

February 26, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

### **Around Willow Canyon**

**It's parent, teacher conference week!** We look forward to seeing all of you. If you still need an appointment, please call the office at 801-826-9625. Our lost and found has really grown. If you are missing something, please look through the items that will be on tables in the hallway.

**The students read 258,245 minutes, we are super excited!! We have loved our three week reading challenge the PTA has sponsored!** The students in each grade level with the most minutes and the classes with the most minutes in each grade level will be announced on Thursday morning March 1<sup>st</sup> during an assembly at 9:15 AM. When you join PTA, this is one of the programs they sponsor, we appreciate every member and what PTA does for us!

**Grandparent's and Family Day** is Thursday of this week. Bring your own lunch, the students can eat school lunch and enjoy the book fair together. All adults coming to the school need to register as a volunteer to the school through the District's website. It can take up to three days to get this cleared, please do this before Thursday if you haven't already. *Parents if you could help your family members with this, it would be greatly appreciated.* The link is below.

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

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>

It's time for **fifth grade families** to attend the **Maturation Programs** the District offers. The dates and times are listed on the District's website. The dates are also in the important dates section below. The link to the District site is below.

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/district-news/item/11895-growing-up-fifth-grade-students-and-their-parents-invited-to-maturation-program>

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.

Rhett Robinson wants to thank everyone for the donations made this month to his food drive. There were 3,296 pounds of food donated. Rhett appreciates the great support!

## 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 meeting are in the conference room.

- October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM- the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM- this meeting has been canceled, we plan to meet on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>
- February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- April 12<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>
- **Battle of the Books competition**
  - Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for third grade teams
  - Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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>

Monday, February 26

- All reading minutes need to be turned in by 10:00 AM today.

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 have school lunch. It will be green eggs and ham for the students in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday!**
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

Tuesday, March 6

- Boy's Maturation Program at Midvale Middle from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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
- Girl's Maturation Program at Midvale Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, March 12

- Battle of the Books for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Tuesday, March 13

- Girl's Maturation Program at Union Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, March 14

- Boy's Maturation Program at Union Middle School from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 15

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Thanksgiving Point
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

March 22

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade weather school with the news team

Monday, March 26

- Spring pictures

Tuesday, March 27

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Living Planet Aquarium
- Boy's Maturation Program at Indian Hills Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 29

- Girl's Maturation Program at Indian Hills Middle from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, April 2 through Friday, April 6

- Spring Break, school is not in session

Wednesday, April 11

- Girl's Maturation Program at Butler Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, April 12

- Boy's Maturation Program at Butler Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## 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.