

CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Our Mission: To develop and enlighten the mind, encourage compassion and integrity and promote responsible citizenship.



Upcoming Events

December

- ▶ 1, PTA Meeting, 10am
- ▶ 5-16, Food Drive
- ▶ 7, Fundraiser Delivery
- ▶ 12, PTA Chick Fil-a Night, 5-8pm
- ▶ 20, PM Kinder. Christmas Sing
- ▶ 21, Christmas Sing for Parents
- ▶ 23-January 2, Christmas Break, **No School**

January

- ▶ 16, Martin Luther King Day, **No School**

Assistant Principal's Message

Did you know that students typically make the most academic growth during the months of January and February? That is why it is important for teachers to "jump right in" when students arrive back from winter break. Doing so allows them to maximize this window of optimal learning. There are several things you can do at home to help make sure your child is ready to pick up where they left off before the break. Reading, writing, and providing learning experiences during the break are great ways to be a collaborator in your child's educational experience.

Below is a compilation of activities you could do with your children over the holidays. These activities will keep your kids on track without them even knowing it.

Winter Break Reading Fun

Recipes: Have your child read a recipe to you. You can even have them prepare something for you from a recipe.

Read the Book: Many holiday movies are based on a book. Have your child read the book prior to watching the movie. If it is a difficult book for them, read it to them.

12 Nights of Holiday Favorites: Select 12 stories to read with your child during the second half of the month. Choose from family favorites, classic stories, or the newest books out there.

Books as Gifts: Giving a book as a gift is a great way to get kids excited about reading (it may not be the first thing they play with but eventually they will have time to read it). Also, if your child gives a book as a gift, have them read it first so they can talk about it with the receiver.

Winter Break Writing Fun

Journal: Have students write journal entries for each day of vacation.

Letters/Cards: A hand written letter or card is a great way for children to practice

their writing skills at home. Plus, the receiver will want to keep it forever!

Menu: Creating a holiday menu with descriptions of what is being prepared allows your child to be a part of meal preparation as well as practicing their writing skills.

Family Traditions: Encourage your child to become the family historian by documenting your traditions. They can create a book with all the treasured things you do.

Holiday Story: Help your child write their own original holiday story. Drawing and labeling is also a great way to let students share their story ideas. Children who are not writers can draw pictures and label them through sounding out.

Learning Experiences

Museum: Take some time during the break to visit a museum your child would be interested in.

Explore the outdoors: Explore the great outdoors taking time to discuss the various aspects of nature and science.

Local Events: There are many local events to participate in. Check your local news or newspaper to find out all of the fun happenings around town. There are many free musical concerts that allow your children to experience what they are learning about in music class.

I hope you have a great Christmas Break!

Alicia Poulton

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Assistant Principal

Stay Informed!

Check out the school's website:
cedarridge.alpineschools.org

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fundraiser Delivery

Please mark your calendars for December 7th. If your child turned in an order for cookie dough or other fundraiser products, they will be delivered and sent home on this day. If your child's order was large, a parent will need to come and pick up the order. The school cannot be held responsible for cookie dough that isn't picked up on time.

"One Can Make A Difference"

Please support our Student Council's annual food drive. A food drive is a great way to support this month's Character Development focus on Compassion. In Utah, 1 in 5 children don't have reliable access to food. Your donations will make a big difference and will be greatly appreciated!

Christmas Sing

Parents of students in Grades 1-6 and AM Kindergarten are invited to come hear our students sing holiday songs on December 21st. We will start at 9:30 and have a new grade level start every 10 minutes. This should give parents and students enough time to transition in and out of the gym. Please note this schedule:

9:30 - 6th Grade
9:40 - 2nd Grade
9:50 - 4th Grade
10:00 - 1st Grade
10:10 - 3rd Grade
10:20 - 5th Grade
10:30 - AM Kindergarten
(PM Kindergarten's Christmas Sing will be on Dec. 20th at 1:30pm)

Accelerated Learners

The online registration for Gifted Testing is now open. If you are considering having your child tested for placement in an accelerated program, please register today. There are programs for 3rd Grade at Highland Elementary School. We offer A.L.L. programs in Grades 4-6 here at Cedar Ridge. And, Mountain Ridge Jr. offers a program for 7th Graders. To register, go to <http://asd.alpineschools.org/departments/curriculum/gifted-services/> and click on "Testing Registration."

Cold Weather Reminders

Children are expected to dress appropriately for the weather. In cold weather, we would expect children to come to school in coats, hats, and gloves. When there is a slight drizzle, children would be expected to wear waterproof jackets or to use an umbrella. Students are welcome to choose to stay inside if they prefer, but we only keep the whole school inside if the temperature is below 21°F, or if it's excessively wet or windy.

PTA Writing Contest Winning Entries:

The Hero

By Bruna Ribeiro, 4th Grade

Once upon a time lived a girl named Cindy. Cindy was a big nerd at her school! You might think "Oh, she will probably get bullied." But no she went to this special school that only smart kids could go there. She loved that school so much cause she could be herself. Her life was perfect until one day her parents said "Cindy come here sweetly!"

"What dad?"

"Well, Cindy, so we have been thinking on switching you to a new school."

"WHAT! No no no please no!"

"Cinderella! Do not yell we are sorry but that is what's best for you."

"But MOM!"

"No buts, to your room!"

The next day Cindy woke up early to go to her new school. She got there and did math in a flash! She

did everything super quick cause she already learned those things. At lunch some girls came up to Cindy and said "Hey nerd!" HEY EVERYBODY LOOK A NEW NERD!"

"Thanks."

"What?"

"I said thanks. Nerd means super smart, so thanks."

"Ugh!"

Ever since that when Cindy saw those girls bothering other people Cindy said, "Hey, leave them alone or else I'll tell!" And so that's why people now call Cindy "The Hero!"

Cinderella Story

by Grace Campbell, Kindergarten

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Bella. She went to the rainforest. There was a secret forest. She saw a swing on an old tree. She turned around and saw a handsome prince. He gave her a sparkly gem music box. They fall in love and get married.



ATTENTION PARENTS: A Must Read for Parents of 2nd-7th Graders who are Advanced!

**Advanced Learning Lab (A. L. L.) Testing
Saturdays – January 7th to January 28th 2017**

Si desea esta carta en español, favor de pedirla en la oficina de su escuela

The Alpine School District Gifted Services department will be conducting 8 sessions of testing for placements in the district A. L. L. classrooms for the 2017-2018 school year. Any interested 2nd grader through 7th grader in ASD is invited to attend a testing session to qualify for a placement in an Advanced Learning Lab (A. L. L.). The testing will occur according to the schedule below. All 2nd-7th graders interested in a placement for the next year will **have to test** for original placement in the A.L.L. program. If students are currently in an elementary or secondary A.L.L. program they do not need to retest if they have completed the intent to continue form. However, all 6th grade students must retest for placement between the elementary and secondary level. Testing for secondary A.L.L. is for designated English, History and Science classes. Math testing and placement is completed at individual schools.

Testing for both Elementary and Secondary Advanced Learning Lab (A. L. L.) programs will be done on Saturdays, January 7th to January 28th. The online registration is now open and will close the Tuesday prior to each testing session. There will be a \$20.00 fee for the testing. Students on free or reduced lunch status will register on-line with a reduced cost. Registering within three days of testing is considered a late registration and will incur an additional \$5.00 fee. Late registrants will be admitted upon availability. There are no refunds.

The following will be the testing dates, type of test taken, locations, and times:

January 7, 2017: (East)

- 6th and 7th graders (IOWA paper test and essay) - **Canyon View Junior High**, 655 E 950 N, Orem, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 3rd – 5th graders (CogAT paper test and essay) - **Lindon Elementary**, 30 N Main, Lindon, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 2nd graders (CogAT on-line test and paper essay) - **Lindon Elementary**, 30 N Main, Lindon, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)

January 14, 2017: (North)

- 6th and 7th graders (IOWA paper test and essay) –**American Fork Junior High** 20 W 1120 N American Fork, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 3rd - 5th graders (CogAT paper test and essay) - **Highland Elementary**, 10865 N 6000 W, Highland, UT, (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 2nd graders (CogAT on-line test and paper essay) - **Highland Elementary**, 10865 N 6000 W, Highland, UT, (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)

January 21, 2017: (West)

- 6th and 7th graders (IOWA paper test and essay) - **Vista Heights Middle School**, 484 W Pony Express Pkwy, Saratoga Springs, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 3rd – 5th graders (CogAT paper test and essay) – **Saratoga Shores Elementary**, 1415 S Parkside Dr, Saratoga Springs, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 2nd graders (CogAT on-line test and paper essay) – **Saratoga Shores Elementary**, 1415 S Parkside Dr, Saratoga Springs, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)

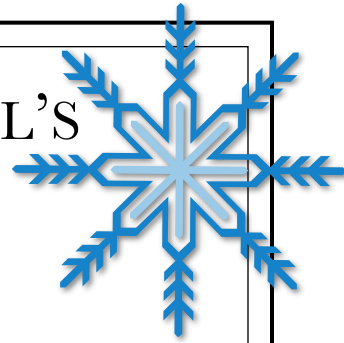
January 28, 2017: (South)

- 6th and 7th graders (IOWA paper test and essay) **Orem Junior High**, 765 N 600 W, Orem, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 3rd – 5th graders (CogAT paper test and essay)- **Orem Elementary**, 450 W 400 S, Orem, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)
- 2nd graders (CogAT on-line test and paper essay) - **Orem Elementary**, 450 W 400 S, Orem, UT (7:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 4:30)

Testing time includes the check-in process. Testers may bring a bottle of water, a simple snack and book. All other testing materials will be provided. If your child has testing accommodations through an IEP or 504 please contact Gifted Services (staylor@alpinedistrict.org) prior to the testing date to arrange for necessary accommodations.

CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



It's beginning to look a lot like Winter...

With the recent change in weather, we thought it would be a good time to send home our policy about inclement weather days.

Ideally, students would be outside as much as possible before the morning bell rings and during recess. This allows the children to play under supervision and the teachers to get ready for the day.

Children are expected to dress appropriately for the weather. In cold weather, we would expect children to come to school in coats, hats, and gloves. When there is a slight drizzle, children would be expected to wear waterproof jackets or to use an umbrella.

We have the children come into the school only when the weather makes it necessary. We follow these guidelines to call an inside day:

- *The temperature is below 21° F (including windchill)
- *The precipitation is such that a child would remain wet for long periods of time
- *The wind is excessively strong
- *The air quality is excessively bad

Children who decide for themselves that they would prefer to stay inside are invited to sit inside a doorway and quietly talk to a friend or read a book.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep your children safe and provide an excellent educational setting.

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Cedar Hills Recreation presents:



INDOOR FACILITY GOLF PROGRAMS OFFERED ALL WINTER LONG

AGE	DAY/ TIME	PROGRAM DETAILS	DATES	COST
4-7	Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm	Beginner - Intermediate	1/11-2/8	\$79/5 weeks
	Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm	Beginner - Intermediate	2/15-3/15	\$79/5 weeks
8-12	Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm	Beginner - Intermediate	1/11-2/8	\$79/5 weeks
	Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm	Beginner - Intermediate	2/15-3/15	\$79/5 weeks
12-17	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	Beginner - Intermediate	1/12-2/9	\$79/5 weeks
	Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm	Beginner - Intermediate	2/16-3/16	\$79/ 5 weeks

Come join us for a FUN session of JUNIOR GOLF. Each program includes full swing hitting bays, chipping, indoor putting green, fun games, individual instruction and rules & etiquette. 1 hour programs are held once/week. Each class has a 6:1 student to instructor ratio, taught by InMotion Junior Golf Instructors.

Registrations will be taken online:

www.inmotionjuniorgolf.com

Please call with any questions: (801)980-0162

