

THE GROWLER

BLACK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Paws from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to 2016. We have been keeping busy with learning and assessments, our school musical rehearsals, the PTA movie night, our 2nd grade play, parent teacher conferences, 4th grade's "Utah" program, a spelling bee, and our storytelling festival. Phew! We hope you have enjoyed them as much as the students have. We are grateful to be able to provide excellent academic and extracurricular opportunities for our students.

We are also excited about our second fundraiser for the year. Watch for a note coming home with more details. We have some exciting rewards planned for our students as they reach our goals.

Thank you for all you do for your children. We love them. It is a privilege to be a part of their lives.

Happy February!



Important Dates

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| February 15 President's Day-No school | March 7 Professional Development-No school for students |
| February 18-22 Grade level storytelling auditions | March 8-11 Battle of the Books |
| February 22 School fundraiser begins! | March 21-26 School Musical |
| February 24 School level storytelling auditions | March 24 Spring Pictures |
| February 29 Immersion applications due | March 31 Kindergarten Registration |



We enjoyed a great assembly by Donald Davis, storyteller extraordinaire!



Miss Larsen expresses her emotions at the PTA movie night.



Thank you Black Ridge students for donating to "Pennies for Puppies" to support the Utah County Sheriff's Department drug dog program.

New Background Check Policy

(This is a repeat from our last edition. We wanted to make sure you were aware of the policy change.)

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In order to better keep your children safe, the Utah legislature passed a new law requiring regional background checks and fingerprinting for any volunteer that will be given significant unsupervised access to students. This can be done through the school district at our district office and should be completed at least 30 days before the field trip. The cost is \$55 and the background check is good for a lifetime.

We recognize that this could have a significant financial impact on our volunteers. In order to help with this, we have implemented a few new policies.

1. Parent volunteers will work in the classrooms instead of the hallways unless they have completed a new background check. This way parents will not need to complete the new background check.

2. During most field trips, classes will stay together so parents will not have to complete the new background check. (If field trip volunteers will need this background check, you will be notified ahead of time.)
3. If you are interested, we encourage you to get this background check

* Thank you Watch DOGs!



at your earliest convenience. You may call 801-610-8400 to set up an appointment. If you would like to complete this background check and are not able to pay for it, please contact the office.

OTHER HAPPENINGS



Our 2nd grade students "Glow" in their program.



Mrs. Johnson was chosen as the Accent on Excellence Award winner from our school. Congratulations!



We just finished our 2nd annual spelling bee. Congratulations to our top two spellers, Olivia Huish and Jenna Bond.



Readers' theater in 4th grade

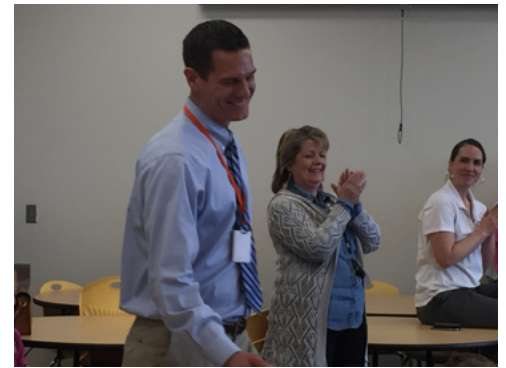


A model of the water cycle.

Field Trip Fun



Our students went to the aquarium and had a great time learning about the animals and their habitats.



Congratulations to Mr. Crandall. He was honored by KSL and Amanda Dixon as the Feature Teacher. We are lucky to have Mr. Crandall at our school!

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for kindergarten will take place on Thursday, March 31. AM/PM slots are filled on a first come first serve basis once all paperwork is complete. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunizations. We encourage you to come in and register as close to this date as possible so we can plan for next year. Tell your neighbors!