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# EXPLORER NEWS

FOOTHILL ELEMENTARY

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By: Dr. Vallen Thomas

**A teacher affects eternity;  
he can never tell where his  
influence stops.**

**- Henry B Adams**

We have enjoyed a wonderful positive tone set by: Wheel of Fortune, reading program, Explorer Time, Dr. T's Readers, Red Ribbon Week, Lunch with the Principal, the Spirit Stick, the annual Second Grade Halloween program, and our spooky Halloween Parade. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Gurr, and Mrs. Madsen for all their hard work in putting on our Halloween Assembly – the students did an OUTSTANDING job! Thanks to all of you for dressing up your ghost and goblins for our Halloween parade.

In November we will have our annual Penny Wars. We are excited for this annual tradition that our Student Council heads up each year – it is a fun way to give a little to those in need. The

Penny Wars will be the week of November 5th – look for more details soon.

As principal I have so enjoyed hosting the Dr. T's Readers. The student and teacher response has been outstanding! We have had great discussions about the books – from what they liked/disliked to the moral of the story. **Upcoming for November are the following books: Grades 1 – 3 Book 1 The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi; Grades 4 – 6 Alex Ryder Series – Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz.** Please keep encouraging your students to read not only the Dr. T books, but also any good books they can get their hands on.

Finally, just another reminder, that as we head into the winter

months we ask you to please keep your students home when they are sick. This is not only for their health but for our Foothill community as well. Teachers will work with them on things that they may have missed. Please remind your students to continually wash their hands. If we all work together we can minimize the impact of the flu on our school.

Thank you again for supporting Foothill Elementary as we **Go for the Gold by Building a Community of Learners!**

Dr. Thomas

P.S. – Remember to get out and vote on November 6th for the General Election

# MONTH AT A GLANCE

Nov. 5  
Minimal Day

Nov. 6  
Election Day

Nov. 5-9  
Penny Wars

Nov. 12  
PTA Meeting  
Library - Noon

Nov. 21-23  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School

Nov. 28  
SCC Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 10  
PTA Meeting  
Library - Noon

Dec. 20-Jan. 2  
Christmas Break

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Kelli Brown

During the month of October, Foothill PTA was very busy:

- **Red Ribbon Week.** Thanks to Julie Riley for organizing a fun week. The kids were asked to wear red on Monday, crazy hair day on Tuesday and to wear pajamas on Wednesday. These were just a few fun ways to remember to take care of our bodies and make good choices.

- **Fuel Up to Play 60.** Kim Riggs put together an assembly with Mark Pope (former NBA player and current assistant basketball coach at BYU) and the GALAXY kids for the upper grades. We want to help kids get excited about fueling their bodies with good nutrition and playing at least 60 minutes every day. Please sign up online today at [www.fueluptoplay60.com](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com). Watch for more activities throughout the year.

- **Reflections.** We had 54 entries from students at Foothill-way to go kids! Winners will be announced by Nov. 16th. If you are interested in helping with judging the entries (literary and photography still needed), please contact Shelley Bowen at [oremfoothillpta@gmail.com](mailto:oremfoothillpta@gmail.com)

- **Book Fair.** Thank you to Elena Brooks and all the volunteers that helped with the Book Fair. What a fun tradition at Foothill that provides so many books for our library!

### Report on Fall Festival

- We are happy to report that we were able to net **\$19,236.68!**

- This amount is \$5,487.82 more than last year.

- In order to have a \$5,000.00 carryover for next year, we have \$9,000.00 available. Fall Festival was an amazing success! Thanks to Nan Black, Amy Hulme, Shayne Young, Erin Brown and the dozens of other parents that volunteered their time and resources!

- We will be discussing and voting on the expenditure of this money at our next PTA meeting (11.12.12). Please attend if you would like to participate in the voting. Remember, you must be a current PTA member to vote, but not to attend the meeting.

### November Reminders:

- Knowledge Bowl will be starting this month. This year's topic is The Arts: Music, Visual Art, Literature, Dance, Architecture, and Drama. District tournaments are scheduled for Saturdays, March 9 and 16.

- Please keep logging your volunteer hours in the office or online at [www.foothillpta.org](http://www.foothillpta.org)

- REMEMBER to vote in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6!!

- Next PTA Meeting is 11-12-2012 at 12 Noon!

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thanks to everyone who supported the library by purchasing books at the book fair. A big thanks to all of the volunteers that helped to run the fair.

Out of \$8750 in sales, the school received \$3000 in profit that went towards purchasing books for the library and the teachers. A total of 78 books were donated to our classroom libraries.

Based on our sales, about 1750 new books were purchased. We hope you are enjoying them and we will see you at the next book fair, February 5 - 8!



Thank you for all those that helped with red ribbon week and supported skate night. It was a great success!

## Silent Auction

We still have some silent auction items available. They are included on the last page of this newsletter. If you are interested in any of them, please contact Amy Hulme at [amyhulme@gmail.com](mailto:amyhulme@gmail.com).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 1 - Bobbie Paeonessa

Nov. 9 - Kristi Graham

Nov. 26 - Karen Longmore

Nov. 26 - Heidi Nelson

Nov. 29 - Amy Harward



### Grades 1-3:

Book 1 - The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi

### Grades 4-6:

Alex Ryder Series - Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

SUBMISSION TO THE  
NEWSLETTER?

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with newsletter as the subject

by **November 26**

# NURSING NEWS

Dear Parents,

As cold and flu season is here please remember the following conditions for which children

## **MUST BE KEPT HOME FROM SCHOOL:**

1. Colds-watery discharge from nose and eyes, sneezing, chills, and general body discomfort. If there is fever or yellow or green drainage from the eyes or nose, it is particularly important to keep the children home.
2. Diarrheal Diseases- an increased number of stools compared with the child's normal pattern with increased water and/or decreased form. May be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramping, headache and/or fever. If any kind of stool softeners are administered (fleets enema, laxative, etc.) please keep the student home for at least 12 hours.
3. Impetigo-blister-like lesions on the skin which ooze and develop into crusted sores. They appear in an irregular pattern. The sores may spread into a red, oozy rash that gets a clear or honey-colored crust. Itching is common. **MUST** be treated with an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before the child may return to school.
4. Pink-Eye or Conjunctivitis- redness of eye or eyes, watery, white or yellow discharge from the eye, matted eyelashes, burning or itching of eyes. **MUST** be treated with antibiotic for at least 24 hours before the child may return to school.
5. Any open wound or sore.
6. Persistent cough.
7. Nausea or vomiting.
8. Strep throat or ANY bacterial infection. **MUST** be on antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.
9. Fever.
10. Presence of ANY skin rashes that might be due to a viral or bacterial infection e.g. measles, strep, staph, fungus, or CHICKENPOX.
11. Foul smelling urine or blood in urine.
12. Earache or ear drainage.

If your child has any of the above conditions, please bring a doctor's note to the office when your child returns to school so that we know your child is no longer contagious. Thank you for your assistance in making your child's classroom a safe and healthy learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me through Utah County Health Department at 801-851-7024. I will return your call as soon as possible.

- Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse

## **OUT OF THE LOOP?**



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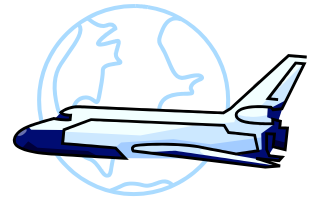


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# DISTRICT MESSAGE

## Alpine School District will Continue the Space Center Program



There is mis-information circulating about the closure of the Christa McAuliffe Space Center. It is important that employees and community members have correct, factual information about the decision. Please read the following:

The following news release was sent on Wednesday, October 24, 2012.

### News Release

The Christa McAuliffe Space Center, which has been housed in Central Elementary School in Pleasant Grove, has been closed due to safety reasons. The Fire Marshal closed the Space Center in early October because of electrical problems. Alpine School District Officials notified Central Elementary School as well as the Program Director that the Space Center would not be re-opened in its current location. Superintendent Vern Henshaw has directed a committee to explore options for a Space Center, which will then be presented to the ASD Board of Education.

When the state fire marshal closed the center, district officials hired an architectural firm to assess and provide an estimate of the cost of repairs. The desire was to bring the center up to code if at all possible. Sadly, the cost to correct electrical problems and address the myriad of student safety problems was nearly \$700,000. Board members and district administrators felt it was not wise to use taxpayer money to repair an aging facility when a new facility is in future plans. The plan is to expand on the remarkable legacy of the Space Center as we learn from the past and look to the future.

Victor Williamson has been the director of the Space Center since it opened in 1990. He is serving on a committee that will explore and present options about the future of the Space Center Program. The options will be presented to the Superintendent and the Board of Education, who will ultimately make the decision.

The committee will be discussing all possibilities about both the location of the center, as well as the curriculum. There are no plans to discontinue the use of the simulators as part of the Space Center Program. The committee will have discussions about ways to add to the current curriculum.

Safety of the students is a top priority in Alpine School District. The Space Center has been a great program in our district for the past 22 years. Board Members and district administrators are excited to continue having an excellent space program in a safe environment for students and faculty members.

District officials and board members have been aware of the needs of the Space Center. The project was on the original 2011 Bond Project proposal. Due to prioritization through public input, the final proposal did not include the re-build of the Space Center. However, it remains a focus of the Board of Education. Several years ago, property was purchased by ASD adjacent to Central Elementary School as an option for a future site of the Space Center. ASD continues to value the Space Center and the impact it has had for several years. It is for this reason Dr. Henshaw has directed the formation of the committee.

### The following statement was released by Alpine School District on Thursday, October 25:

“Alpine School District has every intention of preserving the Space Center Program. There is mis-information circulating about the program’s demise. The only change is the closing of the facility in the current location. This decision was made because of safety reasons. District Board Members and administrators are excited to have the 22 year program continue. This is a great opportunity for the committee to look at the program and make it even better.”

The committee will be meeting on November 2. Please visit the ASD website for updated information.

# Silent Auction

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Company Name	Donation	Value
Kids Clif Barz	Package of 25	\$10
Pier 39	Family Fun Pack - San Francisco	\$206
Classic Skating	Family Passes @ \$15, Activity Passes @ \$5	\$20
Cascade Golf Course	Family Miniature Golf for 6	\$100
Firestone Tires	\$100 Gift Card	\$20
Gourmet Gift Baskets.com	\$20 Gift Certificate	\$12
Fat Boy	2 Gift Cert. for Fat Boys @ 5.99 each	\$3-\$4
Meadow Gold	Coupons - Ice-cream @ \$4 & Bars @ \$3	\$30
Organic Valley	Coupons fo Organic Valley Products \$10 Coupons for 10 for \$30	\$12 Each
EI Polo Loco	3 8 piece meals @ 17.99 a piece	\$4
Honeybaked Ham	Sandwiches \$5.5	\$12
Pizza Hut	Free Pizza @\$12-\$14	\$50
Skippers	2 \$25 Gift Cards	\$50
Spencers	Dinner for Two @ \$50	\$17
Station 22	Gift Cards for Meal for 2 @ \$17	\$100
Paper Culture	\$100 Gift Voucher	\$20
Alphabet Station	2 \$10 Gift Certificates	\$50
Alphagraphics	\$50 Gift Card	\$25
Aspen Salon	\$25 Gift Card	\$80
Lime Ricki	\$80 Gift Card	\$45
Tuxedo Wearhouse	Tuxedo Rental with Shoes	\$50
Jake's Archery	\$50 Gift Card	\$320
Utah Blaze Arena Football	8 Ticket Vouchers at \$40 each	\$68
Utah Grizzlies	4 Tickets to any Game	\$120
Soaring Adventures	Hot Air Balloon for 1	\$25
Amy's Martial Arts	Zumba Classes - 1 Month	