

April 30, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

It's hard to believe that it's May first tomorrow. We will be starting SAGE testing next week in third grade through fifth grade. Third grade students will be participating in SAGE testing for the first time. They take language arts and math tests. Fourth grade and fifth grade take language arts, math, and science tests. These tests are not timed. Students are encouraged to take their time, do their best, and be confident. There is more information on Canyons District's website describing why assessments matter, including the six points to consider listed below.

- 1 Taking tests is part of life.
- 2 Formative tests throughout the year help teachers see what is working and what is not – for students.
- 3 Year-end summative assessments, such as the SAGE exam, measure whether a student is on the path to college- and career-readiness.
- 4 Students who perform well on SAGE today will likely will do well on college entrance exams.
- 5 Testing has always been integral to education.
- 6 Testing takes up a small percentage of the school year.

You can read more about the six points and other information on Canyon's website at the link below.

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/district-news/item/11985-it-s-testing-season-in-utah-schools-why-should-students-and-parents-care>

PTA and SCC News

PTA newsletter

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

Meeting dates for School Community Council (SCC) are below, all meeting 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 15th at 4:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- April 12th at 6:00 PM – this is the last meeting for the year. We will reconvene in the fall and determine meeting dates for the 2018/19 school year. Thank you to our SCC for the great support!

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Important Dates

Save the date!

- Our annual Festival of the Arts will be on Thursday, May 31st from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM more information to come!

Please register to be a volunteer before helping with a field trip or in classrooms.

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

Testing Information – Attendance between now and the end of the school year is very important. There has been a lot of illness so we have some catch up work to complete. We want to make sure that your child is well prepared and ready to be successful.

Starting the first week in May we have end of year testing.

- The SAGE test for third grade through fifth grade testing reading and math with science tests for fourth and fifth grades will be given during the month of

May. You will receive a notice from your child's teacher with more information.

- There will be DIBELS reading and math testing for second grade through fifth grade on Monday, May 14th and for kindergarten and first grade students on Friday, May 18th.

The best way you can help your child be successful during testing is encouraging them to get enough sleep on school nights and eat breakfast in the morning. We serve breakfast at school starting at 7:50 AM if this is helpful. Thank you for your help with supporting your child. We want them to feel confident and well prepared!

Wednesday, May 2

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

Friday, May 4:

- Mrs. Hunsaker's class field trip to Butler Middle School musical performance.

Monday, May 6th until Friday, June 1st

- SAGE testing for third, fourth, and fifth grade. All three grades take language arts and math testing. Fourth and fifth grade also take a science test.

Friday, May 11:

- Miss Hunsaker's and Mrs. Hatton's classes go to the Manners Dance at Granite Elementary.

Monday, May 14

- DIBELS testing for second through fifth grade students

Wednesday, May 16

- Miss Hunsaker's and Mrs. Hatton's classes attend Sports Day sponsored by the District

Friday, May 18

- DIBELS testing for kindergarten and first grade

Thursday, May 24

- Kindergarten field trip to Wheeler Farm

Friday, May 25

- Orchestra Concert at 10:00 AM for school and parents

Monday, May 28

- Memorial Day no school

Tuesday, May 29

- Orchestra Concert 6:30 PM for parents
- Mrs. Hardy Smith's class field trip to Buttercup Park

Wednesday, May 30

- Mrs. Jensen's third grade class field trip to Buttercup Park

Thursday, May 31

- Annual Festival of the Arts! Starts at 5:30 PM and goes until 7:30 PM. This is our annual fundraiser for the school. All proceeds go toward purchasing a chrome book lab for the school.

Friday, June 1

- Last full school day of attendance for kindergarten students. Students will have individual appointments to take the KEEP test with their teachers through the last week of school.
- Kindergarten Program and Meet Your Teacher for next year after the program.
- Choir Assembly at 9:00 AM

Monday, June 4

- Mrs. Blanchat's class field trip to Buttercup Park
- Mrs. Winter's class field trip to Wildflower Park
- Miss Hunsaker's class field trip to McDonalds

Tuesday June 5

- Fifth Grade Graduation at 8:30 AM
- Miss Hunsaker's class graduation 10:30 AM
- First Grade walking field trip to the Sandy City Fire Station
- **Last day lunch money can be taken. Please make sure there isn't a balance owing on lunch accounts. Also, please pay for June 6th in advance.**

Wednesday, June 6

- PTA meeting in the conference room at 10:00 AM
- Last day lunch is served. Lunch money can't be turned in this day. **Any lunch money turned in after June 5th will have to be taken to Canyons District Office at 9361 South 300 East.** The phone number to the Nutrition Department is 801-826-5381.
- Mrs. Comer's class field trip to Wildflower Park
- Mrs. Pedersen's class field trip to Buttercup Park
- First grade field day, games here at the school
- Willow Canyon's annual Meet Your Teacher for first grade through fourth grade at 2:35 PM. Students will meet next year's teacher! Parents are invited to attend.

Thursday, June 7

- Last day of school, the time is 8:15 AM until 12:20 PM. Neither breakfast nor lunch will be served.

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.