



Canyon View Elementary

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Principal's Message – November 2015

Canyon View Families,

I wonder why it takes a holiday like Thanksgiving to force myself to remember all of the things I am grateful for. I know that having an "Attitude of Gratitude" will help me be a happier and healthier person so I've decided to take a minute every day to recognize something or someone I'm grateful for. Today, I'm grateful for the opportunity to be the Principal at Canyon View and to be surrounded by you and this great community. For a great article about gratitude, check out: <http://happierhuman.com/benefits-of-gratitude/>

I wanted to personally invite all of you to our winter music concert that will be held on December 1st 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!

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

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Hello Canyon View!!

I hope everyone received all their favorite candy on Halloween and MAYBE have some left?? Our Halloween parade was a huge success with some amazing costumes!! We have some really creative students!! All the classroom parties went off without a hitch and everyone had grins from ear to ear all day long.

Hopefully, as you were entering or leaving the gym for the parade, you were able to take a moment to see our Reflections, "Let Your Imagination Fly", display right by the front doors. We had over 40 entries submitted from K-5th grade for this National PTA works of art contest and some of our students will be continuing on to the next level (see the list of names in the Reflections Coordinator's section below). I want to congratulate all the students that entered and showed their creativity this year. Way to go!!



Thank you to all the families that came out for our night at Pizza Studio! We had a huge turnout and the manager said it was the largest school event they have ever had! We raised \$317 for the school that will go toward purchasing a Chrome book lab. **Canyon View Rocks!!**



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



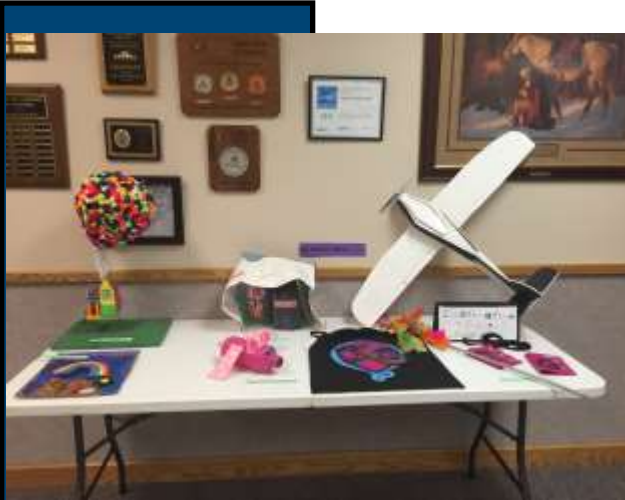
November is a little quieter month here at Canyon View. Time to prepare for all the coming holidays ahead!! On behalf of the PTA, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope you have a special day with friends and/or family. We are one big family here at Canyon View and we are very thankful for each and every one of you! And since our next newsletter will be coming out mid-December, I want to wish those that are celebrating, a Happy Hanukkah on December 6th!

Rayna Drago
PTA President



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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 November 20th.

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

In 2D Visual Arts:

Cynara Lindley - The Jungle of All Jungles

Ethan Mensing - The Energized Blast Dragon

Brooklyn Proctor - The Sky of Wonders

Eliza Wilkins - Friends Around the World

In Literature:

Laila Farrington - The Incredible Portal to Imagination Land

Ryan Wilkins - My Gravity Book

Lia Timoney - IMAGINATION

In Music:

Kimball Hansen - The Spooky Halloween Moon

In 3D Visual Arts:

Grace Williams - Gold

Korbin Brammer - Up

Rachel Collins - Imagination Girl

Makena Smith - Flying Into Imagination

In Film:

Josh Mawhinney - Catching Our Dreams

Kate Williams - There's No Such Thing as the Tooth Fairy

In Photography:

Sophia Coleman - Colorful Dome

Isabella Coleman - The Wonder of a Boy

In Dance:

Kamryn Adams - Memories of Grandma

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

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What's happen-
ing this month?
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Do you know what SCC (Student Community Council) is?

Most parents don't and are unaware how important it is for every school in the state. Each public school is required by law to have a school community council and its purpose is to build consistent and effective communication among parents, employees and administrators. The SCC allows parents to be actively involved with the school in the

education of their children.

The SCC is different than the PTA...SCC focuses on school achievement, safety and how we function within the school district and State while the PTA is about the children and giving them a voice in matters regarding their education and encouraging parent involvement in public schools.

The SCC meets monthly to administer the School Improvement Plan, Safe Walking Plan and how the funds from the School Land Trust will be allocated within the school. What many people do not realize is the state has money that is made by real estate ventures on public land that has been allocated for use by our education system only. Each school within the state is given a set amount of money each year and every year the SCC meets to decide how these funds should be used. This is a huge responsibility and parents are encouraged to attend these meetings and have a say in what should be done with these allocated funds.

Please go to the school website (canyonview.canyonsdistrict.org) and look for the link at the top of the page for more information on our SCC and past meeting minutes, board members and upcoming meeting dates and time.





Upcoming Events

Chorus and Orchestra

Do you love music?? Do you love listening to amazing kids sing and play music?? Then you **MUST** be at the Canyon View chorus and orchestra show on **Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm at Butler Middle School**. Our students put on an incredible performance and you will be just blown away. Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends and get ready to be truly entertained!!

Girls' Basketball

Starting **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:45am** in the gym and continuing **every Tuesday after that**, the school will be offering girls' basketball for 3rd-5th graders. PTA Member, Cami Stauffer, will be coaching and teaching those that attend basic skills, playing games and scrimmages, as well as tournaments as the season goes on. Girls can join in at any time and have some fun before school starts for the day. If you did not receive the flyer about this that includes the permission slip to play, please grab one in the front office.



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spencer@theschoolnewslettercompany.com.

Reminders

Box Tops – We are doing so well with our Box Top submissions... thank you Canyon View!! Our goal was \$1000 for the year and we are already at \$800 and it is only November!! Keep collecting and turning in those little guys to your child's teacher and let's see if we can double our goal for the year!! All money generated from Box Tops goes directly to buying those Chrome book labs for the school

- November 13th – No School
- November 25th-27th – No School (Thanksgiving Recess)
- December 4th – PTA Meeting @ 9:15am
- December 4th – Spirit Day (wear your Spirit Wear!!) and Game Day in the Kiva @ 8am



Game Day!!

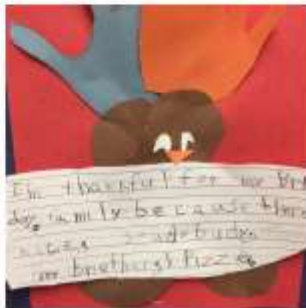


Don't forget to LIKE us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram so you can see

pictures from school events and updates on school happenings. Look for

Canyon View PTA on both social media sites.





What are you most excited about Thanksgiving?

Aaron (Tuckett): "The food!"

Mr Checketts: "Card tournament game with his cousins!"

Miley (Moore): "Turkey"

Kathryn (Kernodle): "Stuffing."

Josh (Woodland): "Mash potatoes and the turkey."

Andrew (Joko): "Being with my family."

Marcus (Gustafson): "The big feast!"

Ariah (Gustafson): "The pie!"

Lauryn (Moore): "Spending it with my family."

Madison (Kernodle): "The dinner."

Finn (Brown): "My family."

Hanna (Kernodle): "Eating with family."

Jett (Brown): "Playing baseball."

Kate (Joko): "Eating Thanksgiving dinner with all my family."

Quinn (Armstrong): "Playing with my cousins."

Zoe (Hess): "Food."

Zoe (Mawhinney): "I like to decorate the Christmas tree."

Zach (Tuckett): "Turkey and the big feast."

Audrey (Logan): "The food."

Lily (Logan): "Food and having fun."

Asher (Brown): "The meat."

Austin (Timoney): "Spending time with family."

Lizzie (Roberts): "Getting together with your friends."

Kali (Roberts): "Getting to eat food."

Aliyah (Timoney): "Getting together with my family and eating turkey."

Millie (Joko): "Having the feast with my family."

Nyla (Tuckett): "I don't know."

Mr. Brian Bawden: "The turkey."

Mr. Weller: "Pumpkin pie."

Mrs. Grey: "Turkey and sweet potato with toasted marshmallows on top!"

Mrs. Doxey: "No dishes!" (can I get a hallelujah!)

Mrs. Armstrong: "Being with family."

Mrs. Waddoups: "Family, family, family!"

Mystery Spotlight

1- YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 10YRS

GREW UP: Broomfield, CO, and Sandy, UT (graduated from Brighton)
 FAMILY: 2 daughter 4 sons and 11 grandkids
 PETS: No
 HOBBIES: Gardening, growing flowers and playing with grandkids
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Texas Roadhouse
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Rollerskated, jumped on the tramp, rode bike
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Ice cream
 UNIQUE FACT: Likes to practice target shooting
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chocolate (dark)
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Proud of something they did!

2- YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 4mths

GREW UP: Provo, UT
 FAMILY: No kids, but has 3 brothers and 1 sister
 PETS: No
 HOBBIES: Reading, gardening, skiing
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Depends on my mood!
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Built forts, played in the treehouse, rode bikes, and rollerskated
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: cake (chocolate)
 UNIQUE FACT: I've eaten cow tail
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My Phone
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: When they understand something that has been taught and the lightbulb goes on.

3- YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 21yrs

GREW UP: Lehi and St. George
 FAMILY: 2 Daughters and 5 Grandkids
 PETS: No
 HOBBIES: Lifting weights and reading
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Chuck-a-rama
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Rollerskated, rode my pony, and went for bike rides
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Coconut cream pie
 UNIQUE FACT: I'm Adopted
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My coffee
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: When they give you a hug

4- YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 18yrs

GREW UP: Pleasant Grove
 FAMILY: 3 Girls and almost 8 grand kids!
 PETS: No, but I have a granddog named Leo
 HOBBIES: Reading, sewing, and crafts
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Chinese food
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: rollerskated, played, and babysat
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Ice cream cake
 UNIQUE FACT: 1st Utah County New Year's baby (born at 12:30AM)
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chocolate with nuts
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Accomplish something that they thought they couldn't do.

5- YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 3 mths, but teaching for 25yrs

GREW UP: Glendora, CA
 FAMILY: 2 boys, 1 girl, 3 grandkids, and 2 on the way!
 PETS: 1 dog named Streak
 HOBBIES: Play the piano, sing, sew, and play with grandkids
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Cafe Rio, Kneaders or anything with CRABI
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Used my imagination, took piano lessons, swam, and went to the beach.
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Dark Chocolate
 UNIQUE FACT: A rattlesnake was about to bite this person's kids and this person killed it with a shovel
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My family and Diet Coke
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Listen and do what they are asked to do



6- YEARS AT CANYON VIEW: 7yrs

GREW UP: Roy, Ut
 FAMILY: 1 boy and 2 girls
 PETS: 1 dog Suki
 HOBBIES: Eating and running (so this person basically runs to eat : -))
 FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Anything Asian
 THINGS YOU DID AS A KID: Softball, basketball, dancing, swimming, biking, and skiing
 FAVORITE BIRTHDAY TREAT: Pie and cheesecake
 UNIQUE FACT: Ran 1st half marathon
 SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Family, friends, and my dog
 YOU LOVE IT WHEN KIDS DO WHAT: Show compassion and empathy

PTA Volunteer Recognition

Our volunteer of the month is one we would be lost without! Shannan Erickson is our Treasurer and we are so glad she is on our team!! This is her 2nd year as our Treasurer and she is the glue to all we do. We have been so lucky to have such generous families contribute so much to our yearly fundraiser and Shannan gathers all the funds, makes our budget and keeps us all on track. Thankfully, she has had previous experience in accounting so she knows her stuff for sure! She also is in charge of the most popular day of the year...FIELD DAY!! The

craziness of planning that day is a huge task to take on and Shannan does it with ease and the kids have a blast every year.

Shannan has such a cool background. She is half Native American with the Tribal Affiliation of Assiniboine Sioux, from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Northeastern Montana. Her maiden name is Windchief!!! How cool is that???! Though she was born in Salt Lake City, her family moved to Wyoming when she was 5 years old. After graduating High School in Evanston, Wyoming, she was a welder's helper in the oilfield for 2 years! She then went on to college and graduated with a BA from the University of Wyoming. She met her husband Jeff while she was in college and they moved to Salt Lake in 1999 so he could attend medical school and she worked as an accountant at the U of U Dialysis. In 2003, Shannan decided she wanted

a new job and started working at Snowbird (the best job ever according to her and we agree!) where she then became the Mountain Operations Office Manager. Hello free skiing!! ☺ Shannan has been a stay at home mom since 2007 when she had her son who is now in Mrs. Gustafson's 3rd grade class. Her daughter just turned 5 and asks every day when can she go to Kindergarten and be in Mrs. Armstrong's class??!! HA!

Shannan loves to ski (of course!!), golf, go camping, hike, bike when she gets a chance and spend time with her family.

When asked how she got involved with the PTA she said "I am not sure how I became involved, I unknowingly signed up for something." LOL! She loves the fact that she has been able to get to know parents, students, teachers and the staff at Canyon View which has kept her involved. Being the Treasurer has been the perfect fit for her, "I can be involved with what was happening at my son's school and use the accounting skills I had before I had kids." No matter how Shannon got involved, we are so thankful she did! The PTA would not be complete without this amazing woman! Shannan you are the best!!

