017

Canyon View Families,

It's a GREAT day to be a Bengal Cub!

Education is a funny business because people often disagree on the purpose of education, what curriculum should and should not be taught and then how to teach this curriculum to all students with wide ranges of intellectual abilities. As a result, there are currently more options for parents and families to choose which educational system is best for their children including; home school, charter school, online school, traditional public school, etc...

I would like to say that Canyon View is hands down one of the best schools in the state and does a phenomenal job of meeting the needs of students and families. Are we perfect? Nope. We are, however, constantly looking for ways to improve our skills and resources in order to provide the best educational opportunities and experiences for students. We believe it takes a village to raise a child and find that students are most successful when the school and parents work close together.

As the Principal of Canyon View elementary, it has been my privilege to observe and support the teaching and learning in classrooms. To witness students' struggle and then gain confidence in their academic and social abilities. I appreciate the problem-solving process and believe in the power of perseverance and grit in order to build and strengthen our commitment to self and community.

As we move into Spring and the rest of the year, students will continue to have opportunities to engage in deeper levels of learning and application built upon specific grade level content. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned each day, to talk to them about experiences they are having, and to help them find the good in different situations. I think we are all guilty of complaining about things, especially when we don't understand the bigger picture. Our job is to help them see and understand the bigger picture and to understand how their learning applies to the world around them.

Thank you for trusting and supporting us in educating your children. Thank you for having them here each day and on time and for making their education a priority. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

BJ Weller, LCSW

Principal



Ahhh...February is here...the month of LOVE. And this month I am going to list all the things I love about Canyon View:

I love being a part of PTA.

I love the kids and their innocence.

I love all the great men and women who volunteer their time to PTA.

I love all the great families I have met during my time at CV.

I love our teachers for choosing this profession because I could never teach my kids the way they do.

I love that we have the best Principal in all of Utah (and really the world!), Mr. Weller!

I love our cafeteria staff for feeding my kids every day so I don't have to make a lunch! LOL!

I love our front office staff for always being the best people to see when I first walk in every day.

I love our special aides because they make such a difference to the students who need that extra attention.

I love that we have such an amazing view from our playground.

I love that it takes me less than 5 minutes to walk to the school from my house. HA!

I love all the activities we do to keep learning fun and motivating.

I love our choir and orchestra shows!!

I love the Book Fair though my husband doesn't like how much I spend at it!

I love all the moms I have met and cherish the great friendships we have created.

I love listening to all the funny stories the kids tell me.

I love when the kids get to wear pajamas to school and some wear onesies! Cracks me up!

I love every month when I am counting Spirit Wear that they just beg me to count the blue dot on their shirt.

I love watching the kids play at recess and reminisce about my childhood years.

I love seeing all the fun projects hanging outside the classrooms in the hallways.

I love hearing laughter in the halls and in the cafeteria.

I love that my kids love to go to school.

I love planning old and new events for everyone to participate in.

I love knowing my kids are in great hands all day.

I love that I have been given the privilege of being PTA President for 2 years.

And last (though I could list more)...I love that my kids will always be able to say they went to Canyon View Elementary.

Have a month full of LOVE everyone!

Rayna Drago
PTA President



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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW??

So much going on at Canyon View it is hard to keep up with it all!! Have to start off with recognizing our super kids of the month:

BENGAL CUBS OF THE MONTH

Way to go February Bengal Cubs of the month!!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Armstrong (A.M.) – Brooklyn Laub
Mrs. Armstrong (P.M.) – Grant Mawhinney
Mrs. Waddoups (A.M.) – Oakley Boulton
Mrs. Waddoups (P.M.) – Karli Van Domburg
Mrs. Creager – Grace Tateoka

1st grade

Mrs. Mawhinney – Jillian Newton and Sawyer Nelson
Mrs. Gunter – Sean Simonetti and Alexander Bodily
Mrs. Van Dyken – Kennedy VanEtten and Mclairen Shepherd

2nd grade

Ms. Jenkins – Laila Farrington and Ryan Nazari
Mrs. Molis – Jack Burt and Cruz Walton
Ms. Thompson – Mia Taylor and Paisley Woodruff

3rd grade

Mr. Checketts – Kole Kraatz and Scarlet Fisher
Mrs. Gustafson – Emily Eggleston and Jonathan Anderson
Ms. Antivilo – Ford Gordon and Elijah Miller

4th grade

Mrs. Kernodle – Cooper Jones and Corbin Stevenson
Mrs. Moore – Mackenzie Cronkhite and Charlie Erickson
Mrs. Tuckett – Bailey Brown and Dane Cowan

5th grade

Mrs. Joko – Collin Hanson and Brielle Ogier
Mrs. Roberts – Adrianna Fortner and Easton Leavenworth
Mrs. Timoney – Makena VanEtten and Atyana Mason



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Congrats to **Talmage Howe, Korbin Brammer and Sadie Maxfield** who are moving on to the state level for the National PTA Reflections contest!! This is a HUGE deal and we are all very proud of their accomplishments!!

Congrats also to 5th graders, **Talmage Howe, Luke Barlow, Jack Baird and Erin Chan** for being chosen to move on to the region level in the Science Fair!! We have some real smarties here at Canyon View!

GIRLS ON THE RUN

The very popular **Girls on the Run** program is now at Canyon View. Tricia Jensen (one of our CV moms) and Rayna Drago will be heading this up with help from teachers, Mrs. Joko, Ms. Antivilo and Mrs. Tuckett.

Girls on the Run is a physical activity based positive youth development program that inspires 3rd-5th grade girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. This after-school program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem lessons and uplifting workouts. The goal of the program is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.

Practices will be Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30pm and Fridays at 1:50-2:50pm at Canyon View.

Program starts February 21st and finishes with a 5k race at Sugarhouse Park on May 20th

Flyers for this program have been sent home but if you need another copy, there are some extras in the front office. Registration is open at www.girlsontherunutah.org but closes March 4th.

Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance.

Any questions please contact Rayna Drago at runnerrayna@yahoo.com.





CHOIR

The halls are alive with the sound of music!! **Spring choir starts up on Monday February 27th at 8am in the Kiva.** Cristen Barlow will again be sharing her talents with the kids as she creates a fun program for us all to enjoy on May 16th. Practices are every Monday and Wednesday at 8am.

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. Permission slips were handed out but extras are in the front office if needed.

CHESS DAYS

Who likes to play chess? Come show your skills as you try and beat a DUDE during our **Chess Days on Tuesday, February 28th and Wednesday, March 1st at 8am.** Come one day or both.

Everyone who comes and plays will get their choice of a coupon for free Crazy Bread from Little Caesars, a free kid's meal from California Pizza Kitchen or a coupon for a free ice cream from Artic Circle. And anyone who beats a DUDE will get their name placed in a drawing to win a very special prize!

Start polishing up your chess skills because it's almost game time!!

SPIRIT NIGHT AT PIZZA STUDIO

It's time for some pizza! Head over to Pizza Studio at 1961 E. Fort Union Blvd. (part of the Whole Foods plaza) on **Wednesday, March 15th from 5-9pm** for our monthly dinner night out. Their pizzas are awesome and 25% of all sales will go back to Canyon View to purchase the iPads we need for K-2nd grade. I love these excuses to go out and not cook!!





DUDE'S LUNCH

Calling all Dads, Step-Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Brothers, Neighbors...

We need all DUDES to come join their favorite student(s) for lunch on **Friday, March 17th**. Information on this event will be coming soon but mark it down on your calendar now so you don't forget!

If you don't have a Dude to share lunch with that day, don't worry, Mr. Weller will be making himself available to eat with anyone and of course, we will not exclude any moms from coming but we would love it to be just dudes for this one day.

SPIRIT WEAR 50% OFF SALE!!

Starting March 1st through March 10th only, ALL SPIRIT WEAR WILL BE 50% OFF when you use the code: CV50. You can save BIG so order some new gear at our online store at <https://squareup.com/store/canyon-view-pta>.



REMINDERS

Though March is the end of Box Top collection/payouts by the company, please keep cutting them out and turning them in. Anything collected for the rest of the year will go towards next year's goals so keep on clippp' please!

All year long, 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 K-2nd grade.

2/27 – Choir starts – 8am in the Kiva

2/28 – 3/1 – Chess Days at 8am

3/3 – PTA Meeting at 9am, Spirit Day and Game Day at 8am in the Kiva

3/15 – Spirit Night at Pizza Studio from 5-9pm

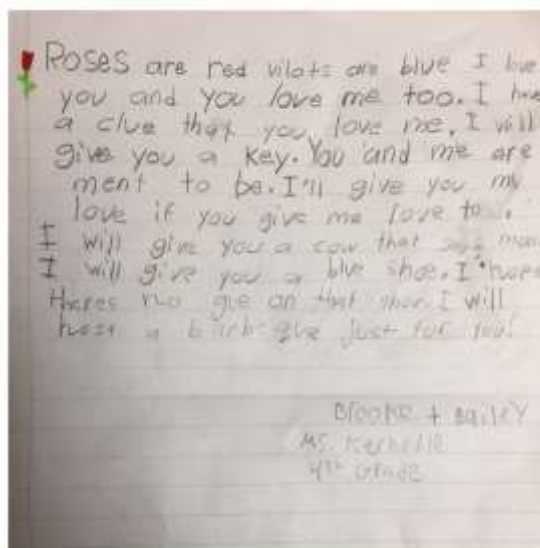
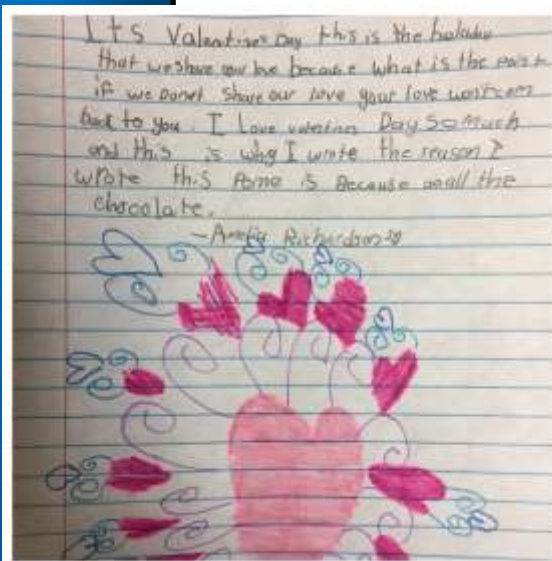
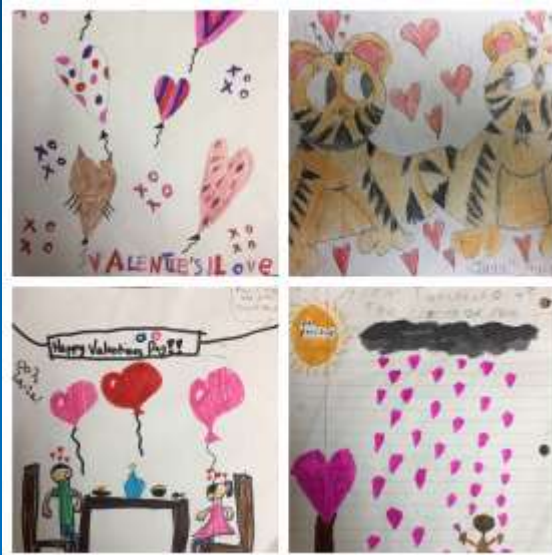
3/17 – Dude's Lunch during school lunch time

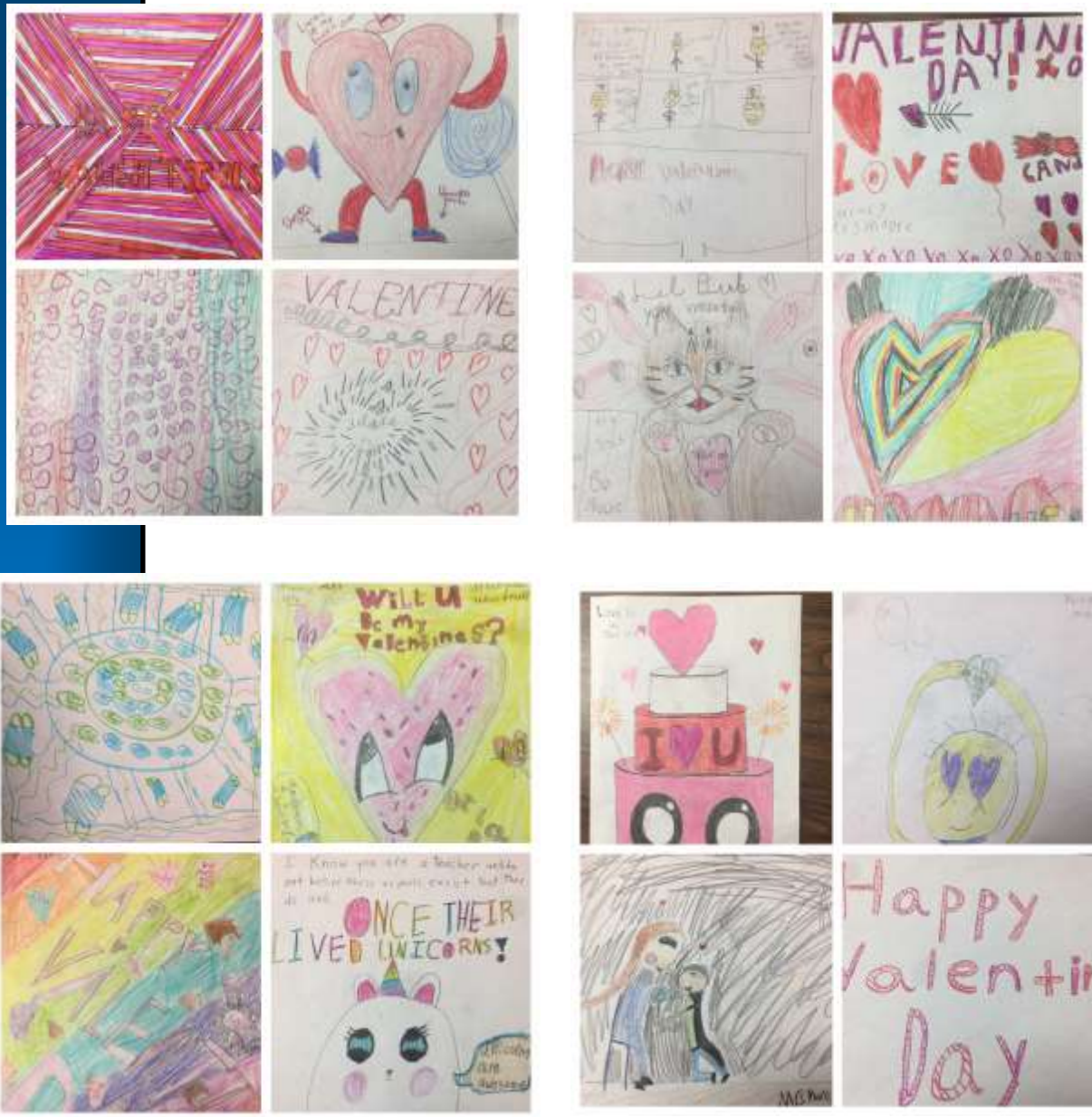
3/20 – Spring Pictures



CUB CORNER

4th graders have the month this time and their theme was, of course, Valentine's Day. Thank you to everyone who submitted a drawing!





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



GET TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF

For February we recognize 2 of our finest, Kathleen Donahue and Cathy Collins...our awesome librarians. I love these ladies. They are the nicest people around and they love what they do. They truly love being with the kids and it shows. My kids love their library time and with these two in charge, I can see why. Read below a little bit about them both:

Kathleen Donahue

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City and grew up in the Sugarhouse area where I attended Highland High School. I loved my school years and was inspired by a group of amazing teachers who directed me to pursue my passion of working with young children. While working on a B.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education at the University of Utah, I also worked as a Technical Writer for a research project in the Computer Science Department. I assisted with thesis and technical report preparation as well as drafting diagrams for publication. I was fortunate to work with students and professors from all over the world. I met my future husband, Brian, there where he was working on his Master's Degree in Computer Science.

We married in 1986 and moved to San Diego, California. I taught Kindergarten at a private school as well as Pre-K at Children's World Learning Centers over the next five years. I was honored with a special recognition from Pre-K Today (an Early Childhood Education magazine), for my contributions to the field of education. In 1990, we moved to Denver, Colorado where I continued working for Children's World Learning Centers as a Teacher and Educational Coordinator. We moved back to Salt Lake City in 1996 to raise our son, Cody, and be close to my family.

I have been working at Canyon View for the past 15 years with time being split between Kindergarten and the Library. Not only do I LOVE my job working with the students, but I also enjoy traveling, gardening, and of course, reading books to share with everyone!!



Kathleen Donahue



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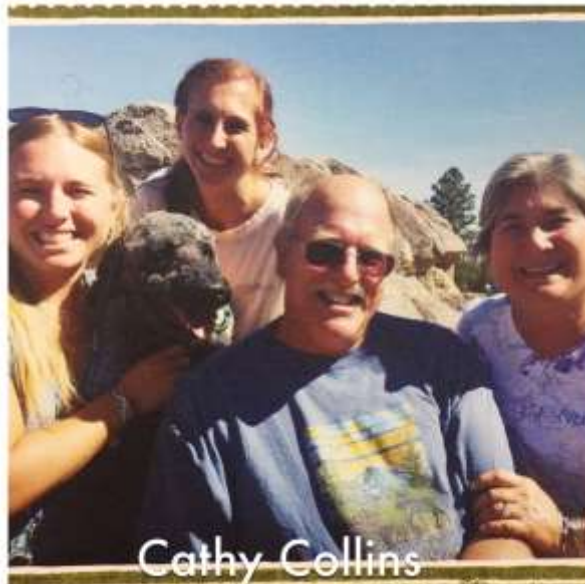
Cathy Collins

I was born in Philadelphia, PA and lived there till I was 3 years old. I was raised in Pittsburgh, PA, hence my love for the Pittsburgh Steelers. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister who live in the Washington, DC area.

I moved to Salt Lake City in 1985 to be near my boyfriend, now husband, Rip. We have 2 daughters, Megan who is 26 and Jennifer who is 23. They both attended Canyon View. I have 2 dogs, Sophie a Springer Doodle who is 7 years old, and Ruby, a Golden Doodle who is 2 years old.

I attended Pine Manor College in Boston, MA and also the University of Denver in Colorado. I left college and traveled around the U.S. looking for oil. I have lived in or have traveled to all the lower 48 states and Puerto Rico. This summer I will vacation in Hawaii, so the last state I have to go to is Alaska. I lived in Israel for a year milking cows and I have also stayed in Sweden for 4 months, visited Russia twice, and went to Finland, Denmark, Italy and Austria. I spend my summers back east in Northern Ontario, Canada on Georgian Bay (the 6th Great Lake) where I have a fishing boat and spend most of my time fishing for bass and pike. I ski at Alta through the winters, which happens to be where my husband works. My relaxation is to garden because nobody bothers me when I dig in the dirt!! I also like to play tennis and of course, fish. I love to read and try to foster that love to our students at Canyon View.

I have been at Canyon View for 18 years, 2 in the front office/playground and 16 in the Library and I plan to stay as long as everyone will have me. 😊



OH BABY!

Guess who!?

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



- 1) McDonald 2) Mawhinney
- 3) Moore 4) Gustafsan
- 5) Mackay 6) Heidi Maxfield PTA

Mawhinney

