

December 11, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

I want to mention Utah's idle free campaign. There are signs in our parking lots to remind us to turn our cars off when we are waiting. We have students who are very sensitive to the bad air. It's bad for all of the children when it's in the unhealthy range. When you come early to pick up your child after school and park and wait in the pick up lane, please turn off the car while you wait. We are concerned about the students walking through the exhaust, especially when the air is in the unhealthy range as it is today. It's very helpful to have parents at the school early, the pick up process goes better. We check the air quality throughout the day and had to keep the students inside during afternoon recess today because the air quality was in the unhealthy range for everyone. Thank you for helping us with this. The link below takes you to more information about air quality. It's the website we use to make decisions about outside activities and recess.

<http://air.utah.gov>

We have received a 600 boxes of cereal so far! Thank you so much for your generosity. **Donations can be made through this Friday, December 15th**. We have a bin in the main hallway for the donations. Thank you for all of the work the student council is doing as well as Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Winzenried!

We are excited for the Choir performances this week on **Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM**, students should be at school at 6:00 PM to get ready for the performance. **There will be another performance for the school on Friday, December 15th at 9:00 AM**. There are over 100 students participating in choir. We are looking forward to their long awaited performance. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Monday, December 18th at 7:00 PM is the Orchestra Concert for families. There will also be a concert for the school at 9:45 AM the same day. Feel free to attend

either one of the performances that works the best for your schedule.

The character trait for the month is giving service and awareness of others. Ask your child if he/she has had a chance to help others and if anyone has done something nice for her/him. Our service project, the cereal drive, is part of our focus.

PTA and SCC News

PTA newsletter

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

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
- February 8th at 6:00 PM
- March 8th at 6:00 PM
- April 12th at 6:00 PM

Web address for Internet safety information for the month of December.

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

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Important Dates

Our next perfect attendance month is January!

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>

Thursday, December 14

- There will be a practice session at 7:30 AM for the choir this day. Winter Choir concert is at 6:30 PM. Please have the participating students at school by 6:00 PM.

Friday, December 15

- Winter Choir performance for the school at 9:00 AM in the gym.

Monday, December 18

- Orchestra Concert for the school at 9:45 AM, parents, family may attend if this works out better for your schedule.
- Orchestra Concert at 7:00 PM for parents.

Tuesday, December 19

- PJ day! Everyone wears their pajamas this day.
- Jordan High School Madrigals assembly at 1:00 PM
- This is the last day of school for the week, winter break starts on Wednesday, December 20th. It's a regular school day for all students from 8:20 AM until 2:55 PM, and the regular kindergarten schedule, it is not an early out day.

Wednesday, December 20 through Monday, January 1, 2018

- Winter recess, students do not attend school any of these days.

January 2, 2018- Happy New Year!

- Students return to school from the winter break.

Wednesday, January 3

- PTA meeting at 10:00 AM.

Thursday, January 11

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

Monday, January 15

- No school, Martin Luther King day

Friday, January 19

- No school, student grading day

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.