

September 17, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

We completed DIBELS reading and math assessments with the students last week. We use this data to plan instruction for students. We meet as grade level teams and discuss the strengths and needs of all of the students. In an effort to meet individual learning needs, teachers plan small group instruction for all students. If students need increased support, we provide additional grade level instruction in what we call Tier 2, literally meaning another tier of instruction built into their small group/center learning time. Tier 2 students work with a trained and skilled reading or math instructional aide for additional instruction time instead of working in an independent center. The Tier 2 instruction is provided based on student need so it is flexible, students may go into and out of this instruction based on need. We focus on student growth and plan accordingly. If your child would benefit from some additional instruction in Tier 2 you will be notified, we will be sending letters home for you to sign or your child's teacher will discuss this with you during conferences. This is additional grade level instruction, it is **not** special education services. We have found it to be very beneficial for the students that participate in this additional instruction and want to make sure you know what it is and are comfortable with signing the letter that acknowledges your child can have the additional instruction during center/small group time. You are a vital part of your child's education, if/when we determine that your child would benefit with additional instructional support we think it's important for you to be in the loop and let us know what you are thinking. The letter confirms you approve of this additional support. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them, just let us know.

We also have an enrichment specialist who works with teachers and provides students with the opportunity to stretch their learning and make additional growth. The activities include grade level reports that students complete integrating reading, writing, and speaking into a project. We participate in Canyons District's enrichment programs Story Weavers and Monster Math. The

enrichment specialist also teaches debate to the older grades. We also have a chess club for fifth grade students during the winter. We participate in the Battle of the Books program in third grade through fifth grade. We want to have a good variety of activities for all students to participate in to enhance their grade level learning.

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. District policy requires all adults who volunteer in schools to complete the volunteer registration process. Please complete this process for everyone in your family who would like to volunteer in classrooms. This must also be completed before family members can help with field trips. It can take up to 48 hours for this process to be completed and individuals are registered and approved to volunteer. If you complete this process now, you are set for the school year.

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

PTA and SCC News

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

"Heroes Around Me"

Entries are due October 10, 2018.

(Entry forms will come home next week)

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

or email Brinda Slaughter at 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)

Fun Run packets were sent home today, watch for them. Every child needs a signed permission slip to participate in the part of the run that is off school grounds.

The PTA Board

- Co-Presidents: Lauren Litson and Rebecca Leick
- Treasure: Racheal DeAzevedo
- Membership: Amourette Bradley

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be room parents! The planning meeting with teachers is scheduled for Thursday, September 20th at 3:00 PM in the library.

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.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Save the Date

- Friday, October 5ththe PTA Fun Run fundraiser in the morning at 8:45 AM.
- Wednesday, October 31stHalloween Parade in the morning at approximately 8:45 AM.
- Tuesday, November 20this 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 20th. 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 30th, March 15th, and May 31stduring lunch recess.

Important Dates

Monday, September 17

- Hearing screening, we need volunteers
- 4thgrade field trip to Red Butte Garden at 8:45 AM
- Fun Run Kick Off Assembly at 2:15 PM

Wednesday, September 19

- PTA Regional Meeting at 10:30 AM in the Wildcat room

Thursday, September 20

- Room parent meeting at 3:00 PM in the media center/library

Friday, September 21

- Data day, students do not attend school this day

Wednesday, September 26

- Parent teacher conferences

Thursday, September 27

- Parent teacher conferences
- **This is also an early out day, follow the Friday schedule**

Friday, September 28

- Students do not attend school

Monday, October 1

- Netsmartz assembly, teaching the students about internet safety

Thursday, October 4

- Kindergarten Field Trip, Tracy Aviary 9:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Friday, October 5

- PTA Fun Run in the morning!

Monday October 8 – October 13

- Digital Citizenship – Safe Technology Week

Monday, October 8

- Picture make up day

Thursday, October 18 & Friday, October 19

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

Monday, October 15

- Vision screening

Monday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 30 through Friday, November 2

- Red Ribbon Week

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.