

December 4, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

Our student council leads us through a **service project** every December. We are excited about what they have chosen to do this year. One of our local neighborhood schools is in need. We would like to do a cereal drive so that every child in need goes home with a box of cereal, our goal is 800 boxes of cereal. If we each bring **two boxes of cereal**, we will meet this goal. **Donations start today and run through Friday, December 15th**. We have a bin in the main hallway for the donations. Thank you Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Winzenried for being great student council advisors!

A parent called me with a great question last week and I wanted to share it with everyone. One of the District schools received a phoned in bomb threat, that thankfully turned out to be bogus. The question I was asked is how will parents know to pick up their children if this is necessary? The answer is the District will use the Skyward system, the same system used to send this email, to contact parents. You will receive a phone call from the Communications Department with instructions. **We have a safety drill every month, we have 10 safety drills during the school year.** We have drills for fire, lockdown, bomb threats, shelter in place, active shooter, and earthquakes. **We have regularly scheduled evacuation drills and we are very efficient at exiting the building and accounting for students during the drills. We are also very efficient with our communication during drills completed inside the building.** We have a Sandy City officer assigned to the school. His name is Officer R. Howe, he checks on us frequently. The students are provided with very specific directions as we work through the drills. We are trying to develop "muscle memory" so that we automatically start taking safety measures in an emergency. We can't control these issues, but we can be well prepared and feel confident about keeping students and the adults in the building safe and out of harm's way. I will include information about our monthly drills in the Monday Minute to hopefully help with an understanding of keeping your children safe while at school. We will also report this to the School Community Council and PTA in monthly meetings.

This week is the **Hour of Code** movement. We will be participating with this national initiative. Individual classes will determine how they want to participate. This is done each year to promote computer science. Google, MSN, Yahoo and Disney to name a few companies have Hour of Code information on their websites if you would like to look this up at home. This is a fun thing to be involved in and hopefully will encourage our students to get excited about computer science and the possibilities for their futures.

The character trait for the month is giving service and awareness of others. We will be having lessons next week from Dr. Brown. 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 on service.

PTA and SCC News

We are very excited about the **PTA newsletter!** The link below will also take you to the newsletter. PTA is an important part of the school as you follow the newsletter you will see just how much they do every year!

<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
- 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

Save the Date

- **Winter Choir is here!** Practices are in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 AM. The performances will be 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.**
- **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. Feel free to attend the daytime performance if this works the best for your schedule.

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>

Tuesday, December 5

- A.R.T.S assembly at 8:45 AM

Wednesday, December 6

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

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.