

October 8, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

### **Around Willow Canyon**

Thank you for the great support of our PTA at the **Fun Run** Friday. Together we raised \$14,058! This will fund all of the great programs and field trips the students take this school year.

One of our school goals is to improve **attendance**. It's important for students to have regular attendance. We understand when a child is sick they should stay home. We are so proud of the great work all of the students do here at school and their can do attitude. Attendance is important for helping students be successful. We are celebrating and keeping track of classes with perfect attendance. Last week's percent of classes with perfect attendance is listed below.

- Monday - 47% of classes had perfect attendance
- Tuesday - 26% of classes had perfect attendance
- Wednesday - 37% of classes had perfect attendance
- Thursday - 16% of classes had perfect attendance
- Friday - 16% of classes had perfect attendance

We will report our weekly data in the Monday Minute so you can help us meet our goals.

We will be talking about **being responsible** meaning being dependable and following through. Responsibility means parents and teachers can count on students to: do what they say, give their best effort, and take care of the things they are accountable for doing. A responsible person can make good choices

independently and when they make a mistake, they answer for it and work to not do it again.

Our **PTA book** this month is called *Bone Soup*. Check out the fun PTA bulletin board at the end of the main hallway as you come into the school. The story is about three witches who are hungry on Halloween. They have a bone in their cauldron to make soup. They decide to search for other ingredients for the soup because they are very hungry. Several fun Halloween characters help them with the soup, these ingredients combined with the witches magic make a fun story about everyone feeling responsible to help and enjoying what they make together.

We participate in the **Battle of the Books** program in third, fourth, and fifth grade. This is a competition where teams of students read a list of books together and compete in March to see who can remember the most details about the books. Mrs. Delese Bettinson, our enrichment specialist, is in charge of this program and has done a great job of making this a fun competition that students enjoy. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meeting last week and are supervising the teams. Please see a message from Mrs. Bettinson below.

Battle of the Books Participants,

Every spring a list of books is released for the next year's competition. The list changed over the summer this year there were 2 titles changed on each list over Summer Break so to be sure they have the most current booklist check these links:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: <http://www.battleofthebooks.org/book-list/medium-20-book-list-3-4-grades-2018-19.php>

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade: <http://www.battleofthebooks.org/book-list/traditional-standard-30-book-list-4-6-grades-2018-19.php>

Also, updated book lists are available from our website ([www.willowcanyon.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.willowcanyon.canyonsdistrict.org)), at the front desk, in our WC Library, each of their teachers has had links sent to them in an email or they can contact me.

Thank you!

Delese Bettinson

### **Important reminders and links.**

- Nutrition, breakfast and lunch menus and prices.

<https://canyonsdistrict.nutrislice.com/menu/willow-canyon>

- Please sign up to volunteer. This is an annual process, it must be completed every year before adults can volunteer in classrooms and on field trips. <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>

### **PTA and SCC News**

Thank you for another amazing fun run this year!

PTA Meet the Candidate Night is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM at Indian Hills Middle School at 11150 South 300 East in Sandy. This is an opportunity to meet with current candidates for office.

It's time to start working on your **Reflections** artwork! The theme this year is

## "Heroes Around Me"

Entries are due October 10, 2018.

For more info visit <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections>

or email Brinda Slaughter at [brindaslaughter@gmail.com](mailto:brindaslaughter@gmail.com)

\* Reflections is an optional Art Contest for students K-12 grade with seven art categories to choose from (dance, film, literature, music composition, photography, 2D visual arts and 3D visual arts)

### The PTA Board

- Co-Presidents: Lauren Litson and Rebecca Leick
- Treasure: Racheal DeAzevedo
- Membership: Amourette Bradley
- Legislative VP: Juliette Bradley
- Secretary: Jennifer Johnson

The link to the PTA Newsletter

<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.

- Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Canyons District Office building at 9360 South 300 East in the Professional Development Center on the southeast side of the building.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

### Save the Date

- **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** Halloween Parade in the morning at approximately 8:45 AM. Please remember the policy that students can't bring play weapons as part of their costume. We feel bad telling them to put them away. This is such a fun morning, we want all of the students to have fun and not feel bad about putting part of their costume in their backpack. I know this means a conversation with your child at home, thank you for helping us out, we want them to enjoy the morning.
- **Watch for information about winter choir starting in October.**
- **November 7** PTA Classic Skate night from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.
- **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** is Career Day, parents come to school and teach us about their 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 on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information in November. This is one of our favorite activities!

**Every month is perfect attendance month! We will start next Monday for September! We are having a No Tardy Party for students who go the whole grading period without being tardy. The parties will be on November 30<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and May 31<sup>st</sup> during lunch recess.**

### Important Dates

Monday October 8 – October 13

- Digital Citizenship – Safe Technology Week

Monday, October 8

- Picture make up day

Wednesday, October 10

- PTA Reflections contest items due

Thursday, October 11

- First SCC meeting at the Canyons District Office at 9360 South 300 East on the southeast side of the building in the Professional Development Center

Monday, October 15

- Vision screening

Thursday, October 18 & Friday, October 19

- Fall recess, students do not attend school both of these days

Monday, October 29

- Students do not attend school, it's a grading and preparation day

Wednesday, October 31

- Halloween Parade in the morning at approximately 8:45 AM, come enjoy the parade!

## Daily School Schedule

### First grade through Fifth Grade Schedule and Supplemental Kindergarten

- 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 Half Day 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.