

September 24, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

We are looking forward to parent teacher conferences this week. We appreciate your input and guidance with setting goals for your child to work toward during the school year. One important aspect of success is attendance. Being at school is important in many ways. The obvious reason is to stay caught up with academic learning. It's very difficult to duplicate the lesson and the feedback students receive daily. Also, students miss out on the social activities during the day that allows them to build friendships and a sense of being part of the larger community. When students are sick, they need to stay home and recover, this is out of everyone's control. Research has been conducted to measure the impact on students when they are absent. If a child attends school regularly and only misses 5% of the days, which is approximately 9 days or 1 day per month during the school year they will be able to keep up with their studies. If a child is absent 10% of the year or 18 days they are in the chronic absence range and academics will be impacted. If a student is absent 20% of the year or 36 days there is significant, negative impact on academics. Elementary school is the foundation for secondary school. Students who miss a high percentage of time in elementary generally go into middle school behind academically. If attendance doesn't improve, high school graduation becomes more difficult and could result in dropping out. We value every child here at school and want to prepare them to the best of our ability to be successful students who are confident and feel empowered to learn. Learning can be hard at times, we really want them to feel up to the challenge. We appreciate your support parents and consider you as our partners in educating your children.

We are going to do some things to celebrate attendance. When a class has 100% attendance on a school day we have signs we are going to hang up and to celebrate. Every month is perfect attendance month so students can set a goal each month to be here every day. They will receive an award each month for being here every day. We will be having a no tardy party each grading period for students who come on time every day during the grading period. The first party is November 30th, the second party is March 8th, and the final party is May 31st. All students who have gone the whole grading period without a tardy will be able to party during lunch!

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

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 5th** the PTA Fun Run fundraiser in the morning at 8:45 AM.
- **Wednesday, October 31st** 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, so 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 20th** 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 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 31st during lunch recess.

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 26

- Parent teacher conferences

Thursday, September 27

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- **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

Wednesday, October 10

- PTA Reflections contest items due

Thursday, October 11

First SCC meeting

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

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.