

EAGLE FEATHERS

PTA Newsletter for Aspen Elementary School (www.aspen.alpineschools.org) January 2015

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to 2015!

It is an absolute pleasure being a part of this wonderful community. We are continuing to

“Make a World of Difference” at Aspen Elementary.

As we enter a new year we all tend to make goals for the year. Our goal at Aspen Elementary is to continue on with the Excellence in Education that we have provided this community for over 30 years. We can do this because of our wonderful teachers, great staff, and awesome/ supportive community. I want to thank our PTA and SCC for their support in everything we do. Let' make 2015 the best year yet at Aspen Elementary.

Some things to remember...

The weather is getting colder. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Also, we will be in need of some host families for visitors (students, teachers, and parents) from Taiwan in February. This will be similar to the opportunity we had a few years ago. We will be organizing this through our PTA. Please contact Ruth Young or Molly Zamboni. We will need 4 host families (at least – we may want to share between families) from February 1st until February 13th. There will be more information coming in regards to their visit and the activities that will be associated with their visit.

Mr. Davies

Principal – Aspen Elementary



Happy New Year

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 5 - School resumes
- 9 - PTA meeting - 9:30
- 9 - 4th Grade Field trip
- 14 - NOVA graduation - 1:00
- 17 - 28th - Portal for Parent conference sign up
- 19 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 22 - 6th Grade Field trip
- 26 - Monday morning assembly - Miss Utah
- 28 - Chinese Immersion Parent night - 6:00 - 7:00
- 29 - Science Fair
- 30 - 3rd Grade Donut Date - 9:25
- 30 - Spirit Day

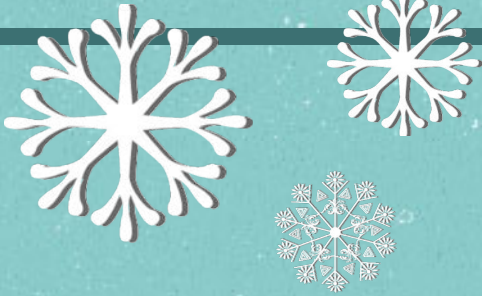
PTA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year!

We have had such a great December and first half of the school year! The students had a blast writing Christmas Grams to friends and teachers. There has been so much fun, these past few months have flown by so quickly. We are looking forward to the next half of the year with enthusiasm and excitement! We have our PTA meeting this Friday, January 9 at 9:30 for anyone to come. In February we are planning to host students from Taiwan and have a Chinese New Year Celebration. If anyone is interested in helping, they can contact either one of us.

May you each have a marvelous New Year!
Ruth Young and Molly Zamboni
Co-PTA Presidents
<http://aspeneaglespta.org/>

Strengthening Families Program



YEARBOOKS

ARE \$15.00

UNTIL

FEBRUARY!

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THE OFFICE!



Thank you to the parents that volunteered and helped prepare meals for The Strengthening Families Program this Semester. Their service was greatly appreciated and helped many families in our community.

The Strengthening Families Program is a nationally and internationally recognized parenting and family strengthening program. It offers training on a personal level with individual classes for parents, teens, and children. These classes are followed by family classes that allow participants to learn additional information and, as a family, practice the skills learned in the individual classes. This program has proven to be effective in reducing risk factors for behavioral, emotional, academic and social problems in youth while improving parenting skills and family relationships. Check out the website at www.StrengtheningFamilies.weebly.com

Local PTA's have been asked to find volunteers to cook dinners and deliver them to different High Schools in the Alpine School District. Aspen Elementary PTA is responsible to cook and deliver meals 2 times per semester to Timpanogas High School. Thank you to the parents that volunteered their time to help with the meal last month. It was very much appreciated!

We have a meal coming up on **Thursday February 5.**

We will need 5 volunteers for this date to help prepare portions of the meal and deliver it between 5:00 pm and 5:20 pm to Timpanogas High. I will deliver everything to each volunteer that you will need to prepare your assigned part of the meal including containers and roaster pans if needed to put the food in. I will bring the tote with all the food and items to your home on the Monday or Tuesday prior to those dates. Each meal will supply a dinner, vegetable/fruit and a dessert, 2 volunteers will prepare the main meal, 2 volunteers will prepare the dessert and 1 volunteer will prepare the vegetable/fruit per night.

Please contact Lara Rogers if you are interested in helping make a difference for families around our community or have any questions regarding this opportunity to volunteer.

Email address lararogers4@yahoo.com
Cell phone [801-361-5007](tel:801-361-5007) text or call

ROAD TO SUCCESS

Aspen readers have been off to a great start to the New Year at 66% of our reading goal! I know there are a lot of minutes still needing to be put in over the winter break, so please take a minute and enter those. Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Mortensen classes are rocking the totals with their reading minutes. Way to go!! Just a reminder every 2nd Friday we have pink ticket lunch hour. Kids that read 10 days in two weeks earn a pink ticket to exchange for prizes or put into a drawing that is given away to some lucky students. Its so fun seeing our great readers each month. Ask your kids how they are doing and see if you can help.

We are still patiently waiting for the spinning wheel to have our first bike drawing. Last month we awarded the top readers in the classes a prize and a big thanks. For our end of year reading goal party we are hosting a "Chalk it up for Reading." This will be so fun for Aspen with lots of talent and fun activities to do. If you have any sidewalk chalk to donate would be great and appreciated! So keep up the great work, jump in and help if you can. Remember to keep reading and record those minutes.

Thanks
Jen and Christine



DONUT DATE

Our **3rd grade** DONUT DATE is January 30th from 9:25-9:55 a.m.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a Donut Date? A Donut Date is an informal gathering where a parent or other adult comes to the school to READ with the student on their special day. A donut will be available for both students and adults to partake of during the "date".

Why do a Donut Date? This gives the parents or other adults the opportunity to come to the school and be involved in the child's education. Plus, there are all of those wonderful yummy donuts.

Who can come to the Donut Date? Any adult that has an interest in the education of their student may come to the Donut Date (ex. Father, Mother, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Neighbors or Special Friends). Each month a different grade will be invited to participate in the "Date".

Where is the Donut date? Due to the potential messy combination of students and donuts, the Donut Date will be held in the lunchroom. Adults will go directly to the lunchroom where they will meet their students.



**DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR
BOXTOPS WITH YOUR STUDENT!!**

