

February 5, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

We are celebrating literacy during February! We are excited about this being literacy week!

- Monday, The Cat in the Hat at lunch, favorite Dr. Seuss Books
- Tuesday, vote for your favorite book
- Wednesday, dress up as your favorite character or author
- Thursday, bring your favorite book for show and tell
- Friday, read-a-thon in class

Watch for reading slips for recording home reading minutes. These need a parent signature and should be turned in on

- Monday, February 12th
- Tuesday, February 20th
- Monday, February 26th by 10:00 AM.

If you forget to send the form on the 12th or 20th send it the following week or during the week. All reading minutes have to be turned in on Monday, February 26th by 10:00 AM. We will not be able to take minutes after this time so we can add up the total minutes and determine who has the most minutes in each grade level.

- The top reader in each grade level, first grade through fifth grade, will win a Kindle (one per grade, one per family).
- The top reader in kindergarten will receive a gift basket. Kindergarten and Extended Core students can count reading minutes when they are reading independently and when someone is reading to them.
- The class in each grade level with the most minutes will get a \$5 gift certificate for each student for the book fair.

We will have an assembly on Thursday, March 1st to announce the winners and celebrate all of the reading done during February!

- Another fun activity this month will be Chick-fil-a night on February 20th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. There will be a book raffle and giveaway. Our student council will be there. It will be a lot of fun!
- We will also be having grandparent and family member's day at the book fair on

March 1st. Come eat lunch with your cute little wildcat and check out the book fair.

We want to thank our amazing PTA for all of the work they are doing to help us have a great month focused on reading! Thank you to all of you at home for helping your children read throughout the month!

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.

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>

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

Rhett Robinson, a former student, is working on his Eagle project. He asked if he could put boxes out in the main hall to collect canned food for the **Food Bank**. If you have any food you would like to donate, just send this with your student or bring it and put it in the boxes outside the office.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Important Dates

Save the date!

- **Parent, teacher** conferences are on Wednesday, February 28th and Thursday, March 1st from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM
- **March 1, 2018, is Grandparent/Family day at the book fair.** We have done this annually and really enjoy it! Come eat lunch with your student and then go to the book fair.
 - 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 1st. 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>
 - The schedule for lunches is listed below. The time students are in the

cafeteria eating is for the first 10 to 15 minutes of the scheduled lunch time.

- 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
- **Battle of the Books competition**
 - Monday, March 12th for third grade teams
 - Monday, March 19th 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 5 until Friday, February 9 is Literacy Week! The fun activities are listed below.

- Monday, February 5th, The Cat in the Hat day, reading Dr. Seuss books
- Tuesday, February 6th, Vote for your favorite book
- Wednesday, February 7th, Dress like a favorite book character
- Thursday, February 8th, Bring your favorite book for show and tell
- Friday, February 9th, Read-a-Thon! Teachers will determine the time and duration of their classes participation.
- Read, read, read this week and also until February 26th! The class with the most minutes will receive a great award from PTA!
- Parents watch for notes coming home from the PTA to record your child's reading minutes. Please sign and return these to school.

Tuesday, February 6

- 2nd grade Living Planet Aquarium van visit, they are coming to the school

Wednesday, February 7

- 4th grade Water Van presentation
- **5th grade going to Eastmont Middle School for 6th grade orientation**

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

Thursday, February 8

- SCC meeting at 6:00 PM in the conference room

Monday, February 12

- 5th grade going to the Symphony, students wear more formal attire
- Turn your reading slips with your reading minutes into your teacher

Wednesday, February 14

- Valentines Day

Thursday, February 15

- **Middle School Orientation Open House at Eastmont Middle** school for parents and students starting at 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Friday, February 16

- Students do not attend school, it's a teacher data day

Monday, February 19

- No school, President's Day

Tuesday, February 20

- Turn your reading slips with your reading minutes into your teacher

Thursday, February 22

- 5th grade field trip to the University of Utah's engineering program

Monday, February 26

- Turn your reading minutes into your teacher by 10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 27

- The Book Fair student preview

Wednesday, February 28

- Parent teacher conferences, the book fair open from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 1

- 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 6:00 PM

- **Grandparent/Family Day, come eat lunch with your children and go to the book fair from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.**

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Friday, March 2

- No school, comp day for parent conferences

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

Monday, March 12

- Battle of the Books for 3rd grade

Thursday, March 15

- 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 4th and 5th grade students

March 22

- 4th grade weather school with the news team.

Monday, March 26

- Spring picture 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>