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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S NEST



Valentines for Teachers: Teacher of the Year Nominations

Hello Edgemont Families,

Show our teachers some love! Nominate your favorite teacher for our school's Teacher of the Year award. The winner will receive prizes from local businesses, a banner for our school, and special honors at a Canyons Board of Education Reception and Honors Ceremony. Our Teacher of the Year will also have a shot at Canyons School District Teacher of the Year, which comes with additional prizes and a nomination for the Utah Teacher of the Year contest.

Here's how to nominate:

1. Download the nomination form at www.canyonsdistrict.org
2. Tell why your teacher should be the Teacher of the Year.
Be sure to include your experiences and observations about how the teacher helps students improve and prepare for the future, and encourages families to get involved in classroom or school activities.
3. Print and submit the form to the PTA or principal.

We'll surprise the winning teacher on Friday, April 1st! Mark your calendars, and join us if you can. Thank you for helping us recognize our outstanding teachers at Edgemont Elementary.



Principal Schino

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PTA NEWS

Many hands make light work! There is no better way to know what is going on in your child's class and at their school than to be part of the village that is trying make a difference in a child's life. If you want to be more involved in your child's education, come join the Edgemont PTA Board. Help plan and carry out some of our great PTA programs like Book Fair, Fun Run, Book Swap, Family Week, Grand Event, Field Day, and more! There are lots of opportunities to serve on the board whether you're a stay-at-home or working parent, or even a grandparent or neighbor, who wants to be involved in our school. Without volunteers to head-up and run PTA programs, our kids go without.

We also want to remind everyone that our monthly PTA meetings are held in the Collaboration Room at 9:00 AM on the second Tuesday of each month. These are open meetings and the public is welcome to attend. Younger children are welcome. We have already started to get the PTA Board together for next year 2016-2017. We have included, in this newsletter, a list of the different committees we will be putting together. Please let me know ...if you haven't already... which committee you would be interested in heading up or just helping out. Remember, volunteers don't necessarily have the TIME...they have the HEART! Contact the office and leave your name and number. A member of the PTA board will contact you!

Feb 26th is PTA Day at the Capital and there are a lot of issues that will be effecting where tax money is distributed, for example public schools vs. charter schools. Funding for extra programs will also be an issue. Please stay involved and let your representatives know your position. We will be posting updates on Edgemont's Facebook page.

Tara Jensen
PTA President





BOX TOPS COMPETITION

Our current Box Tops contest from ends on February 19. This time, each grade will be competing against each other! For every 10 box tops or Labels for Education you send, we will put a heart for each grade up on the lunch-room wall so you can see the progress. Prizes will be announced later on.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to Noodles and Company for donating lunch to our teachers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEACHERS AND STAFF!

Please join us in wishing our teachers and staff a Happy Birthday!

Jodi Calacino is part of our amazing school lunch staff and always has a smile for each student. In her free time she likes to oil paint and spend time with her grandchildren. Jodi's favorite color is yellow; she likes to read mysteries and her favorite sports team is the Utah Jazz!

Jennifer Turner is our new fifth grade teacher this year. She has been teaching for six years. She has two daughters; Ellie and Masie, and a puppy named Pipsquatch. Jennifer has lived in many different places including Arizona, Paraguay, South America, South Korea, Alaska and Wyoming! She loves to spend time with her family and travel.

Marilynn Hampton is one of our awesome 3rd grade teachers! She has a dog named Bandit, and four cats named Missy, Boo, Louie, and Runt. In her free time Mrs. Hampton likes to hike, camp, sew, walk her dog, and read. Something you may not know about her is she lived in Sudan, Africa! Her favorite color is light blue and her favorite treat is M&M's.

February Birthdays

2/8	Jodi Calacino	School Lunch
2/21	Jennifer Turner	5th Grade
2/24	Marilynn Hampton	3rd Grade



EAGLE EATS SPIRIT NIGHT

Each month we have an Eagle Eats Spirit Night at a various local restaurant. These business partners share a portion of their profits earned during these evenings with our school; what a great way to earn money for Edgemont! Our spirit nights will be the second Tuesday of each month. This month's Eagle Eats Spirit Night was at **Sonic** on Tuesday, February 2nd on 10225 South State Street!

Coming up in March, Eagle Eats will be at one of our other favorite restaurants, **Chick-fil-A 10090 South State Street, Tuesday March 1st from 5-7pm**. Mark your calendars now! Invite friends, neighbors, family members! Edgemont receives a portion of the profits from that time slot for our school! Don't cook... pick-up dinner (and maybe even dessert) from Chick-fil-A and support Edgemont!



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarteners are chugging along on the train to success! February is a busy month and will be gone before we know it! We had our Valentines Day party last week, which was full of fun and excitement! We are excited to begin Reading Street theme #4 Where will our Adventures Take Us? In Math, we are exploring all the ways to compose and decompose numbers to 10 and then learn all the ways with numbers to 20. Example: ($6=1+5$, $6=4+2$, $6=3+3$).

Please remember to reinforce the skills being learned in school at home. Thank you for all that you do!

Ms. Mulrain and Mrs. Evans



FIRST GRADE NEWS

First Graders S.O.A.R. everywhere they go!!!! We are working hard and learning many new things in Reading, Math, and Writing. Fun times in February include celebrating the 100th Day of First Grade and exchanging cards on Valentine's Day!

Thanks to our parents for the continued support of our Homework Reading Time. We appreciate every minute you give to 1st Grade. FIRST GRADE IS GREAT !!!

Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. T. Evans, Ms. Smith



SECOND GRADE NEWS

February is full of many exciting activities! We are celebrating Valentine's Day, the 100th day of school, and President's Day. Thank you for sending your cereal boxes!

We enjoyed seeing each of you at Parent Teacher Conferences to report on the progress of your second grader. We are very proud of our second graders and the skills they are gaining daily. Continue to read, practice phonics, and work on math facts each day at home. Many students are struggling with basic addition and subtraction facts; please be sure to practice these at home.

The Second Grade Teachers



ACCOMODATED CORE NEWS

Dear Parents,

We are enjoyed seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences. February is going by quickly because students being out of school on Feb. 5th, 12th, and 26th. Please look at the school website: edgemont.canyonsdistrict.org for updated information. Thank you for having your students dress appropriately for the Winter weather. Please remember to check backpacks and folders daily for homework and home notes. We enjoy your children and are excited to teach them every day and see their growth. Have a safe February!

Your ACC teachers
Parkin, Clyde, Criddle

THIRD GRADE NEWS

February is the month of hearts, flowers, and valentines. In third grade we will had our Valentine party on the 11th of February. Our party was full of fun and surprises. Thank you to room parents and volunteers who assisted teachers plan a wonderful afternoon.

This January, the staff at Edgemont started to roll out the new Edgemont writing program. Writing is one of the most important subjects students learn in school. In this program students will learn how to write a correct sentence, a paragraph, and how to put everything together into a great paper. Many of the subjects our classes are writing about at this time are about real things in the world. Please ask your child/children what they are learning in school, and ask them to explain, discuss, or read about nonfiction subjects.

In math, we are starting to study fractions. In order to master this subject, students need to become fluent in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division math facts. Many students are on the way to mastery. However, many are still struggling. Please take ten minutes each evening and go over their math facts (especially multiplication and division). This will aid them in doing well in future math units.

Thank you for being wonderful parents and supporting our efforts to teach your children to master the common core academic subjects for third grade.

The Third Grade Team



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We have started playing the flute-like instrument called the Recorder. It squeaks sometimes, but the students truly enjoy learning a musical instrument. We have revisited all the behavior expectations at our school and your student is doing such a terrific job at SOARing like an eagle throughout Edgemont. Ask them what SOAR means.

Our Valentine's Party was held on Thursday, February 11th in the afternoon; the students had a wonderful time drinking root beer floats and exchanging valentines.

Please keep practicing the multiplication facts with your child. We are beginning our fraction unit and having those basic facts solid sure helps students comprehend their equivalency.

In science we are learning about the weather. Your child should be able to tell you about 3 different types of clouds and what they tell us about the weather.

We appreciate all your support with signing the planners every night. Remember we communicate through the planner. Please feel free to write us notes in the planner or you can always e-mail us: first.last@canyonsdistrict.org. Thanks you!

Mrs. Anne Benson and Mrs. Lori Salter



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Our fifth graders have made tremendous progress as evidenced by their winter benchmark testing. We've even seen growth as great as 500% improvement over the beginning of the year. We've welcomed some great visitors into our classroom like the Jordan High Peer Leadership Team and Officer Johanson of the Sandy Police Department. We encourage all parents to join the N.O.V.A Parent Pack so that you can extend Officer Johanson's lessons in your homes. More information is available at novaprinciples.com.

We are in the midst of fraction work in math invite you to talk to your child about the fractions in your everyday life. We also challenge your children to work through the 4th and 5th grade fraction lessons on Khan Academy. Encourage your child to grow his skills through online tools.

In science, we are learning about traits that can be passed along from parent to offspring and how some traits aid or hinder survival in a given environment. We enjoy researching and learning through webquests, videos, readings, and experimentation.

In history, students continue American history studies and will focus of the right and responsibilities guaranteed in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. We love our fifth grade valentines!



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Sat

	1	2 PT Confs	3	4 PT Confs	5 No School	6
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PTA Job Descriptions

President: Oversees all PTA functions

President Elect: President-in-training and succeeds to President at end of term. Head up PTA awards. Shadow president to learn the ropes.

Treasurer: Responsible for all funds, reports, and disbursements.

Write checks Weekly

Balance Statements

Organize Bank information and signers

Busy whenever there is money collected especially at the beginning of the school year.

Secretary: Records minutes in monthly meetings, assists President, and communicates with board.

Attend and take note at monthly PTA Board meeting

Email reminders to board

Update Facebook and web page

Keep information up to date on upcoming events

Legislative VP: Distributes legislative information. Welcome to attend legislation session if desired. (FEB – MARCH)

Forward on legislative information to board

Public Relations VP: Assembles and distributes newsletter and maintains PTA bulletin boards. (MONTHLY)

Receive articles and assembles monthly newsletter

Email/ Post/Copy and distribute Newsletter

Membership VP: Handles all areas of membership including membership drive, collecting dues Reports information to area council (SEPT-MARCH)

Mainly busy at the beginning of the year with membership drive

Submits reports to area council

Apply for PTA membership awards

Fund Raising VP: PTA annual fundraiser, donations, and “Spirit Night” events.

Heads up Fundraising committee (July – Sept are the busy months)

During Summer asking for Corporate Sponsors

Schedule and advertise Eagle Eats nights for once a month year during school year. (BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH)

Community Involvement VP (Volunteer coordinator): Oversees volunteers, volunteer hours report, room reps, Room Parent Tea, and volunteer Thank You gifts. (BUSY IN AUG – SEPT)

Help recruit volunteers at back to school night, and kindergarten orientation, etc.

Schedule volunteers for all PTA events

Turn in Volunteer hours report to PTA Council

Help host Room Parent orientation

Volunteer Thank You gifts

Technology Specialist: Running web site, streamlining data collection, and advancing effective communication methods.

Collection Commissioner: Promote recycling programs for e.g., Box tops, ink cartridges, milk caps and soup label collections. Etc.

Family Life Commissioner: encouraging family conversation & family life skills through family oriented activities

Plan and Organize Family Week (**BUSY IN FALL & SPRING**)
Parents and Pastries (**SPRING**)

Health Commissioner: Red Ribbon Week & White Ribbon Week.

Organize Red Ribbon week usually in the **FALL OR SPRING**
Organize White Ribbon week usually in the **WINTER OR EARLY SPRING**
Organize for Vision and Hearing screening (**AUG OR SEPT**)

Student Involvement Commissioner:

Host Santa Visit on sing-along day, in **DEC**
Plan and over see Beach Day usually in **JAN/FEB**
Plan and oversee Field Day. @ the end of the school year (**JUNE**)

Education Commissioner: Head up **FALL AND SPRING** Book Fairs and Reading Incentive programs.

Coordinate with Scholastic to schedule book fair
Set up and take down book fair with volunteers help
Count money and balance with Scholastic

Safety and Welfare: Emergency preparedness, Safe Schools, Violence Prevention and Phone Tree.

Prepare classroom first aid buckets **AUG - SEPT**
Organize water/snack per student

Individual Development Commissioner: Reflections program, Self Esteem activities, and Character Development.

Send out information for reflections theme in the **SPRING** before summer break
Collect all entries
Organize judges, awards assemble, awards, send entries on to region **OCT- NOV**

Teacher Appreciation: Teacher Appreciation Week, Teacher Birthdays, and Teacher Recognition.

MONTHLY recognition of teacher birthdays
Organize teacher appreciation week (**SPRING**)
Submit Awards for Teacher of the year (**JAN**)

Birthday Commissioner: Student Birthdays (**MONTHLY** recognition program, gift per child, upkeep birthday bulletin board).

Hospitality Commissioner: Organizes refreshments at all events

Teacher Breakfast before school starts in **AUG**
Teacher dinner once each Parent/Teacher Conference, in **OCT & FEB**
Teacher Appreciation Week **SPRING**

Historian: Organizes photos and stories from school year events. Work with Technology Liaison to convert past histories to electronic versions

Special Needs Liaison: Representative for families with special needs children. Provide education on effective parent advocacy.