

Legacy Elementary Newsletter



Everybody Learns Every Day



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Message from Our Principal



Children who attend Legacy Elementary are taught using a consistent set of curriculum objectives called the Utah State Core Curriculum. These learning targets are established by the state. Within our school each grade level uses the Core to construct a curriculum map that outlines their instruction annually. Each spring students in 3-6th grade are assessed by the state to measure their performance in comparison to the Core Curriculum.

New Core Standards in 6th grade math and K-5 language arts will direct instruction for Legacy Students beginning Fall 2012. These new Core Standards have been adopted by the state of Utah and by the Alpine School District Board of Education. The Common Core State Standards result from a voluntary, state-led effort to establish a shared set of clear educational standards for Language Arts and Math. 45 states have adopted these same common standards.

The new standards provide increased rigor for students, emphasize critical thinking and problem solving, and prepare students to compete for college and careers. Legacy held a community meeting on March 20 to explain the new standards, answer questions, and to review materials. If you were unable to attend the meeting or have questions you can learn more at <http://alpinesthools.org/parents-students/new-utah-core>. This summer all teachers will receive training to implement the new Utah Core Curriculum. We are looking forward to these new learning targets and will continue to emphasize our mission, Everybody Learns Every Day.

In conjunction with new Core Curriculum in 6th grade math, Legacy has selected new instructional materials for mathematics. These materials are for 6th grade math only. A committee of parents, teachers, and the principal reviewed two math programs approved by Alpine School District. Materials were also available for any patron to review for several days in March. Beginning next year, 6th graders will use Go Math! from Houghton Mifflin. Patrons can still review these materials at the school if they are interested.

Message from our PTA President

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

The days are getting longer, the weather has been nice and warm. The kids all have spring fever and we love to be outside. We have just about 5 weeks of school left and another school year will be over. It has been such a wonderful year serving the students and teachers of Legacy Elementary. This next week we have Teacher Appreciation Week. We have thought long and hard how to best show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate all that they do.

Remember that your child's classroom teacher is a very important person that will have lasting impact on them. We can all think back to a teacher that changed something in our lives. I remember many great teachers. My second grade teacher taught me to not fear school if things that were hard. She would be there to help me figure it out. My fifth grade teacher instilled in me a love of reading and writing. There are so many others that taught me great things, and I remember each of them with great fondness. I hope you will show appreciation this next week for your child's teacher and all that they inspire our children to do.

Carrie Marrott



Calendar of Events

April

23-May 25 Utah Core Testing Window

30-May 4 Teacher Appreciation Week



Teacher Birthdays

Be Sure To Wish Your Teacher a Happy Birthday This Month

Ann McAllister

April 3rd

Kathleen Hinckley

April 5th

Tori Hunter

April 30th



Don't
forget!

Reminder

Start Time Request Forms and letters regarding student placement for 2012-13 must be received in the office by Wednesday, April 25.

Kindergarteners Needed!

Please talk to your friends and neighbors with children who will be kindergarten age for 2012-13. We are trying to register all of our potential kindergarten students now. This allows us to plan for kindergarten sessions in the fall and dictates the number of teachers we will have available. Please don't delay your kindergarten registration.

Congratulations!

The American Fork Council PTA recognized three individuals from Legacy Elementary at a luncheon April 4th. Congratulations each one for their great work at Legacy!

Outstanding Teacher: Marianne Lunt

Outstanding Student: Anja Wright

Outstanding Volunteer: Alisha Harris



School Land Trust 2012-13

The Community Council has approved Legacy's School Land Trust Grant proposal for 2012-13. The grant, in conjunction with a separate grant from Alpine School District will fund continuation of our "Booster Club" next year. This before and after school instruction for invited students has been very successful accelerating student progress and helping children in all grades to receive needed interventions in math and language arts. We look forward to continuing the program next year as part of our school plan.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week will be next week. Please look for information to come home this week from your child's classroom. We will be doing the same thing in each classroom for each teacher throughout the week. Here is a brief description of what we are planning to do. Any questions please contact Brenda Black- black4mom@msh.com or Lindsay Jones- jones_ryan@comcast.net

Monday- Room moms will come into the classroom and help the kids with a note for their teacher.

Tuesday- Please bring in a real flower, or a flower that is made at home from things around your home. You may also bring a candy bar.

Wednesday- Wear their teacher's favorite color.

Thursday- Room mother can choose an activity to do or have the teacher pick a favorite activity/game to do with the class.

Friday- Service- please think of a service the students can do for the teacher. Some ideas were: cleaning their desks or some other part of the classroom, organizing, etc