

September 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

### **Around Willow Canyon**

Every month during the school year is perfect attendance month! Students who are here anytime during the school day will be counted. Daily attendance is very important for making good progress academically, we want to encourage everyone to attend regularly.

We will be learning about being responsible this month. We teach the students that being responsible means following through with what they are responsible for doing in the classroom, during lunch, and during recess. We have a new licensed social worker who will be teaching the lessons. Her name is Andrea Dover. The PTA's theme for the year is Team Wildcat. PTA will provide a book each month to help us teach the students what it means to be a good team player. We are starting with the book "Teammates" about Jackie Robinson. The story is about the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team. In the 1940s baseball leagues were segregated. Jackie Robinson was an exceptional player and was recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers' general manager Branch Rickey to play on their team. This was the first time they tried to desegregate the baseball league. Fans and team members were very mean and angry toward Jackie Robinson when he joined the Dodgers. Jackie worked hard to stay positive and be part of the team. When his fellow teammate Pee Wee Reese started to stand up for Jackie publicly the fans and other team members also started to treat Jackie better and include him as a team member. We will talk about being responsible and including everyone in a positive way here at school. I will include information about the books we read each month in the Monday Minute so you know what we are talking about each month and what book we are reading. We are excited about this and grateful to the PTA for all of the support they provide!

The summer bingo results are in! The students who participated were recognized last week. Students who completed every activity on the card went to

a blackout party last Friday. The numbers from last year and this year are listed below. We hope this program continues to grow each summer.

There were 15 students with blackout in 2017 and 34 in 2018

2017 and 19 in 2018  
bingo both years.

There were 9 students with double bingo in

There were 5 students with single

### **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**

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> the PTA Fun Run fundraiser in the morning
- 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. 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

Wednesday, September 5

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade goes to the Symphony at Hillcrest High School at 10:30 AM

Monday, September 10

- Picture day in the gym

Tuesday, September 11

- DIBELS testing for reading and math for kindergarten through second grade students

Thursday, September 13

- DIBELS testing for reading and math for students in third grade through fifth grade

Monday, September 17

- Hearing screening, we need volunteers
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Red Butte Garden at 8:45 AM
- Fun Run Kick Off Assembly at 2:30 PM

Thursday, September 20

- Room parent meeting at 3:00 PM in the gym

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

September 28

- Students do not attend school

## 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.