

February 20, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

Tonight is Chick-fil-a night at the South Towne store at 100th South and State Street. They will donate a portion of the proceeds from sales between 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM to our PTA. Our Student Council will be there and the PTA will be giving books away, it's going to be a lot of fun – see you there!

Parent, teacher conferences are coming up fast. They are on February 28th and March 1st. If you need any assistance signing up for an appointment, give the office a call at 801-826-9625. We look forward to meeting with parents and discussing your child's progress.

Local stores like Fresh Market and Smith's Food and Drug donate money to Willow Canyon. Smith's calls their program Inspiring Programs. You can go to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire to sign up. Every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card they will make a 5% donation to the school. Fresh Market is the same, set up a Fresh Market Plus Rewards account at <http://freshmarketstores.com/plus> and select the nonprofit tab, then press "select" button next to the school you would like to link to your account. They donated \$50, 852 to local schools last year. This is a great way to obtain additional funding for our school programs and supplies by just simply signing up and shopping at stores offering these programs. There are other stores who offer this, just ask them if they do and how to sign up for Willow Canyon. We have received checks from stores offering this type of a program and appreciate the additional support for the students. All of these proceeds go toward student support.

We just completed week two of our three week reading challenge!

Remember to turn in home reading minutes. These need a parent signature.

- **The last time minutes can be turned in is Monday, February 26th by 10:00 AM.**
If you forgot to send the form in today, send it during the week or next Monday morning. We will not be able to take minutes after 10:00 AM next Monday, Feb 26. We need to add up the total minutes and determine who

has the most minutes in each grade level and the total minutes for the school.

- We are having an assembly at 9:00 AM on March 1st to announce the winners. The top reader in first grade through fifth grade will receive a Kindle. The top reader in kindergarten will receive a gift basket.

Our focus for the month is **being a friend**. We will be teaching that a friend is someone you know and like. Someone who helps you and treats you with respect. Students can be friends by giving put-ups, not put-downs, inviting others to join in, and sharing and taking turns. We will be encouraging the students to be friendly. If you have a few minutes, talk about being a good friend at home. Thank you for everything you do to support your children here at school and at home.

We are excited to have the **book fair** again this year during parent, teacher conferences. The link below will take you to information about Willow Canyon's book fair. This also works as a cut and paste into the web address box.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/willowcanyonelemschool>

PTA and SCC News

PTA newsletter

<https://willowcanyon.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/pta>

It's Box Tops time! Watch for a form coming home to use to send your Box Tops into the PTA. These add up and provide the PTA with additional funding. Thank you for sending them to school!

Meeting dates for School Community Council (SCC) are below, all meetings are in the conference room.

- October 5th at 6:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- November 9th at 6:00 PM- the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- January 11th at 6:00 PM- this meeting has been canceled, we plan to meet on

Feb. 8th

- February 8th at 6:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- March 8th at 6:00 PM
- April 12th at 6:00 PM

Web address for Internet safety information. We have scheduled a Netsmartz assembly to learn more about Internet safety.

<https://www.common sense media.org/video/advice/digital-citizenship>

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Important Dates

Save the date!

- **Parent, teacher** conferences are on Wednesday, February 28th and Thursday, March 1st from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM
- **March 1, 2018**, is Grandparent/Family day at the book fair. Bring your lunch and eat with your child. Please register as a volunteer before March 1st.
 - <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>
- **Battle of the Books competition**
 - Monday, March 12th for third grade teams
 - Monday, March 19th for fourth and fifth grade teams

The next perfect attendance month is March.

Please register to be a volunteer before helping with a field trip or in classrooms. Approval of the application may take up to three days. We are unable to allow anyone who hasn't completed this process to help with student activities.

Volunteer link <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>

Tuesday, February 20

- Turn your reading slips with your reading minutes into your teacher

- It's PTA Chick-fil-a night at the Sandy South Towne location. There will be prize drawings! We hope to see you there!

Thursday, February 22

- 5th grade field trip to the University of Utah's engineering program

Monday, February 26

- Turn your reading minutes into your teacher by 10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 27

- The Book Fair student preview

Wednesday, February 28

- Parent teacher conferences, the book fair open from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 1

- **This is a short day, Friday schedule**, school dismisses at 1:15 PM for first through fifth grade. Kindergarten AM schedule is 8:20 AM until 10:20 AM. Kindergarten PM schedule is 11:15 AM until 1:15 PM
- Assembly at 9:00 AM to celebrate the three weeks of reading and give awards to students
- Parent, teacher conferences, the book fair open from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM
- **Grandparent/Family Day, bring your own lunch** and come eat with your children and go to the book fair from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. **Students can eat school lunch, it's a normal lunch day for them.**
- All family members need to go through the process of **registering as a volunteer** because they will be eating in the cafeteria with students. **This process must be completed.** Go to the link below to register if you haven't already and ask family members to do this before coming to school. It can take up to three days to get these approved, please complete it before March 1st. Policy requires this to be completed before participating in activities involving students here at school, **if this has not been completed** we can't allow family members to eat with the students.
- <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>
- **Lunch times are listed below.**
 - All day kindergarten – 12:15 until 12:55 PM
 - First grade – 11:30 until 12:10 PM
 - Second grade – 11:45 until 12:25 PM
 - Third grade – 11:55 until 12:35 PM
 - Fourth grade – 11:20 until 12:00 PM
 - Fifth Grade – 12:10 until 12:50 PM

Friday, March 2

- No school, comp day for parent conferences

Wednesday, March 7

- PTA meeting at 10:00 AM in the conference room

Thursday, March 8

- School Community Council meeting at 6:00 PM in the conference room

Monday, March 12

- Battle of the Books for 3rd grade

Thursday, March 15

- Classic Skating skate night sponsored by Dr. Silcox

Friday, March 16

- Netsmartz assembly for Internet safety
- Kindergarten Orientation at 1:30 PM

March 19

- Battle of the Books for 4th and 5th grade students

March 22

- 4th grade weather school with the news team

Monday, March 26

- Spring pictures

Monday, April 2 through Friday, April 6

- Spring Break, school is not in session

Daily School Schedule

First grade through Fifth Grade Schedule:

- The first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:20 a.m., school gets out at 2:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- The schedule for Friday is from 8:20 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.
- **Supplemental Kindergarten** follows the school's schedule for first grade through fifth grade.

Kindergarten Schedule:

- The AM session is 8:20 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Friday is 8:20 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.
- The PM session is 12:15 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Friday is 11:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

The link below takes you to the CSD website and information about heavy snow days and possible school schedule changes due to dangerous storm conditions.

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/district-news/item/4145-snow-day-csd-s-snow-closure-guidelines>

Winter Information from Canyons School District

SNOW DAYS: If the forecast holds, wintry weather is expected to roll into Salt Lake this week the end of preparing our community for snow storms, here is a guide to how Canyons District communicate information about cancelled or delayed-start days as a result of dangerous traveling conditions during the frigid months. Please remember: Unless extreme weather creates unsafe traveling conditions, schools operating under the Canyons District umbrella will remain open scheduled school days.

Why keep schools open during snowstorms? Our 34,000 students count on us to deliver a quality education in a safe, welcoming environment. Unscheduled school closures disrupt learning and place a burden on parents who work full time and can't easily be home to supervise their children. Neighborhood schools also are a primary source of breakfast and lunch for many of our students.

What if I'd prefer to keep my child home? While school-closure decisions will be made in the best interest of a school community, the District respects the rights of parents and guardians to decide what's best for children in their care.

How will I know if school is canceled or delayed? Canyons District has established the following communications policies in the event of a school closure:

Announcements and information: Canyons District will employ its website, the Skylert emergency-communication system, and [Facebook](#) and Twitter (@canyonsdistrict) to alert parents about school closures. Parents and employees should listen to Wasatch Front radio and television stations for school-closure information.

What we will tell you: The District will communicate one of three messages: 1) Day and date a school is closed; 2) Day and date a school is starting late; 3) and day and date schools will be dismissed.

Telephones: Families are encouraged to call the District Office at 801-826-5000 for the latest decisions on school closures due to inclement weather. Please be patient, as the District Office may experience a high volume of phone calls on these days. Parents also may call their child's school.

Who will make the announcement: School closures will be announced when authorized by the Canyons Superintendent of Schools or his designee after consulting with senior staff members. The [National Weather Service](#) and other state, county and city agencies also may be consulted.

Closures are for one day only: All announcements are for one day only. *No announcement means schools will be open and operate as usual.*

Emergency plans: Families are encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, have a delayed start or dismissed early. Parents are urged to instruct their children where to go or what to do if a parent is not at home.

Bus stops: Parents are asked to meet their children at bus stops when buses are running on delayed or emergency schedules.

Make-up days: Days lost because of inclement weather are made up on Washington and Lincoln Day Recess days or during Spring Recess.