

April 24, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

Tonight is a Chic-fil-a night if you would like to eat dinner at the South Towne Mall location. The PTA receives a percent of the proceeds from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m .

Thank you for all of the wonderful things that were done last week to celebrate our teachers! They are all fabulous!

The end of the school year is close and with it comes testing. The State of Utah requires us to administer the SAGE tests for language arts, math, and science and DIBELS testing for reading and math fluency. Third grade does not take the SAGE science test, they only take the language arts and math tests. Fourth grade and fifth grade take all three subjects, language arts, math, and science. The testing window starts today and ends on June 1st. All SAGE testing will be done during May. Watch for a note coming home with your child with the dates of testing for her/his class.

Fourth grade and fifth grade students also take a reading comprehension test called the SRI, the window for this test ends on April 26th. All students in kindergarten through fifth grade participate in the DIBELS reading and math assessments three times during the school year, the next administration is May 12th for kindergarten and first grade and May 15th for students in second grade thorough fifth grade.

This sounds like a lot of testing, but it gives us good information about how the students are progressing and what to do with instruction so that students are consistently learning and growing. The best way to help your child with these tests is to encourage them to get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast. We serve breakfast at school starting at 7:55 a.m. each day if this is helpful. We appreciate all of the support you have provided throughout the school year, we can't do it without you!

Logan Christiansen is helping us replenish our classroom safety kits for an emergency. Please see his information below if you are interested in helping with the project.

Hello. My name is Logan Christiansen and I am working on my Eagle Scout project. For my project, I have been given permission to update the 72 hour kits at Willow Canyon Elementary. My goal is to provide the classrooms with the updated things they need. I will need to supply the classrooms with the following items:

- 6 of the Costco Sized Granola Bars, 80 count
- 18 Bags of Hard Candies (i.e. Jolly Ranchers/Lifesavers)
- 18 pkgs. of 15 count, 10 oz. Water Bottles
- Small Hand Sanitizer Bottles
- 36 Emergency Ponchos. (2 Extra for Each Teacher)
- Extra Batteries for Flashlights (Size D)

The elementary school would appreciate it greatly, and I hope you can help! If you would like to give the school supplies needed to update the kits, these can be put in the boxes outside of the office in the main hall. We will be accepting these starting Monday, April 17th through Monday, May 1st. Thanks!

-Logan Christiansen
1-385-770-6418

Willow Canyon is not able to accept money in the front office, if you want to give a money donation, please contact Logan directly at the number he has provided.

PTA and SCC News

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m.

The benefits of PTA are abundant! Willow Canyon PTA obtained five Kindles for students. We appreciate the time PTA spent submitting the contest application!

School Community Council's (SCC) next meeting is on Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. The agendas and meeting minutes are attached to

Willow Canyon's website under the community button in the menu bar at the top of the home page.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Important Dates:

Number of students with perfect attendance:

September, 192 students

November, 160 students

February, 130 students

April is perfect attendance month

Breakfast: Starts daily at 7:55 a.m. each morning.

Save the date!

- **Save the date** for our **annual Family Festival of the Arts** is on Monday, **May 22nd**. We changed the date so that it will not conflict with middle school and high school end of year activities. The students are working on some beautiful and fun art projects. We are excited and hope you will put this event on your calendar!
- **Save the date for Tuesday, May 23rd, the Orchestra's Spring Concert.**
- **Save the date for Monday, June 5th starting at 2:30 p.m., this is our annual Meet Your Teacher event.** Students in first grade through fourth grade will be able to meet their teacher with their parents and see where they will be next school year.
- **Save the date for Tuesday, June 6th starting at 12:00 noon, kindergarten will have a program to celebrate going to first grade.** Meet Your Teacher will happen right after the program. All kindergarten students should arrive at 11:30 a.m. for the program.

Spring is beautiful but it brings frequent weather changes. Please have your

children bring a light jacket if they need it so they are comfortable being outside before school and during recess. Also, have them **wear shoes they can run in safely** during the day. We bring them inside when the temperature is 22 degrees or below, when it is raining and/or snowing, and when the air quality is in the unhealthy range.

April 24 – June 6:

- SAGE English Language Arts, math, and science testing window. A note will be sent home with the dates your child will be taking the tests.

Tuesday, April 25:

- 4th grade field trip to the Natural History Museum
- Kindergarten field trip to the Tracy Aviary for both AM & PM kindergarten classes. Please come to school at 9:45 a.m. tomorrow and plan on picking your student up at 1:45 p.m. here at school.

Thursday, April 27:

- 2nd grade field trip to the Utah Children's Theater
- SCC meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room

Tuesday, May 9:

- PTA Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 12:

- DIBELS testing for kindergarten and first grade.

Monday, May 15:

- DIBELS testing for second, third, fourth, and fifth grades

Thursday, May 18:

- 2nd grade field trip to the Natural History Museum
- Miss Hunsaker and Miss Tew's class attend Sports Day at Alta High School

Monday, May 22:

- **Family Festival of the Arts**, our annual fundraiser! This will be a fun night for your family. We will have an art show, the spring choir will perform, there

will also be games, food, an auction, face painting, shaved ice and fun for the family. This is the school's annual fundraiser. All proceeds go toward purchasing a technology lab for the students.

Tuesday, May 23:

- **The Spring Orchestra Concert** at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Wednesday, May 24:

- Kindergarten field trip to Wheeler Farm. Both sessions of kindergarten attend from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

Monday, May 29:

- School is closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30:

- Orchestra Concert assembly for the school at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 31:

- Mrs. Hilton's class is going to Wildflower Park starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Mrs. Jensen's class is going to Buttercup Park starting at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 1:

- Ms. Hunsaker's class is walking to McDonalds starting at 10:15 a.m.

Friday, June 2:

- Students do not attend school this day

Monday, June 5:

- Mrs. Comer's class is going to Buttercup Park starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Mrs. Blanchat's class is going to Wildflower Park starting at 9:00 a.m.
- 2nd grade is having their field day, on school grounds

Tuesday, June 6:

- Fifth Grade Celebration at 8:30 a.m., graduation program. They will be going to Buttercup Park right after the celebration.
- Miss Hunsaker's student celebration at 10:30 a.m., graduation program
- Kindergarten Celebration at 12:00 noon for all kindergarten students. Please

bring students at 11:30 a.m. After the program, **kindergarten students will meet their first grade teachers. This is the last day of school for kindergarten students.**

- Mrs. Pedersen's class is going to Wildflower Park starting at 10:00 a.m.
- This is the **last day that lunch money can be turned in**, please make sure you do not owe any money because the District Nutrition department will be turning these into a collections agency at the end of the school year.

Wednesday, June 7:

- Last day of school, school starts at the regular time of 8:20 a.m. we dismiss for summer break at 12:20 p.m.

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.

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.