



Canyon View Elementary

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Principal's Message – March 2017

Canyon View Families,

"It's a GREAT day to be a Bengal Cub!" It's hard to believe we are in the final term of the school year. We have a lot going on with field trips, fun learning activities and preparations for end of year exams. Spring Break is also just around the corner being the first week of April. We encourage you to plan family vacations around school holidays and breaks as to maximize the instruction they receive in school. It's stressful for students when they return because they are trying to catch up on what they missed despite having completed schoolwork while they were gone.

Thank you for submitting Teacher of the Year nominations, with the help of the PTA, we have submitted our choice to the District and will announce them at a special assembly on March 31st. We will also recognize Bengal Cubs of the month and award students for reading. Please continue to log your reading minutes online and review it once in a while to show your child how many minutes they have read this year and how many books they have read, it can be very motivational and exciting for them to see their accomplishments. www.rtsutah.com

Our staff has also been working diligently on our school improvement plan and will be submitting our plan for approval to the School Community Council on March 21st. As soon as it is approved we will send a copy for your review and support. We have seen a lot of great academic gains this year and are proud of all the supports we have been able to provide students. As we make plans for next year, we will keep you apprised of any changes and welcome your feedback to help us make Canyon View the best it can be.

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



This seems crazy to say but we only have about 2 ½ months left of the school year! Doesn't seem like it since we are still in cooler temps, but it is true (once it's 70 degrees out, then I start to think summer is almost here)! Seems like yesterday when I was watching those little Kindergartners clinging to their moms on the first day of school and now they are all school pros. So many students looked so little a few months ago and now so many of them have had growth spurts and look like middle schoolers! So much can change in such a short time and I love that I get to see all the students change and grow on a daily basis. Another year is flying by but we still have so many things left to do. Many fun events planned so we can't get too excited to be done yet!!

Hold on for a little longer...the sun, the pool, the long vacations...they are just around the corner!

Rayna Drago
PTA President



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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW??

April is right around the corner and lots to look forward to. First up...March super kids of the month:

BENGAL CUBS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

Mrs. Armstrong (A.M.) – Cara Swinyard
Mrs. Armstrong (P.M.) – Adam Wilkins
Mrs. Waddoups (A.M.) – Ledger Sullenger
Mrs. Waddoups (P.M.) – Jessi Lambert
Mrs. Creager – Lukas Irizarry

1st grade

Mrs. Mawhinney – Isabelle Calder & Sydney Schocker
Mrs. Gunter – William Croft & Katie Lens
Mrs. Van Dyken – Sienna Drago & Satina Ernest

2nd grade

Ms. Jenkins – Carter Putnam & Sarah Hamblin
Mrs. Crocheron – Nicholas Lopez-Roveta & Keagan Fustar
Ms. Thompson – Kayli Hertig & Indy Ruff

3rd grade

Mr. Checketts – Camille Fisher & Dante Salisbury
Mrs. Gustafson – Ellie Smith & Theo Huff
Ms. Antivilo – Brycen Durkin & Jett Johnson

4th grade

Mrs. Kernodle – Johnathan Rowley & Noyon Naazari
Mrs. Moore – Spencer DeFeudis & Aariah Hopkins
Mrs. Tuckett – Ava Nelson & Ashton Barker

5th grade

Mrs. Joko – Madison Hamann & Beckham England
Mrs. Roberts – Zach Stevenson & Kate Garrett
Mrs. Timoney – Luke Barlow & Mylee Miner



CONGRATS TO OUR SUPER SPELLERS!

At the end of February we had our Spelling Bee for the whole school and we would like to mention our top winners from each class:

1st grade

Desmond Dodge – Mrs. Gunter
Jillian Newton – Mrs. Mawhinney
Sienna Drago, Danika Morzelewski, Cora Harris (tied) – Mrs. VanDyken

2nd Grade

Payton Corona – Ms. Thompson
Blake Barker – Miss Jenkins
Cameron Brown – Mrs. Crocheron

3rd Grade

Ruby Harris & Miriam Ross – Mr. Checketts
Lauren Passey & Conner Laub – Mrs. Gustafson
Chloe Beattie & Anna Mawhinney – Ms. Antivilo

4th Grade

Jackson Rosvall & Corbin Stevenson – Mrs. Kernodle
Zachary Condon & Joyce Michalczuk – Mrs. Moore
Ava Nelson & Ashton Barker – Mrs. Tuckett

5th Grade

Erin Chan & Lia Timoney – Mrs. Joko
Hannah Rowley & Nyla Bello – Mrs. Roberts
Maddox Gamonal & Melanie Callister – Mrs. Timoney

Our top winners from each 3rd -5th grade class competed in a school spelling bee to see who would get to move on to the Regional level that will take place on March 25th. After 20 nail biting rounds, Erin Chan was our winner with Hannah Rowley taking 2nd and Ashton Barker taking 3rd. Erin and Hannah will be representing Canyon View at the regional level. Way to go to everyone who participated. You all did a great job!!



CULTURAL NIGHT

No passport needed for our 4th annual Cultural Night on Tuesday April 18th from 5:30-7pm. Come tour the halls of Canyon View as they are turned into great exhibits of different countries chosen by each grade. After a month or so learning about their selected country, each grade then displays something special about what they have learned for everyone to enjoy. Attendees get to participate in interactive games, sample foods from all the different countries, and learn all about different cultures.

This year we will be adding something new...a talent show!! Students will perform different cultural acts for your viewing pleasure all through the evening.

After "traveling" and viewing the show, buy some dinner from our 4 local food trucks that will be at the event and have graciously agreed to donate a portion of their sales to Canyon View:



Though the event is free (but not the food trucks), we are asking that everyone who plans to attend please bring a can(s) of food to donate to the Utah Food Bank. We will have barrels for collection at the front of the school starting on the 14th thru the 20th.

It's going to be a great trip so pack the family and come see the world!!



BIKE AND HELMET SAFETY

Now that the warmer weather is here, the bikes are being dusted off and the kids are on the streets again. Time to update those bike seats from the growth spurts and check those helmets and what better way to make sure your kids are safe and properly fitted, then to have a professional check them out.

Cottonwood Cyclery (at the corner of Bengal and 2600E) is offering FREE bike and helmet checks for all Canyon View students!! Come in any time and they will make sure your child's bike and helmet are safe and ready for the roads. **Make sure to mention you are from Canyon View and if you want to purchase any non-sale items while you are there, they will give you 15% off.**

Let's keep our kids safe out there!

SCHOOL GARDEN

We are still working hard to get our garden built but this process takes a long time. We are still waiting on some bids from the school district before we can even start breaking ground. Marianne Zenger, our garden lead, has been working hard behind the scenes to make sure everything we need is in place when we get the final go on it all. She has seeds donated and helpers ready to take on this fun project. Because the expense of building a garden runs quite high, donations from companies to help with the building of the garden would be appreciated. If you or anyone you know could help with the following projects when the time comes, please contact Marianne at zengermare@hotmail.com.

- Tearing out of existing turf
- Mow strip
- Fencing
- Sprinklers switched over
- Arbor entry
- Weather station stand
- Small shed

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Have a child that is turning 5? Time to get them enrolled in Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Stop by the front office to fill out the necessary paperwork and then come to orientation on Friday, April 21st from 2-3pm. While you listen to information you will need for your child, they will get to check out the kindergarten classrooms and the library. Many tears will be shed that afternoon...by the kids afraid to leave mom and by moms who are happy to know their little one is finally going to school! LOL!





CLASSIC SKATE NIGHT

Our 2nd skate night of the year is here on **Friday, April 21st from 5-9pm**. All Canyon View students get to skate for FREE thanks to Silcox Orthodontics. Discounts on other activities and dinner deals are available that night as well. Wear your Canyon View Spirit Wear and get some Classic Cash from PTA President, Rayna Drago (while supplies last).

REMINDERS

Box Top collection still continues through the end of the year. Please keep cutting them out and turning them in. Everything collected from now on will go towards next year's goal so keep on clippn' 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.



3/31 – PTA Meeting at 9am, Game Day at 8am in the Kiva and Spirit Day

4/3 – 4/7 – SPRING BREAK

4/14 – 4/20 – Utah Food Bank Collection days

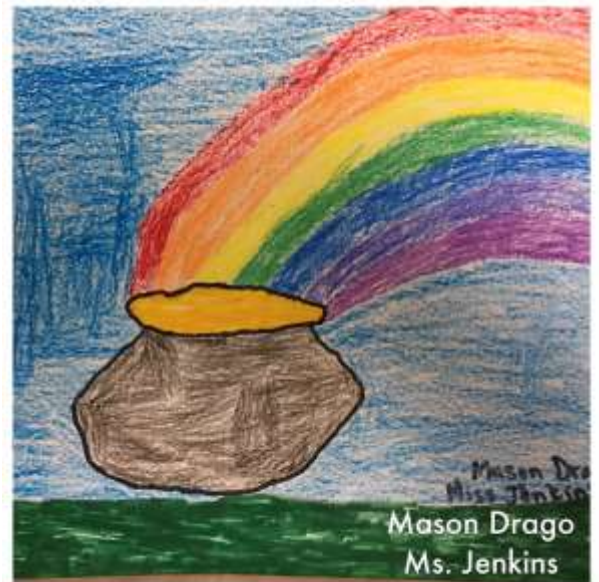
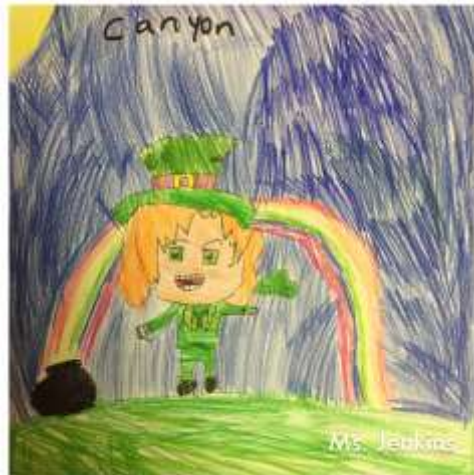
4/18 – Cultural Night – 5:30-7pm

4/21 – Earth Day Clean Up, Kindergarten Orientation from 2-3pm and Classic Skate Night – 5-9pm



CUB CORNER

Time for our 2nd graders to show their artistic skills with the theme of Spring and/or St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy some great creativity.



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

This month I want to highlight one of our teaching aides, Laurel Miller-Jones. Laurel was PTA President before I took the role 2 years ago. I learned all I know from her and I am so grateful that I had her to learn from. Laurel is an amazing woman...smart, funny, loves kids and loves working at Canyon View. When her role as President ended, she quickly jumped at the chance to work at the school and became our one and only math aide. She has a hard job, working with all the students on her own who need that little added attention to help better understand math (I sure could use her help myself!). Thankfully we have her to help our kids and make them better students as they continue their education at Canyon View. She still finds time to volunteer with our PTA and be a Head Grade Parent for 3rd grade as well. I am very lucky to call Laurel my friend and am glad to highlight her this month so people see she is a pretty cool chick! ;)

Laurel Miller-Jones

I was born in Utah but then moved to Massachusetts when I was one due to a job transfer for my dad. We moved to Colorado when I was four, again due to a job transfer, and moved back to Utah when I was 6. I've lived here ever since. I graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology, and a minor in English. My major was a cumulative major, meaning that I earned credits toward my degree by taking classes in Sociology, Psychology, and Anthropology. It was a blast! I loved my college years. I met my husband, Garret, in college and we dated for 5 years before getting married. We have been together for almost 20 years but married for 15. We have one daughter, Madeleine, who is in Mr. Checkett's 3rd grade class.

I worked at the City Library in high school shelving books and then I worked at The Little Gym teaching gymnastics. I worked at The Red Balloon toy store in college and didn't take home much of my paycheck because it was such a fun place to work with so many interesting toys! I then worked for the State of Utah in the Third District Juvenile Court for 7 years as a clerk and then a probation officer, working thousands of cases during my time there. Now I do math intervention at Canyon View.

I love the outdoors – hiking, long walks, going to the park, gazing at the stars, etc. I also love reading and I will stay up late to finish a good book. I love learning and researching and I love knowing a little bit about a lot of topics. I enjoy BBQs with friends, warm summer nights and I really like to ski at Alta (I've been skiing since I was 2). I also love writing. I have kept a journal since I was in 5th grade and they are some of my most precious possessions. I love seeing how I've grown throughout the years, even as an adult. I speak Ob-Talk fluently. Ask me about it if you see me!

I have volunteered at Canyon View for 4 years, including being PTA president for one year, and have worked at the school for 2 years now teaching math. I like that I get to work at the school my daughter attends. I would love to go back to school to further my education, but I can't really figure out what I want to be when I grow up. J I just love being in a classroom learning.

I really love the community of support we have at CV and I enjoy the smiling faces of the students, teachers, and staff in the classrooms, hallways and at recess. I think it is great that Mr. Weller knows the students and really works hard to make them feel comfortable at the school. I like seeing the parents and grandparents volunteering and I get to see how excited the students get when they know someone who will be coming to volunteer. "Did you know my friend's mom is going to come read with me later today?" "I just saw my neighbor in the 2nd grade hallway. She waved at me!" "My dad is going to come with us on our fieldtrip." "Do you know my mom? She's coming to bring us donuts for my birthday." Kids love all the helpers at the school, believe me!



OH BABY!

Guess who!?

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



- 1) Roberta Smith 2) Suzanne Roberts
- 3) Kathrine Grimm 4) Kerry Miner
- 5) Shannon Erickson 6) Chris Grey

