

Harvest Elementary Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *JAN 7-18 Online Scheduler for Parent/Teacher Conf
- *JAN 13 2nd Grade Donut Date
- *JAN 16 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- *FEB 7 Kindergarten Registration
- *FEB 7 PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in Media Center
- *FEB 7-10 Book Fair
- *FEB 9-10 Parent Teacher Conf
- *FEB 10 1st Grade Donut Date
- *FEB 13 Minimal Monday
- *FEB 15-17 6th Grade Clear Creek

Principal's News

Karl H. Bowman

Dear Parents,

Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. They will occur on February 9th and 10th. We hope you will make appointments online to visit with your child's teacher. The window for parents to access the Online Scheduler opens on January 7th and is open until January 18th. You can access the online scheduler by going to our website:

<http://harvest.alpineschools.org> then looking under the Parents/Students drop-down menu for the Online Scheduler.

You should also get a report card or a progress report close to or at your Parent-Teacher Conference. Sometimes your student doesn't do as well as we would all want them to do. A disappointing report card at mid-year is worrisome. It means your child might not be learning necessary skills. If you believe he or she can do better, you must take action.

Here is what experts suggest in order to react well to a poor report card:

- **Pinpoint the problem.** Has your child been absent too much to learn? Does he/she turn in homework on time? Does he/she have attention or behavior problems?

- **Talk with your child.** What is causing him/her to struggle in school? What would help him/her? It's okay if he/she isn't sure.

- **Share your expectations.** Explain that you take low grades seriously. Your child doesn't have to get all A's, but he/she does need to try hard and ask for help when he/she doesn't understand something.

A Message from the PTA

The PTA has formed its nominating committee for the 2012-2013 school year. If you are interested in being on the 2012-2013 PTA Board now is the time for nominations. Write your name or the name of the person you are nominating on a piece of paper with a brief letter of why you think this person would be a great addition to the PTA Board, place the nomination in a "sealed" envelope marked nomination, and turn it into the office to Mrs. Turner. You will then be contacted by our nominating committee.

If you are not interested in being on the

- **Contact the teacher.** How can you solve the problem together, especially now at Parent-Teacher Conferences?

- **Plan for Improvement.** Set a realistic goal in one or more areas (such as turning a C into a B- or doing homework at a regular time).

- **Praise your child's success.** Notice where he/she does well, including in extracurricular activities, and give frequent compliments.

It is my hope this conference time with teachers will be very productive for you and your student.

I want to give a quick reminder about our Rosetta Stone Program to make sure you know that all accounts are active. If you have not been able to access your account, please call the office and let us help you gain access and start your language learning experience.

We have been having success with our Double Dosing for students who have been invited to participate. I am concerned that some are refusing to send their students for the week to get additional instruction in very specific areas identified to help your student. If you receive an invitation to participate in the Double Dosing, please give permission for your child to attend. This is targeted instruction specifically diagnosed for your child to fill in gaps of learning so they can succeed.

Thanks for all the great things you do for your children to help them be the best they can be and for all you do for Harvest Elementary School. It is such a pleasure to be a part of this great place.

Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal.

Sincerely,

Lorri Moore
PTA President



SIPA News

Thank you to all the Spanish Immersion students and teachers for such a wonderful "La Posada" program. We have an awesome group of students as well as supportive parents in the Dual Immersion program.

As we begin this New Year, I look forward to preparing for "La Fiesta". There will be many volunteer opportunities coming as we prepare for it in May. I am grateful that we have such wonderful ways for our children to share their knowledge and showcase their talents as we look forward to the rest of the year

SIPA Events coming up.....

Costume planning for the Spring show "La Fiesta" has commenced! If you will be able to help cut, sew etc., please contact Danielle Cahoon or Cassie Gross

Questions or comments?

Please contact the SIPA President
Danielle Cahoon
cell 801.473.8250

email sdcahoon@hotmail.com

Many thanks for all your support of the Spanish Immersion Program at our great school!!!

Esquina de Español

Spanish Word of the Month:

frio = cold
(free - oh)



Connect with SIPA on Facebook:

If you want to keep updated and connect with other SIPA families, log into Facebook and go to: Harvest SIPA <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarvestSIPA/>

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

ATTENTION PARENTS:

As mentioned in both the Wednesday E-Communication E mail you received this Wednesday and the Principal's message, we are having our Parent Teacher conferences coming up in February.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE DATE!!! FEBRUARY 9TH AND 10TH 4:00-8:00

It is very important that you sign up for your time through the Online Scheduler during the open window (January 7th - 18th)

You should have received a letter this week from your teacher explaining how to schedule your appointment. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the office. If you do not schedule your time during the open window (JAN 7th - 18th) then you will need to contact the teacher directly. It is much more convenient to use the online scheduler. If you do not have access to a computer at home the office will make one available to you. The office hours are 8:00-4:00.



Mission: Planting Knowledge for Life's Harvest.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

If you have a child starting Kindergarten this fall, registration at Harvest Elementary will be held in the gym on Tuesday, February 7th as follows:

Last Name A-D 9:30 -- 10:30am
Last Name E-J 10:45am -- 11:45am
Last Name K-R 1:00pm -- 2:00pm
Last Name S-Z 2:15pm -- 3:15pm

REGISTRATION: To register a child for Kindergarten, your child must be 5 on or before Sept 1, 2012. If you would like to get a head start on filling out the paperwork at home, you may pick up a packet at the office on Feb 2nd or 3rd between 8:00 - 3:30. Please return the packet during registration on February 7th.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE/IMMUNIZATIONS: For those students attending Harvest next year, your child will be assigned a teacher and track and posted in August along with grades 1-6 if your registration packet is complete. "COMPLETE" packet means that all paperwork must be finished including a copy of the official birth certificate (no cards accepted), immunization records (or exemption form), and proof of residency. Please have the pink immunization form filled out. We need both the pink card and the copy of the immunization form. Also the guardianship status form needs to be complete along with required documentation if applicable. A copy of the birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency and court documentation may be made at the school on the day of registration.

Most children are in need of additional immunizations. These immunizations may be completed during the summer and an updated immunization record must be submitted to the office by August 1st. All shots required by Utah State Law must be completed before a child attends school.

SCHEDULE:

MONDAY EARLY OUT:

TRACK A-AM 8:00 - 10:20	TRACK B-AM 9:15 - 11:40	TRACK A-PM 11:00 - 1:25	TRACK B-PM 12:15 - 2:40
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TUESDAY - FRIDAY:

8:00 - 10:45	9:15 - 12:00	11:30 - 2:15	12:45 - 3:30
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PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT PRE-KINDERGRATEN REGISTRATION DAY!

The number of Kindergarten teachers is based on actual Kindergarten enrollment. If people are slow to register, teacher presently at Harvest Elementary could be transferred to other schools even if a replacement teacher needs to be hired.

We appreciate the time you spend with us on registration day and will expedite the process as much as possible. See you February 7th!

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvements of parents.”

Jane D. Hull



Getting to know the 2nd grade teachers!!!

Miss Tennant, Mrs. McPherson, Sra. Duran, Miss Lesli (Miss Maurin; not pictured), Mrs. Richards.

WOW what a sensational second grade team we have!!!

We would first like to introduce to you Miss Tennant. Miss Tennant has been teaching exactly 14 weeks (as of December 16th). She loves reading/researching areas of interest (especially other cultures), doing art projects, or cooking with friends. Her favorite dinner is any dinner that includes great conversation, but preferably one with little or no msg in it. If she could travel anywhere it would be to Ireland-Drogheda to be exact. She loves to teach Social Studies because she loves history and culture. Chocolate, ICE CREAM and sleep seem to be the cure after a long day. Her favorite book after the Bible, is hard to say because she loves so many books for so many different reasons. They are her good friends. If she had to narrow it down she would mention the Chronicles of Narnia and Tale of Despereaux. One time while playing football with some friends (even though she claims to be horrible at anything athletic) they decided to have her catch the winning pass because no one would suspect it. She was to act distracted to not raise suspicion. Well, when the critical moment came, she really was distracted and missed the whole play completely!!! No one has tried to involve her in their winning strategy since. ☺ Her advice to your second graders is to help each other make wise choices.

Mrs. McPherson has been with us since the beginning here at Harvest. She is now the English teacher for the 2nd grade Spanish Immersion program. She has been teaching a total of 13 years. She likes doing pretty much anything, as long as she is with her family. She likes to eat anything grilled for dinner (except fish) and she loves potatoes. Her favorite subject to teach is Math. If she could go anywhere she would love to go to Scotland and other European countries. To relax after a long day she loves to spend time with her kids and just enjoy them. She also loves to indulge in chocolate. Her favorite book to read is the Harry Potter Series! She didn't share any funny stories but her students think that she can be a pretty fun teacher. Her advice to them is start good habits now - it will only make life easier later.

Sra. Duran is our Spanish Immersion Teacher in second grade. She has been teaching for 10+ years. She loves things like shopping, learning about decorating, walking, cooking, and reading. She loves the Harry Potter series and any books from authors Jules Verne and Carlos Ruiz Zafón. After a long day she loves to come home and watch a movie, read a magazine, or a book while snacking on chocolate or pistachios. Her favorite subject to teach is math, and

for dinner she loves Italian food, sushi and cheese (although maybe not together. ☺) If she could travel anywhere she would go to Halong Bay in Vietnam or to Cambodia. One year when she was teaching she spent time teaching the children about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims. She talked about so many different aspects of that time and those people. After it was all said and done she asked the students what part they remembered the most. Unanimously they said that they remembered the part where the pilgrims would use leaves for toilet paper to wipe themselves. Really? ☺ Another very special thing about her is that just recently, this fall, was sworn in to be a US citizen. Congratulations Sra. Duran! What an incredible moment for you. What she would like all of your second graders to remember is to always do your best and read the question at least 3 times!

"Miss Lesli" Spafford is our long term substitute helping out Miss Maurin's classroom. We are so grateful to her for her dedication to helping these students succeed despite the fact that their teacher cannot be there to teach them. She doesn't have her teaching degree but has been working in and out of schools since 1979 and

has done many substituting jobs, for a total of 33 years! She also owned a preschool called, "Little Folk's Preschool in the 80's. She has been with us in Miss Maurin's class since September. After a long day she likes to go home, and watch reality TV while she works on her computer and snacks on her husband's homemade Almond Joy ice cream. Her favorite activity is doing just about anything with her family...especially her grandkids. Her favorite subject to teach is reading. She believes if you can read, you can get a book that will teach you just about anything. Her favorite book is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. If she could travel anywhere this summer she would go to Seattle to visit her sister, Melissa whom she has never met. Something interesting about Miss Lesli is that when she was six she almost died from a disease that she caught through seagull poop, when she lived on Newport Beach. Her favorite dinner is....dessert! ☺ She would tell your second graders to be friendly. Everyone loves hearing their own name when talking to them, and everyone needs a friend! We sure appreciate Miss Lesli!!!

Miss Maurin has been teaching at Harvest for 5 years! She likes to read, spend time with her family, cook, shop, and be creative. Her favorite dinner is Thanksgiving dinner, but she also likes cereal. ☺ She LOVES to teach reading comprehension. Her favorite book is The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein. She loves reading that book to her students. She always has to prepare herself so she doesn't cry through most of the book. She also enjoys hanging out at home in her pajamas while snacking on chewy candy. If she could travel anywhere she would go to Greece. Also, someday she would like to go to Italy to find and meet some of her family members. When she was 4 years old, her sister was born and she didn't like her one bit. She decided she would rather live at Grandma's house, which was 2 miles away. She got about halfway there when her friends mom found her on Lehi Main Street. She never got to live with her Grandma. ☺ She would tell your second graders to learn to love learning. Find what you love and go for it!

Mrs. Richards has been teaching for a total of 33 years! 12 years in a public school, 18 years in a pre-school and she also taught 3 years of college. Her favorite subject to teach is Social Studies - cultures if the world and poetry. If she could travel anywhere she would want to go back to Germany. She would also like to see Israel. Her favorite dinner is Steak and Shrimp. After a long day she likes to have her feet rubbed - as soon as her feet don't hurt she goes to sleep. Her favorite activity outside of teaching is the theatre. She LOVES, LOVES, LOVES, (did I mention she LOVES) theatre, acting, directing, stage crew, the works. As she puts it...bring it on! Her favorite book is A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens. She also enjoys snacking on Mountain Dew and Chocolate. One time when she went camping and had matches in her pocket with her cell phone. The phone rang and generated enough electricity to start the matches (and her pocket) on fire! Talk about "Hot pants!" ☺ The advice she would give your second graders is to always do your best - the more effort you put forth the more you will learn.

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Our website is up and running and looking so fabulous! Please make sure you go there to get information on the happenings at the school. It will be our main source of communication with you along with emails.

If you have anything that you would like to include something in the newsletter please have it to Kristen Turner by no later than the 20th of each month.

Her email address is: kturner@alpinedistrict.org

FOR LUNCH MENU: You should have received a color coded lunch menu last month. That will provide the lunch information for the rest of the year. If you did not receive one you may obtain one in the main office, or access the same one on our website in the Parents/Students section.

More Information to come in the following months:

Book Fair

Spanish Immersion Registration Deadlines

6th grade Clear Creek

4th grade Mountain Man Rendezvous

Also please check your e mails regularly on Wednesday's for the E-Communication Emails to keep up on the happenings here at Harvest!