

# Forbes Elementary

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## STAKEHOLDERS REPORT 2014-2015

### **FORBES SCHOOL FOCUS AND VALUES:**

Forbes is dedicated to high levels of learning for all through excellence in teaching.

It offers a positive environment including music, art, student leadership, the Patriot Reading program, and Target Time, an intervention devoted to meeting students' various academic needs.



## **OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER**

Parent involvement in education can make a dramatic difference in the success of children. At Forbes, we welcome and encourage parent and volunteer involvement. Here are just a few of the ways that you can be involved and help our students:

- \* School Community Council - Help to determine school improvement goals and determine allocation of Trust Land funds.
- \* PTA - Our Forbes PTA supports a variety of programs and events at our school including Patriot Reading, Red Ribbon Week, birthday celebrations, and teacher/staff appreciation. As a member of the PTA board you can help determine the focus of our PTA.
- \* Classroom volunteers - Our teachers welcome parent involvement in the classroom. There are volunteer opportunities including reading with or working with students, changing take home reading books, helping with special projects or activities (some that can be done from home).

Please come join us!



## **A FOCUS ON READING!**

**At Forbes, our goal is to help all of our students acquire not only the ability to read, but also the love of reading.**

**This year we are focusing on reading skills as a primary goal of our School Improvement Plan. Our focus will be achieved in part using the following:**

- \* Trust Land funds are being used to update both the guided reading and take home reading libraries.
  - The guided reading library consists of book sets (5 to 6 copies of the same book) on specific reading levels that are used in the classroom with teacher guidance for literacy circles and classroom reading groups.
  - The Take Home Reading library provides books for students in lower grades to take home each night to encourage and increase reading skills. The books selected are on each student's individual reading level and encourage reading comprehension, accuracy, and fluency.
- \* Teacher collaboration and professional development opportunities will allow teachers to focus on individual reading skills as well as allow them to laterally align reading skills between grade levels.
- \* Target Time is a thirty-minute intervention block that takes place every Tuesday thru Thursday. The goal is to foster reading comprehension and fluency skills by allowing students in multiple classes in a grade to work collectively on their own skill level.
- \* The PTA Sponsored Patriot Reading program will continue to provide support and encourage students to read. By supporting the newly designed program of the Patriot Reading committee, the PTA will support incentives and rewards that will encourage students at Forbes to set and record reading goals.





# FORBES VALUES

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Forbes Elementary has a great partnership with parents through the School Community Council and the PTA. Together we support programs that make Forbes an incredible place to learn.

### School Community Council

Chair/Parent: Jennye Harding  
 Vice-Chair/Teacher: Cathy Michaels

School Members:  
 Kim Jones                      Principal

Community Members:  
 DeLinda Abbott              Parent  
 Stacie Carter                  Parent  
 Andrea Ferrell                Parent  
 Delayna Beck                 Parent  
 Krissy Shields                Parent

### Forbes PTA Executive Board

President                      Andrea Ferrell  
 Treasurer                    Christy Johnson  
 Secretary                    Brittany Tuckett  
 Faculty Rep.                Penni Glazier  
 Administrative VP         Kim Jones

### Forbes PTA Sponsored Programs

Patriot Reading  
 Red Ribbon and Safety Weeks  
 PTA Reflections Program  
 Birthday Table  
 Teacher and Staff Appreciation  
 Patriot Fridays



Forbes joins the Alpine School District in celebrating 100 years!  
 Forbes was the first school established in American Fork.  
 Here's a look back at some memorable Forbes buildings from the first Forbes school built in 1873 to our current building finished in 2003:

1873



2014

"Each individual can really make a difference by creating a positive culture. At Forbes everyone is valued. Our goal is to help each student learn at high levels and feel happy and successful."

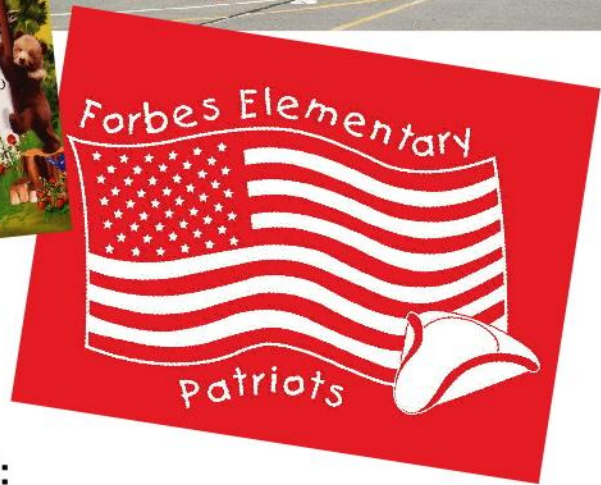
**Forbes Elementary...**  
**..... a school to be proud of!**



# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Forbes teachers believe that learning is enhanced by additional opportunities. Many of our teachers work with students in activities that extend learning outside of the traditional classroom. Here are just a few of the opportunities for students at Forbes:

- \* Research Challenge
- \* Forbes Festival Singers
- \* School Play
- \* Student Leadership

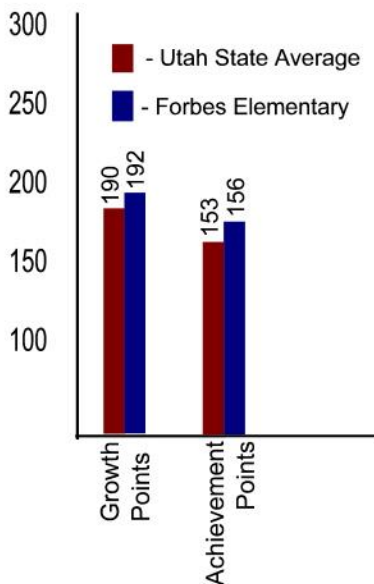


## School Improvement Goal for 2014-2015:

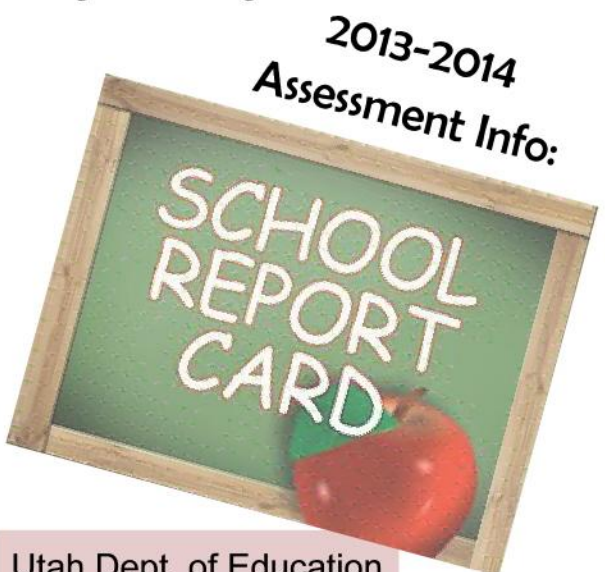
For the 2014-2015 school year all students at Forbes Elementary will demonstrate at least one year of growth. This will be shown through DRA (Direct Reading Assessment) scores and by students receiving a 45 or higher on their Student Growth Percentile (SGP).

## PACE (PREPARE, ACCESS, COMPLETE, ECONOMIC SUCCESS) REPORT CARD

### HOW DO WE SCORE?



**FORBES**  
 Growth Points  
 192 out of 300  
 Achievement Points  
 156 out of 300



2013-2014  
 Assessment Info:

Utah Dept. of Education  
 School Grading  
 Graded Score  
 348 out of 600  
 Grade Letter  
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