

Mt. Mahogany News for Rams & Ewes

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Principal's Message

December 05, 2011

Parents,

Our school is participating in a student remedial program known as "Double Dosing." This program focuses on re-teaching reading, writing, and math strategies for struggling students in grades 1 – 6. Students targeted for this program are those who are just below grade level and our goal is to provide assistance for these students before they fall to far behind.

Under the direction of grade level coordinators, para professionals work with groups of students from each grade three times a week. The program is fluid and a student's participation time is based on his/her improvement. Student's attendance, behavior, and progress are monitored on a daily basis.

During teacher collaboration time on Monday six to eight students from each grade level are identified by teachers that could benefit from this program. Teachers then discuss strategies and ideas for both pre-teaching and re-teaching and then provide the necessary materials for para professionals to use with these students. In the few months that we have been implementing this program we have seen great progress with our students.

I would also to inform you that Mount Mahogany again made AYP status for this school year based under guidelines of NCLB.

I hope each of you have an enjoyable holiday season.

Mr. Westover

Alpine School District Acceptable Use (AUP) Policy

Parents,

If you recall we sent information home earlier in the year regarding the district's Acceptable Use Policy. This policy refers to proper Internet usage at school. In the past the permission form was filled out. However, beginning this year, it needs to be done on line. The decision has been made by the district to re open the AUP through SKYWARD. The deadline to have this is now December 16.

To access this policy parents should long on SKYWARD through the parent portal. (You will need to use your parent login and password and not the students login and password). Step by step directions for doing this are attached. Also, parents will not need to re approve a student until they enter junior high, and then again when they enter high school.

Because we can't provide confidential information over the phone you need to come to the school for assistance.



December/January Calendar

December Calendar

Report Cards Sent Home	December 2
5 th Grade Christmas Store	December 5 th -6 th
School Chorus Holiday Program	December 8
First Grade Program	December 13
School Chorus Performs at University Mall	December 14
Last Day of School	December 16

January Calendar

School Resumes	January 3
No School	January 16
SOM Assembly	January 23
Parent/Teacher Conferences	January 25 th -26 th
Fourth - Sixth School Spelling Bee	January 27
Sixth Grade Science Fair	January 30

5th grade News

A big THANK YOU to those who have helped in so many ways to make our Christmas Store a huge success. First, to our wonderful parents and students that spent countless hours in preparing the merchandise for this exciting event. Next, to our Mt. Mahogany classmates and faculty who supported us by visiting our store. We are also grateful for all the extra help we received from our fantastic aides. We appreciate everyone who was involved in helping our students experience this real world economic life lesson.

This month the students are assigned to share a Christmas picture book with a second grade student on December 13th. Please help your child find a fun Christmas picture book to practice reading at home. A note will be coming home about this assignment. Just for your information, we will be going to the Space Center at Central Elementary on February 1st and 2nd. Look for a note to be sent home in January for further information.

4th grade news

Happy Holidays from the fourth grade. We continue working on times tables and it is becoming more important to know them as we study division, and later advanced multiplication and fractions. Parents, please help your student review them often at home.

We have been studying mountain men and we are now learning about Utah pioneers. With the beginning of a new term, we would like to encourage students to read regularly at home - even over the holidays.

A Word From our Student Council

Student Council would like to congratulate Mrs. Longnecker's class for winning the Canned Food Drive. They will receive their root beer float party soon for bringing 315 items to the food drive. Way to Go! We would also like to congratulate the school for a HUGE donation this year. Altogether, we donated 4,059 items to the Utah Valley Food Bank. They had to bring in 4 extra barrels that we filled and STILL had more food. Amazing Mt. Mahogany.

6th grade news

We have just finished learning all about Egypt, and are now on our way to Greece and Rome!

Anciently speaking, of course. We will be learning all about the gods and goddesses and how the ancient Greeks used them to explain things they didn't understand, such as seasons and death, as well as how the Romans stole their ideas from the Greeks.

On Nov. 22, the 6th graders took the school on a trip to Mars. Each 6th grade student, along with a group, built their idea of a livable colony on Mars, making sure to supply all 100 colonists with the 6 needs of all living things: living space, food, water, gas exchange, correct temperature, and a place to use energy. The students did a fantastic job!

Now we are learning all about space, including the seasons, moon, sun, our solar system, the galaxy, and the universe. Whew! Also, our Science Fair is coming soon, January 30, 2012. Be thinking of a project!

Thank you for sharing your awesome 6th graders with us. It's shaping up to be a great year!

Music Notes

The Mount Mahogany Elementary Chorus will be having their annual Christmas Program on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 pm in the school's gym. This is a great way to kick off your Holiday Season! There will also be two performances at the University Mall in Orem on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The students have worked hard and are excited to share their Holiday Spirit!

*After the December 14th, performances, the Chorus will take a break. Rehearsals for the Spring Program will begin on January 18th.

3rd grade news

Ask your students in third grade about George, the 245 pound dog or the goats who climb trees in Morocco. These are just two of the interesting articles we have read from our Scholastic News. In addition to that wonderful weekly newspaper, the students have been reading and studying different kinds of interesting non-fiction articles.

We just finished an in depth subtraction unit and began a favorite topic on data, time, and graphs. January brings us "Multiplication in a Week!" This topic will have the students doing reading, spelling, language, art, music, and P.E. as an integrated math extravaganza!

December is always an academic-activity based month as we study story summaries, cultural awareness, and cursive writing! Third graders are so fun to teach!!

Kindergarten News

We are anticipating a lot of fun this month, while at the same time, working hard and doing our best. This month, Kindergarten will be exploring other cultures with our Christmas Around the World Activity, enjoying Polar Express Day, the Christmas Sing, etc. We also are continuing our adventures learning the numbers 1-20, CVC words, spelling strategies, journal writing, and money. We would like to thank the parents who have been such a huge help in our classrooms this year and look forward to a continuation in that tradition!



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

2nd grade news

The 2nd Grade is really looking forward to December. We will stay busy with learning about Christmas Around the World. We will be "visiting" countries such as Germany, Holland, Italy, France, England, Sweden and Mexico. We will also be talking about Hanukkah and Kwanza. We will start the adventure with sharing our own traditions that we celebrate in the USA. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to share any information that you have experienced in any of the above listed countries or celebrations. We will also be working hard on reading and math, as we will have testing in January. Please support your child by reading at home and having them complete and return their homework.

1st grade news

The first grade would like to welcome everyone to Who-ville where we will be performing our program, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. There will be two performances on Tuesday, December 13 in the auditorium. Our first performance will be for the school at 9:45 a.m. and our second performance will be for parents and families at 7:00 p.m. For both performances, we would like the boys to wear plain white shirts (without graphics) with dark pants (Levis are OK). The girls also should wear white tops with dark colored pants or skirts. If you want your child to wear a more casual outfit for the day performance and a dressier outfit for the night performance, that would be OK, but not necessary.

Class Christmas parties will be on Thursday, December 15 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thanks to our wonderful room moms who are planning these parties. We appreciate everything you do to help in our classrooms.

The winter DRA testing is coming up in January. We encourage you to read every day with your child over the long holiday break. Have a great, safe holiday season!

September Student of the Month Recognition

The Following students were recognized during the October 10th Student of the Month Assembly:

Gabe Robertson	Smith, L AK	K	Savannah Wendelboe	Woolf	2
Dylan Orr	Bunting AM	K	Larson Furniss	Dobson	3
Emma Hasson	Naylor PM	K	Kylie Bahr	Rutland	3
Alice Livingston	Christensen AM	K	Faith Bair	Van Wagenen	3
McKenzie Cook	Christensen PM	K	Liberty Ewell	Van Zant	3
Max Seal	Spaulding AM	K	Kylie Johnson	Bean	4
Lillyana Garcia	Spaulding PM	K	Breanne Harris	Briggs	4
Caleb Price	Christiansen	1	Kaori McKinnon	Hillman	4
Emmi Carson	Glass	1	Ammon Swenson	Martin	4
Camille Ferguson	Longnecker	1	Alexcia Robbins	Crowton	5
Sofia Gray	Nielsen	1	Sadie Beck	Dominguez	5
Anders Furniss	Pack	1	Azlynn Spencer	Lindley	5
Kelly Stevenson	Smith, V	1	Senisa Zambrano	Miner	6
Brock Eastwood	Leavitt	2	Milagros Ponce	Anderson	6
Taynan Witehira	McClure	2	Alison Vanderwel	McAllister	6
Bailei Belnap	Olson	2	Brandon Ballantyne	Sumsion	6
Melanee Cowley	Valdez	2			



Congratulations !



October Student of the Month Recognition

The Following students were recognized during the November 21st Student of the Month Assembly:

Samantha Lee	Smith, L AK	K	Kyler Francom	Woolf	2
Katie Cleverley	Bunting AM	K	Hailey Larsen	Dobson	3
Chandler Falgoust	Naylor PM	K	Hannah Becht	Rutland	3
Olivia Charbonneau	Christensen AM	K	Savana Hirst	Van Wagenen	3
Tyra Smith	Christensen PM	K	Kathryn Cook	Van Zant	3
Elle Thomas	Spaulding AM	K	Luke Mitchell	Bean	4
Andrew Larsen	Spaulding PM	K	Austin Burch	Briggs	4
Bentley Garlick	Christiansen	1	Luisiana Martinez	Hillman	4
Casandra Calderon	Glass	1	Alyssa Padilla	Martin	4
Jonathan Dickey	Longnecker	1	Zachary May	Crowton	5
Gracie Hainer	Nielsen	1	Sergio Castillo	Dominguez	5
Ainsley Schultz	Pack	1	Wynn Fox	Lindley	5
Ryan Mitchell	Smith, V	1	Andrew Ashby	Miner	6
Bailey Clark	Leavitt	2	Kody Johnson	Anderson	6
Janika Burdette	McClure	2	Spencer Walker	McAllister	6
Conrad Gray	Olson	2	Shaylee Harris	Sumsion	6
Braxton Anderson	Valdez	2			

PTA Notes

UTAH PTA WILL HELP EVERY CHILD REALIZE HIS OR HER FULL POTENTIAL AND WILL ADVOCATE, INVOLVE, AND DEVELOP.

A note from our PTA President:

In our continuing "Quest for Success," we will be having a General Membership Meeting to vote in our 2012 Nominating Committee on Dec 8th at 6:30 pm; it will be in conjunction with the choir performance at 7:00pm. We encourage all PTA members to attend this meeting.

At this time we are also looking for nominees for our PTA Volunteer "Spirit of PTA Award" and nominations for our "Golden Apple Award" for both a volunteer and a teacher/educator. We would like to invite parents, students, and teachers to submit names of persons who they think have been outstanding. Nominations can be turned into the PTA box in the front office. Be sure to include both the nominee's and your name and phone number on the recommendations.

We would also like to announce that the ASD Bond passed general election. The anticipated increase for state dues also passed. Changes will take effect next school year.

Mount Mahogany Spelling Bee

Hey all you fourth, fifth and sixth graders, it's time to get excited about the Spelling Bee. Each class will have individual Spelling Bee's to determine which three from each class get to move on to the school Spelling Bee. The School's Bee will be January 27, 2012 in the lunchroom, all who want to come support the contestants are welcome. The winner from our school moves on to compete against the winners from all over Utah County. Watch for spelling lists soon and get ready for your class Bee.



MOUNT MAHOGANY'S NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Movie Night at the Water Gardens Cinema 6 will be Tuesday, February 7! This is one of our biggest fundraisers, so plan now to bring your family and friends. You get to enjoy a fun movie of your choice, and the proceeds go directly to our school!

A note from the Book Room

The book room will be conducting inventory in January (dates to be determined). New DRA levels will be applied when books are returned to students after inventory. At this time we encourage students to check for any misplaced book(s) that they may have at home. Please return any misplaced books to the book room as soon as possible, following inventory a \$5.00 replacement fee (per book) will be assessed to students with lost or misplaced books.

♪"Oh The Weather Outside is ..."♪

With colder weather approaching please remember to send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing (i.e., warm coats, gloves, hats, scarves, boots etc...) to accommodate any outdoor planned activities such as recess and PE.

Also, please remember to label all personal items coming into the school (coat, mittens, hat, etc...) for safe return in case an item is misplaced or lost.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This year we have made a goal to reach \$1,914 in Box Tops. So far we have met only 35% percent of our goal with \$671 earned. Help us meet our goal by turning in your Box Tops each week. Just cut out each box top and turn them in to your child's teacher to earn classroom rewards and incentives. You can also turn in your Box Tops while shopping at our local Lindon Walmart. Clip and deposit Box Tops in the giant Mount Mahogany "Cinnamon Toast Crunch" cereal box located at the front of the store by the "Market" entrance. Each Box Top submission helps to raise money for educational programs and activities at our school.

schoolcents

New to our school this year we are participating in the Maceys Pleasant Grove School Cents Program. Simply save your Pleasant Grove Maceys grocery receipts, make sure receipts are dated after May 1st 2011, cut off all payment information below the total sales price (including your gas rewards), put your child's name and teacher on the back of the receipt, and turn receipt into your child's teacher. The class with the most receipts will earn a monthly party thrown by Maceys. Maceys will also give the school back 1% of all total receipts that have been collected throughout the year up to \$500.00! The school with the most receipts will receive an extra \$100 incentive.

A **NEW** facebook page has been established for the 2011-2012 school year. (Please note that "Mount Mahogany PTA" is no longer active on facebook). To stay updated on upcoming school and PTA events "Like" us on Facebook at "Mt Mahogany PTA".