

MARCH 2, 2017

CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Important Information

Reminder: There is **no school** on Monday, March 6th because of a teacher professional development day.

A. L. L. Make-up Testing

Did your child miss the A. L. L. testing window for accelerated learners? The district has three make-up testing windows coming up before next year. New registration for this testing is now open.

If you would like to register your child for testing or gain additional information about gifted services and A. L. L., go to <http://alpineschools.org/gifted-services/>.

The make-up testing dates are March 25, April 29, and August 5, 2017

Free Tutoring

Could your child benefit from free tutoring at BYU?

A free BYU tutoring program called Seeds of Success has an excess of tutors and need more students to tutor!

Seeds of Success

seedsofsuccess@byu.edu

<https://yserve.byu.edu/programs/seeds-success>

<https://www.facebook.com/BYUSOS>

Stay Informed!

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



Upcoming Events

March

- ▶ 1, Storytelling Festivals
- ▶ 2, PTA Meeting, 10am
- ▶ 6, PD Day, **No School**
- ▶ 8-10, 5th Grade Clear Creek
- ▶ 10, 2nd Grade Dads & Donuts
- ▶ 13, SCC Meeting, 3:40pm
- ▶ 13, PTA Chick Fil-a Night, 5-8pm
- ▶ 13-24, March Math Madness
- ▶ 23, 3rd Grade Math Night 6-7pm
- ▶ 27-31, Kindergarten Registration
- ▶ 30, 5th Gr. Boys' Maturation, 1pm
- ▶ 30, 4th Gr. Parent Program, 6:30pm
- ▶ 31, 5th Gr. Girls' Maturation, 1pm

April

- ▶ 3-7, Spring Break, **No School**

PTA NEWS

Chick fil-A Night is Monday, March 13th. We appreciate Chick fil-A in American Fork and Dusty Pyne for their generosity in sponsoring these nights. The teacher who has the most donated receives a portion of the total amount!

Battle of the Bands is March 4th Canyon Corner High School

The Utah Coalition Against Pornography Conference is Saturday, March 11th at the Salt Palace (\$16 before the 11th, \$25 that day) <https://ucapconference.org/>.

We are looking for businesses and individuals who are interested in sponsoring our **Walk A Thon/Fundraiser** in May. Please contact Cori Harris coritharris@gmail.com or Rachele Pew sevenyips@gmail.com for more info.

Robin Allred is running the **Math Program** March 13-24 if you are interested in helping her out please contact her at: reallred@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Book Fair especially Katrina Ross for organizing all the volunteers!

Huge thanks to **Stephanie Thomas** and her committee for feeding the teachers over SEP nights!

We are so grateful to **Adobe** for their donation to our PTA that will go directly to our school as a donation/grant for iPads.

In February, at our General PTA meeting, we read the nominees for **next year's PTA Executive Board**. Since then we have had some changes which we want to make you aware of because we will be voting in the General PTA Meeting March 2nd 10 AM in the teacher's lounge. Please come and vote! Only PTA members can vote but anyone can attend.

Here are the nominees for 2017-2018:

President - Valli Nield
President Elect - April Felix
Secretary - JJ Pulsipher
Treasurer - Jen Gross
Leadership VP - Jill Laing
Membership VP - Aly Smith
Fundraising VP's - Aleisha Cook and Crystal Pyne
Public Relations VP - Tana Olsen
Legislative VP - Rachele Pew

If you are interested in helping with any PTA programs next year please email Valli @ vallinield@gmail.com

Thank you!

PTA Survey Results

Here are the results from the last month's PTA survey, based on 85 responses:

1. Are you a member of PTA? 55. 3% yes 44. 7% no

2. We have noticed a drop in volunteers this year. Do you volunteer? 58. 8% yes 23. 5% no, I don't have time, 3. 5% no, I don't want to 2. 4% no, not interested in any of the programs, 3. 5% no, I don't know how to get involved, 8. 2% none of these

We have discussed some things we can do to get information to parents so those that want to be involved can. We are sorry that we have not done better to communicate how to get involved.

3. We have several parents willing to run a Battle of the Books and Knowledge Bowl in place of our PTA reading, social studies and math programs. Would you support that change? 47. 1% Maybe, I would like more information about the programs, 34. 1% Yes, 7. 1% Yes, I would like to help, 3. 5% no, 1. 2% no, not interested

Heidi Spann is one of the parents willing to run the Battle of the Books. She helped run it at Highland Elementary and will explain how it will work for all the grades at the school.

4. PTA does one big fundraiser in the spring, the Walk A Thon. Would you support a flat donation of \$15 per student (For example, if you have 2 students you would donate \$30) instead of the Walk A Thon?

71. 8% yes 27. 1% no 1. 2% none of these

We will implement this as our fundraiser the coming school year 2017-2018. This way the flat donation can be made over time if you have multiple children. We will have a deadline so we can know if we need to have the Walk A Thon in the Spring. This year's Walk A Thon is already in development or we might have tried to do the flat donation this year.

5. If we went to a flat donation, and we didn't raise enough to support the current PTA programs we would need to cut programs or do another fundraiser. Which would you support?

61. 2% I support another fundraiser 29. 4% I support cutting programs 9. 4% None of these

6. If we needed to cut programs which should we consider?

Free Family Skate Nights (2) 80% \$200, Social Studies Week 32. 9% \$350, School Spirit Fridays 27. 1% \$400, Reflections 18. 8% \$450, Watch DOGS 15. 3% \$350, Wellness Week 14. 1% \$350, Reading/Math Programs received the same 10. 6% \$500/\$700, Staff Support 9. 4% \$3,225 6th grade Celebration 5. 9% \$150, Service Club 3. 5% \$500, Take Home Reading 2. 4% \$ varies

I included the amounts PTA spends on the programs. Another option would be to cut the budgets down for each program or cut some out completely.

7. We would like to make you aware of things going on at the school. Which is your preferred method of communication?

85. 9% email, 11. 8% automated call with announcements, 2. 4% social media

The last question was asking for suggestions and there were too many to post here but they will be passed on to those who are over the programs and the PTA leaders. Thanks so much for your responses. We will use this information to help us better serve the community of Cedar Ridge.