

# Legacy Elementary Newsletter



*Everybody Learns Every Day*



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## Message from Our Principal

A Pretty Great School



Legacy Elementary has received results of statewide testing, and we are pleased to report excellent results for our school. 91% of students, grades 3-6, demonstrated proficiency in language arts. 90% of students demonstrated proficiency in Mathematics. More importantly, this represents improvement in both of these areas and meets a school wide goal set last year. Legacy made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based on criteria established by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. You can view state accountability reports online at <http://www.schools.utah.gov/data/Educational-Data/Accountability-Reports.aspx>.

During 2010-2011 Legacy Elementary continued its focus on improving student writing. This spring 98% of 5th grade students passed the Statewide Persuasive Writing Assessment! 94% of our students school wide met benchmarks established for writing at our school.

School Land Trust Funds were used to focus on language arts, specifically writing. These funds were used to purchase technology for classrooms, software for writing, and to provide time for teachers to administer reading assessments. Funds were also used to provide aide time to assist students in language arts. This year's grant will again be used to increase student achievement in writing and in reading.

Great teachers, supportive parents, and diligent students make this progress possible. We are working to continue to improve student achievement and hope

your children will benefit from two interventions taking place this year. "Den Time" will occur each week for thirty minutes with students in grades 1-6. During Den Time students will receive additional instruction for improvement or for enrichment in specific areas of the curriculum. These objectives are identified by teacher teams during Monday collaboration meetings. Every student participates in Den Time as part of his or her school day. In addition, some students will be invited to participate in Legacy's "Booster Club." This before and after school program will target specific areas of language arts and math. It will include only a few students at a time and is focused on providing additional support for learning.

## Message from the PTA President

Parents, Teachers and Students,

It is so exciting to be back at school. This is one of my favorite times of year. I love the excitement of kids meeting their new teachers and teachers meeting their new students. The PTA has worked really hard through the summer in going over parent surveys and planning and preparing for this upcoming year. We really want this to be a great year for everyone. Many people wonder what PTA does or why they should join PTA. PTA is an organization that is sometimes misunderstood. Many people feel that if they join the PTA they are required to volunteer or be on the board. This is not the case. Joining the PTA helps give money to run programs and gives you a voice in the education of your children and the choices PTA is making. We thank those of you who have already joined PTA and have helped us out on a local level. It is going to really help us run many of our programs this year. It is very important to me that each of you have a voice in what is going on at the school this year. I am going to set up an opinion box that will be in the office near the volunteer sign-up sheet. If you have a question or idea or anything you would like to share with the PTA please feel free to drop it in this box. I will be checking the box on a weekly basis. Another place to give us your thoughts and opinions are through our email [legacyppta@gmail.com](mailto:legacyppta@gmail.com) and our blog [legacyppta.blogspot.com](http://legacyppta.blogspot.com).

## PTA President Message Continued:

One of my main goals this year is making sure that every parent has a voice for their child this year. If you have something to share please do so through one of these resources. Another main goal is to make sure we are communicating with you so you always know what is going on. We hope to do this through letters home, the blog and the newsletter. I know we can make this a great year.

Carrie Marrott

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 15 Kindergarten Literacy Night
- 16 PTA Walk-a-thon Fundraiser
- 26 Minimal Monday
- 28 School Pictures

### October

- 5-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12-13 Pumpkin Walk
- 20-21 Fall Break

## REFLECTIONS 2011

This years theme is



Entries are Due Tuesday, October 25th

For information or questions please email [legacypta@gmail.com](mailto:legacypta@gmail.com)

Parent Teacher Conferences, October 5-6

Sign up online for Parent Teacher Conferences appointments. The online scheduler will be available September 17-28. After that appointments will be scheduled for you. You can access the online scheduler at <http://legacy.alpinedistrict.org>.

## PTA Walk-A-Thon

The Walk-A-Thon will be Friday, September 16th. All donation envelopes are due Wednesday, September 14th. Our goal is to raise 10,000!!! The kids are already working hard and we have already gotten donation envelopes from the kids who are collecting their quarters and dimes. Thanks so much!

### Walk-A-Thon Schedule

8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

9:35-10:35 a.m.

2:20-3:20 p.m.

A.M. 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th

K, 1st, 2nd

PM K, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th



## Family Skate Night



Please join us at the Orem Classics Skate and Fun Center to help celebrate the completion of our PTA Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser. Monday, September 19th from 5:30-8:30p.m. Look for a flyer to come home with more information.



Welcome back to the Legacy Cafeteria 2011-2012!

We are very excited to start a new year with you again. Nutrition Services has been very busy to help provide nutritious meals for each of your students. We are concerned for those students with special needs which include allergies to milk, peanuts, shellfish, fish, wheat and other circumstances. Please feel free to come in anytime. We will try to be accommodating to your situations. Thanks for your patience.

We have a few changes this year which will be very helpful to all students and parents:

- A) Parents are still able to access their student's meal balances by registering with [MealPayPlus.com](http://MealPayPlus.com)
- B) Nutrition Services will make every effort to notify parents when their student is out of money.
  - a. We will notify students the day before their account is in deficit. They will be receiving a deficit meal the next day for lunch if a payment is not received.
  - b. We will stamp the student's hand when they are out of money.
  - c. We will send home a weekly deficit letter for the parent.
- C) Elementary students with charges over \$6.00 will be offered a deficit breakfast for a charge of 40 cents and a deficit lunch for 75 cents.
  - a. Deficit breakfast-----white or chocolate milk and graham crackers 40 cents.
  - b. Deficit lunch---white or chocolate milk and grilled cheese sandwich 75 cents.
- D) Free and reduced meal benefit applications are available at the school office at any time.
  - a. Applications for free and reduced meals are made yearly. If you have not done so, please do this immediately. It takes 10 days to receive notification.
- E) The cost of a carton of milk has increased to 30 cents from 25 cents. Please make sure your student brings enough change or you can put money into his or her account and it can be taken out each day they want milk with a sack lunch.
- F) The cost of a preschool meal has increased to \$2.50.
- G) Parents, grandparents and special friends are encouraged to come and eat lunch with their student at a cost \$2.50. Our special days are Thanksgiving and Christmas but you are welcome anytime.
- H) As they come through the lunch line each day, we would encourage your 1st grader to practice saying their last name first.
- I) Fuel Up To Play 60** is our new activity which we encourage all our students to participate. Our goal is to help the students increase access to and consumption of affordable and appealing fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean meats in and out of school. Stimulate students to be more physical active for 60 minutes every day in and out of school. Educate and motivate students to eat the recommended daily servings of nutrient rich foods and beverages. Empower students to take action at their school and at home to develop their own pathways to better fitness and nutrition for life.

There is a program at [fueluptoplay60.com](http://fueluptoplay60.com) where your student can go and track their activity and food consumption each day. Here at the Legacy kitchen we will reward students who participate in this each month with prizes for their good work.

We look forward to seeing you this year and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Vickie Caldwell Cafeteria Manager

## Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

**Student Arrival:** Thank you for helping your student arrive safely and on time. Please be sure students are always dropped off at the curb. A quick goodbye and drop-off will help us to avoid congestion and is appreciated. Parents of preschoolers may briefly stop and exit their car to sign in students. Students should always use the crosswalk.

**Caution Drivers:** Traffic on the road in front of our school increases at drop-off and pick-up times. Ironically, some traffic dangers are created by patrons dropping their own children off at Legacy and at the junior high. Please drive slowly and avoid distractions. Stopping along red curbs is not allowed. U-turns in front of the school are prohibited.

### Alpine School District Bond Election

The Alpine School District Board of Education has approved a bond election on the November 8 ballot. An informational meeting is scheduled at Legacy Elementary on Thursday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m. in Legacy's Media Center. PTA Board members and School Community Council representatives should plan to attend. The public is also invited. A school board member and district administrator will present information and address questions from patrons. You can also access information about the bond at <http://alpineschools.org>. Please be sure your voter registration is current so you can participate in the bond election.

### Thank you to Kohl's

A big thank you to Kohl's Department Store. Last spring Kohl's employees volunteered at our 6th grade graduation party. As part of the same event, Kohl's donated \$500 to our school. These funds were used to help pay for Literacy materials at Legacy. Thank you Kohl's!

The PTA has a new website. [legacypta.blogspot.com](http://legacypta.blogspot.com). Remember you can view the newsletter and other PTA and school information at this website. You can also get a paper copy of the newsletter as you come into the school by the PTA bulletin board.