

THE GROWLER

BLACK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Paws from the Principal

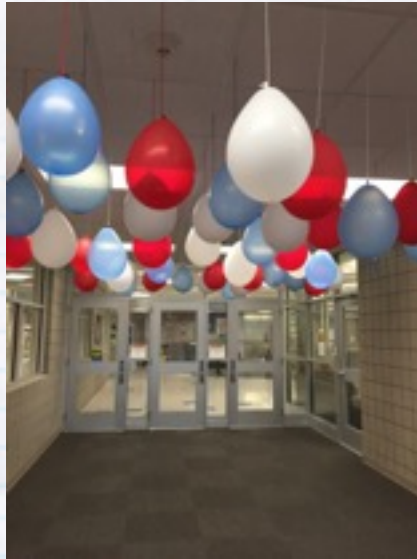
Dear Parents,

Happy Thanksgiving! I am so grateful that you allow us to be a part of your children's lives. We love them and are so grateful for the opportunity we have to teach them and learn from them. Thank you for the support that you give to your children and to us. We appreciate you and feel grateful to be able to partner with you in your child's education.

I hope that you take some time during this holiday season to enjoy it. As I have told our staff, "Embrace the craziness!" It is worth it.

Please let us know how we can better serve you and your family.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!



Thank you PTA for helping us celebrate Patriotic Week and remembering our Veterans!

Important Dates

November 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

November 28 SCC Meeting 4:00 p.m.

November 30 Author Family Game Night 6:00 p.m. (details to come)

December 5-9 PTA Santa Shop (details to come)

December 21 Christmas Sing 9:30 a.m./12:45 p.m.

School Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our school fundraiser. We raised over \$8,000. This money is already being spent. We have supplemented budgets for classroom supplies and have purchased additional incentives for students for Bear Paws. We will continue to use these funds for the rest of the year. We appreciate your sacrifice to help your students.



Watch DOGS

Have you been looking for ways to be involved in your children's education? Come spend a day with us as a Watch DOG. Dads (or other role models) can spend a day at school volunteering in your children's classrooms, playing at recess, and eating with the kids in the lunchroom. There is a link to sign-up in the weekly email, "News from 'The Ridge.'" For more information, contact the school or our Top Dog, Tim Heise (tjheise@yahoo.com). You can also look online at <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs>.



See What We've Been Up To!



Black Ridge Code of Conduct

We introduced the first character trait from our code of conduct last week. It was “serve.” All week the students heard examples of serving. One example was Mother Teresa. Students were encouraged to look for opportunities to serve people around them.

We have also learned about “gratitude.” Students were reminded about the reason we celebrate Thanksgiving and were encouraged to look for ways to express gratitude.



Sub Help

We are always in need of substitutes. Unfortunately we have many days that we are short substitutes and we could use your help with substitute teaching. You can choose the number of days you work, as well as the location. You could even choose to just work in your child’s classroom. Please contact the office if you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher through Kelly Services.



Background Checks

Due to Utah state policy, background checks are required for classroom and field trip volunteers. The background checks are \$55 and will not expire. These can be done through the school district and may take up to three weeks, so please plan ahead. You can call 801-610-8586 or go to the school district website (alpineschools.org, District tab, District Services, Human Resources) to set up an appointment.



PTA Reflections

Thank you to all of our students that participated in the PTA Reflections program this year. Congratulations to our winners!

Visual Arts K-3rd grade:

1st place-Brooklyn Worthen, 2nd place-Avery Miller, 3rd place-Kyler Hopkinson
Honorable Mention-Quinten Heise, Libby Pendleton, Mason Curtis, Camdon Hopkinson



Visual Arts 3rd-5th grade:

1st place-Hallie Wilde, 2nd place-Mya Curtis, 3rd place-Adysen Wilde
Honorable Mention-Hazel Heise, Ella Beck, Emma Beck , Abigail Terry

Visual Arts 6th grade:

1st place-Kellie Jennings

Film Production:

K-2nd 1st place-Gavin Spencer
3rd-5th grade 1st place-Mikelle Duff



Literature:

K-2nd grade 1st place-Mason Curtis, 2nd place-Caitlyn Traynor
3rd-5th grade 1st place-Mya Curtis, 2nd place-Brooklyn Gardner
6th grade 1st place-Jadyn Christensen

Music:

K-2nd grade 1st place-Ezra Hall
3rd-5th grade 1st place-Alivia Heise

Photography:

K-2nd grade 1st place-Tyler Wangsgard, 2nd place-Ryan Johnson
3rd-5th grade 1st place-Jackson Traynor, 2nd place-Ethan Johnson, 3rd place-Landon Johnson

