

November 13, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

### **Around Willow Canyon**

We had a School Community Council meeting last Thursday. We are required to discuss these topics during meetings. The information we discussed is below. We appreciate all of the support you, as parents, provide. Parents are very valuable partners as we work together to educate your children.

#### **FERPA**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Parents have the right to view their child's education records. All student information is kept confidential. Teachers and the principal may only discuss student information with the legal parents and guardians of the children. If a student has a special education file, it is not kept in the office. These records are locked up and kept in the room of the service provider.

#### **School Lunch**

Darlene Jenkins is our lunch manager. She does a great job. She serves both breakfast and lunch every day.

- Breakfast is served in the mornings starting at 7:55 AM until 8:15 AM. There are approximately 50 breakfasts served; on choir practice days there are about 30 students served.
- Lunch is served from 11:20 AM until 12:55 PM. There are three menu options each day. There are approximately 260 lunches served each day.

Standard recipes are used to ensure the nutritional value and quality of each meal. An example of this is the Halloween menu. A mummy dog was offered. Mrs. Jenkins followed a standard recipe for the dough used to wrap the hot dogs. These were all hand wrapped and baked so they were fresh for the students. Every day fresh food is prepared and served. There are desserts offered occasionally. Milk, chocolate milk and sometimes strawberry milk are offered. There is a water jug with cups for students who prefer water. Willow Canyon is a peanut free school. Food allergies are addressed. Students with food allergies are asked to sit with students eating school lunch because this is a more controlled environment for them to eat. The student with allergies who brings a lunch from home should still sit with school lunch students. There is a positive atmosphere in

the cafeteria and Mrs. Jenkins and her staff try to mingle with the students and make lunch time a pleasant experience. We appreciate all of their hard work!

### **Physical Education**

There are Utah State Core Standards for physical education. The strands at each grade level involve loco motor and non-loco motor skills and movement, such as walking hopping running and skipping just to name a few. Students should apply knowledge of these skills to attain efficient movement and performance. Students should develop an understanding of the components necessary to maintain a healthy level of fitness. Students should develop cooperative skills and positive personal behavior. Students will appraise the personal value of physical activity as a tool for wellness and interacting with family and friends in a socially appropriate way.

In Canyons District we use a program called Playworks. The core standards are taught through the brain booster physical education time each week for all grade levels. Students are encouraged to play the Playworks games they learn in P.E. outside during recess. Our recess support assistants help the students set up games and also resolve any disagreements. The games are meant to be engaging and help students with the unstructured time at recess. The games offer a more structured recess and awareness of positive social interactions.

We are looking forward to **Career/Tool Day**. If you are participating, plan on being at the school from 8:00 AM until 9:50 AM. The students can dress up in the clothes of their chosen profession on Career/Tool Day. Thank you in advance, we always have a lot of parents representing a variety of jobs on Career Day. It's a fun morning, we are looking forward to it!

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>

**The character trait for the month is being safe.** When we consider being safe at school we talk about two characteristics of the term. First, the most obvious characteristic of being safe with winter weather and storms coming, is for students to be dressed for the weather and be careful outside when there's snow

and ice. The other characteristic of being safe is being kind to others. When we are mean or treat others in an angry or hurtful way they do not feel safe at school. Everyone should feel safe at school. It is easier to focus on school work if students feel safe and aren't distracted by mean behavior. Our definition of being safe at Willow Canyon is... we behave in a way that keeps us and those around us from being harmed. We do not do things that could injure someone or damage property.

## PTA and SCC News

**This Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Classic Skate Night. Dr. Silcox is paying for admission and there will be discounts for the activities.**

Congratulations to our **Reflections** winners! We had more than 70 students participate, which is almost double the number of participating students last year. This is a fun and creative program that PTA offers. The winners are listed below.

### Dance Choreography

1. Hannah Jolley

### Film Production

1. Mason Slaughter
2. Logan Slaughter
3. Zachary Hales
4. Aspen Ayre

### Literature

1. Titus Boyer
2. Savvy Olson
3. Brigham Boyer
4. Emma Harmon

### Literature Award of Merit (honorable mention)

1. Macey Miles
2. Logan Slaughter

### Music Composition

1. Felicity Allen
2. Macey Miles

#### Photography

1. McKay Jolley
2. Isaac Whitley
3. Quade Rondeau
4. Brooklyn Landers

#### Photography Award of Merit (honorable mention)

1. Roena Olson
2. Tucker Meryhew

#### Visual Arts 2-D

1. Titus Boyer
2. Abbey Tait
3. Brigham Boyer
4. Brooklyn Landers

#### Visual Arts 2-D Award of Merit (honorable mention)

1. Claire Fitzmayer
2. Hannah Jolley
3. Michael Warnick
4. Paxton Litson

#### Visual Arts 3-D

1. McKay Jolley
2. Elizabeth Massi
3. Isabel Bagnato
4. Olivia Berger

#### Visual Arts 3-D Award of Merit (honorable mention)

1. Marin Brough
2. Lincoln Keele

**Chick-fil-a Night** is coming up on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The PTA has some

great prizes planned for the night. If you eat there or get take out between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM a portion of the proceeds will go to the PTA.

**It's Box Tops time!** Thank you for the great response, there were 7,410 box tops turned in! PTA will receive over \$700!

We are very excited about the PTA newsletter! You can find it on our website under the PTA tab. 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>

We have a fabulous **School Community Council**. If you would like to serve on this Council, please stop by the office and pick up a School Community Council Candidate Form. As a SCC member you will help us with our Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and our School LAND Trust Plan that provides support and funding for our school improvement efforts. We value parent input and the SCC provides this opportunity.

Meeting dates for 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
- February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

### **Save the Date**

- **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** Career Day, parents come to school and teach us about their profession and students wear the clothes of their favorite profession! We always enjoy this activity and have fun learning about all of

the great places parents work. If you would like to participate, plan on being at the school from 8:00 AM until about 11:00 AM. This is one of our favorite activities!

- **Winter Choir is here!** Choir will start on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 AM. Practices will be in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will not be a practice on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> the week of Thanksgiving recess. The performances will be on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.**

## Important Dates

**Our next perfect attendance month is January!**

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

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

Monday, November 20

- Jordan High PLT Assembly – they teach us about being healthy and kind to everyone

Tuesday, November 21

- Career day, parents come to school and teach the students about their chosen career. It's a lot of fun for everyone, we always enjoy this day. Students can dress up to look like the profession they would like to have when they grow up!
- No choir practice this day.
- This is 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**.

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade NOVA graduation at 2:00 PM

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> until Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

- Thanksgiving recess.

Tuesday, December 5

- A.R.T.S assembly at 8:45 AM
- PTA meeting in the conference room at 10:00 AM

Thursday, December 14

- Winter Choir concert 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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.