

September 25, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

We are looking forward to parent, teacher conferences this week. If you weren't able to schedule an appointment, please call the office at 801-826-9625 and we can help you with scheduling an appointment. Thursday of this week will be an early out day, school dismisses at 1:15 PM and kindergarten students are on the Friday schedule. The Thursday schedule was changed to allow teachers to have some planning time that is normally scheduled on Fridays. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at conferences!

We will be having **winter choir** again this year with Mrs. Jen Jolley and Mrs. Delese Bettinson. Watch for information coming home in October. Practices will start on November 2nd. The performances are on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 PM and Friday, December 15th at 9:00 AM.

If you would like to go with your child's class on a field trip or volunteer in their classroom you will need to go through the **CSD volunteer application requirement. This process is required every school year, and needs to be completed for this current school year if you haven't completed this yet.** It will save time if you sign up before arriving at school to volunteer. The process can take 48 to 72 hours to complete after you have entered in your personal information. Policy mandates that all volunteers working directly with students need to complete the volunteer application. We are so grateful for all of the time that is spent volunteering and helping teachers in the classroom and on field trips. The link below is to the CSD Foundation where you can complete this process. If you have any questions, please call the office at 801-826-9625.

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

The character trait for the month is responsibility. If you are responsible, your teachers and parents can count on you to; 1) do what you say, 2) give your best effort, and 3) take care of the things you are accountable for doing. A responsible

person is also able to independently make good choices. If they make a mistake, they answer for their own behavior - they don't make excuses.

PTA and SCC News

PTA Reflections contest:

The theme this year is "Within Reach"

All entries are due by **Thursday, October 12th, 2017**

Students are encouraged to create original works of art in the categories of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

Attached to this email is the entry form and you can find the official rules and more info by going to <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections> Thank you Brinda Slaughter for doing this for us again this school year!

Watch for the **Fun Run envelope/packet coming home** with instructions for donations. We had an assembly this morning that was very fun. Mrs. Liz Miles, our PTA President, and Mrs. Jennifer Nielsen were here with fun pictures of last year and Mrs. Nielsen talked about being healthy, eating healthy food and getting exercise. She led us through some warm up exercises she will do to help us warm up and get ready for the Fun Run on October 6th.

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 5th at 6:00 PM
- November 9th at 6:00 PM
- January 11th at 6:00 PM
- February 8th at 6:00 PM
- March 8th at 6:00 PM
- April 12th at 6:00 PM

We had a Willow Canyon **skate night at Classic Skating on the last day of school** that our SCC scheduled. Dr. Silcox a local orthodontist, sponsored the event to help us remember to read during the summer. We have **coupons for \$5 off at Classic Skating for the top 25 summer book readers**. Please list on a piece of paper your child's name the title of the books your child read during the summer and turn them into their teacher who will turn these into the office. The SCC will look through these and give the discount tickets to the students who read the most books during the summer.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Save the Date

- **Friday, October 6th** the PTA Fun Run fundraiser, information will be coming home this week. Look for an envelope with a green flyer attached.
- **Monday, October 16th** vision screening for kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students
- **Tuesday, October 31st** Halloween parade in the morning at 8:30 AM. We plan to have the parade as soon as we can in the morning. We will be taking attendance and lunch count first thing then we will have the parade. Please remember that costumes should not include any facsimile of a weapon, knives, guns, anything considered a weapon. Also, costumes should follow dress code by not being too short or having a tank top. Thank you for helping us with this, we want the children to have fun and not be worried

about their costume because it's not within dress code. Students can wear a mask during the parade. They will be asked to put masks in their backpack for the rest of the day when the parade is over. It will be fun to see all of you and your cute little goblins!

- **Tuesday, November 21st** 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. This is one of our favorite activities!
- **Winter Choir performances! Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 PM and Friday, December 15th at 9:00 AM.**

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 27

- Parent teacher conferences
- 4th grade field trip to the Symphony at Hillcrest High School

Thursday, September 28

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

Friday, September 29

- No school this day

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

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

Friday, October 6

- **Fun Run!** This is the PTA's fundraiser for the programs they offer during the school year. PTA pays for all of the field trips your children go on during the school year. Field trips cost \$4,000 to \$5,000 each year. They do a lot for the school, we appreciate them!

Monday, October 9

- Picture make up day

Monday, October 16

- Vision screening for kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades

Wednesday, October 18

- This is a full day of school. We dismiss at 2:55 PM.

Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 24

- 5th grade field trip to Junior Biz Town

Monday, October 30

- Students do not attend school this day

Tuesday, October 31

- Halloween parade at 8:30 AM. We will begin as soon as we can after taking attendance and the lunch count. As you are making decisions about your child's costume at school, please remember the dress code and not including objects that are considered a facsimile of a weapon. Students may wear masks during the parade, these need to go into backpacks right after the parade as students are returning to their classroom.

Wednesday, November 1

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

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.