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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I think we can all agree that Foothill continues to provide an unparalleled educational opportunity for students because of a dedicated teaching staff, awesome secretaries, aides, and custodial staff. As we have celebrated students this year we have looked to the past, celebrated the present, and prepared students for the future. From the PTA sponsored Art and Music programs, to our continued tradition, the 3K Spring Run-Off, this year has provided numerous opportunities for your students to "Explore the Possibilities" within each of them.

We have wrapped up the year with some outstanding events. Our student council, under the direction of Mrs. Gurr and Mrs. Wakamatsu, held a successful food drive that brought in 1891 pounds of food for the Utah Food Bank! We also held a very successful Art Gala and Benefit Concert that showcased the many talents of our students. This event raised much-needed funds to continue to build our Art and Music goals here – thanks for your generous donations. We would like to thank

Liz Livingston, Stacia Pratt, and Allison Corrie for organizing this event. Other great events: 4th Grade Mountain Man Rendezvous; Hope of America; and the 5th Grade Ellis Island Day.

As the school year draws to a close I would like to take a moment to thank each of you, our wonderful parents and patrons for making this fourteenth year the best year yet in the history of Foothill. I have enjoyed working with your students in their classrooms, sharing ideas with them in Dr. T's Readers, spinning the Wheel of Fortune with them at lunch, and having a bite to eat with them at Lunch with the Principal. For me, the experience of being the principal of Foothill has been the most fulfilling assignment of my professional educator. I look forward, as I know each of you do, to the fun filled events of May where we can celebrate the successes and talents of our students. I will cherish them more than ever as I finish my tenure here. Please look for details on these great events throughout the month on our website, marquee, and notes home.

One very important reminder: April 29– May 24 will be our State Testing. This testing is critical for us in providing data to best serve your children and improve our teaching practice for each of them. We would ask your help in making sure that during these days your student is in attendance, gets a little more sleep than usual, and has a good hearty breakfast. These seemingly small things pay big dividends in your student being at their very best.

Thank you for choosing and supporting Foothill, as we continue to "Explore the Possibilities in Building a Community of Learners." Again, thanks for a great year! I will miss Foothill very much and wish you all the best. May you have a wonderful summer break!

Dr. Thomas

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Early Out:
All Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

April 29 - May 24
State Testing

May 6-10
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 13 - Noon
Volunteer Appreciation
Lunch in Library

May 15 - 6:30 p.m.
Free Skate Night at Classic
Skating

May 16-17
PTA Convention at BYU

May 22
6th Grade Graduation

May 23
Spring Run-off

May 27
No School

May 28
Yearbooks Sent Home

May 28 - 9:30 a.m.
Dance Festival

May 29
Field Day

May 30
Last Day of School
Short Day

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kelli Brown

I can't believe it – the May Newsletter! This year has gone by so fast... it doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing my very first newsletter and welcoming everyone back to school. Now it is nearing the time when we will tell everyone to have a safe summer and say goodbye to 6th graders as they move on to junior high.

At the beginning of the year we decided to "Go for the Gold" in everything we planned. As the PTA President, I am so pleased with everything accomplished this past year and so grateful to so many for the hours dedicated to the success of the school!

Thanks to KSL, Nadine Wimmer, and Chopper 5 for recognizing our success with the March Madness Reading and Exercise program. The kids seemed to have a great day with their visit and hopefully learned the importance of exercising their minds through reading and their bodies through daily activity.

Thanks to our Art and Music Committees: After attending the Art Gala and Benefit Concert this past week, I am amazed by the talent in our school. The art displayed and the music played throughout the school made it look and sound so beautiful. It exhibited the hard work and time that the art/music parents and kids committed to the programs throughout the whole year. Thank you to everyone that has come each week and helped our kids learn so much!!

Thanks to our Teachers: May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please watch for more information on how you can show your support and appreciation to the teachers for the whole week! We love our teachers!!

Thanks to the PTA Board: Specifically, I need to thank Cheryl Lynn Nielsen for her dedicated service as our treasurer. She has spent many late nights and immeasurable hours counting money and writing checks for every activity we have had the last two years! Also, thanks to Amy Hulme for her time as the secretary for the past two years and numerous hours fundraising. I will be staying on as president and we are so lucky to have our board in place for next year: Leisha Geddes, Pres. Elect; Tacy Wells, Treasurer; Jessie Thurston, Secretary. Woohoo!!

Thanks to Mrs. Gurr: I would like to recognize Mrs. Gurr for being the PTA Teacher rep for the 2012-2013 school year. She has attended all of our meetings and has been a very valuable resource to help us serve the teachers and students of Foothill. Thank you, Mrs. Gurr!!

Thanks to all Volunteers: I would love to publicly recognize every individual that has volunteered their time to the PTA, but know that would be impossible. I would, however, like to invite everyone that has volunteered at the school this year to our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, May 13th, 12 noon in the library. Please come enjoy lunch and socialize with the other parents that have also dedicated their time and resources to the school; you deserve it!

Thanks to Dr. T: I have no idea where to start or how to thank Dr. Thomas for his dedication to Foothill for the past 5 years. We are grateful for the programs he has implemented and the care he has given to our students during his time here. We will continue to benefit from all that he has implemented, and he will be sorely missed. I have also personally enjoyed getting to know him, and appreciate how much support he has given to the PTA. Let's show our support to him by running the 3k, and give him one last going away gift. Thank you Dr. T!!

GO FOR THE GOLD?—yes, we did!!

READ TODAY “MARCH MADNESS – READING & EXERCISE” ACTIVITIES

For reading over 200,000 minutes in March the students of Foothill Elementary were honored on April 17th when KSL's Nadine Wimmer landed in Chopper 5 at the school. The students of Foothill, who participate in the KSL sponsored reading program Read Today, were awarded gold medals from Ms. Wimmer for their combined reading and athletic competitions during Foothill's "March Madness – Reading & Exercise." Listed are some of the wonderful events that brought Chopper 5 to Foothill:



- Kick-off Assembly: Mock KSL newscast and mini helicopters. Combined efforts to promote reading through the Read Today program; and to promote healthy food and physical activity choices through the Dairy Council/NFL's "Fuel Up to Play 60" program.
- Four weeks of "March Madness – Reading & Exercise" broken into "4 quarters of the game"(each quarter ended on a Friday).
- 1st quarter: March 8, 8-9 AM with "Fathers and Fruit." Dads came and had some healthy food while they read with their students.
- 2nd quarter: "Half Time" show on March 15. Doug Osmond of the Osmond's Second Generation put on an assembly about reading. Using games, Richard Paul Evan's Michael Vey books, and some great humor, Foothill students learned about the power that reading and writing can have.
- 3rd quarter: March 22, 8-9 AM "Moms and Muffins": Moms had a turn to lay out a blanket, eat some healthy food, and read with their students before school.
- 4th quarter - two events: March 26th, 6:30 PM was "Read with a Hero Night," where students came to read with local firefighters. The second event was a Final Four Championship Game between the 5/6th grade students and faculty. All students came to watch the game as our school cheerleaders (a.k.a. – the secretaries) helped them get into it.

With Foothill's on-going reading efforts and "March Madness – Reading & Exercise" you can see that at Foothill they don't just Read Today but everyday!

Thanks KSL to for honoring Foothill's great students, teachers, and parents!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Classic Family Skate Night!

May 15th from 5:30-8:30 at Classic Skating!

Bring the entire family! Admission is free, you can bring your own skates or scooters or pay to rent them. Dinner deals, so come and make a night of it!

Foothill 3K Spring Run-off

May 23rd - Come support Foothill.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the 3K on race day as well as before. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sara Hiatt (bnshiatt@juno.com) as soon as possible. Thanks!

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 6-10

Let you teachers know how much you appreciate them!

Monday, and all week, send a flower and notes for them!

Wednesday - Wear your teacher's favorite color

Friday - Send them a small treat or gift if you like

Look for more information to come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wendy Fisher	May 23
Sherrie Evans	May 17
Jennifer Harris	June 1
Karissa Ostler	June 3
Kimberly Moore	June 13
Kelsey Mills	June 15
Laurie Hardy	June 21
Julie Siebach	June 24
Kristie Rodas	June 29
Lois Malone	July 3
Julie Gurr	July 13
Marla Hendrickson	July 23
Renee Wakamatsu	Aug 2
Jeanette Clark	Aug 5
Sarah Bethel	Aug 6
Helen Flom	Aug 16
Amy Marsh	Aug 18
Kim Lowe	Aug 22
Susan Gull	Aug 25
Andrea Smith	Aug 28

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



February 4 - Alayna Anderson, Miles Chamberlain, Nash Lefebvre, Nanga Iongi, Paisley Francis, Tyson Beaslin, Maggie McDowell, Garrett Geddes, Clair Lowry, Aidie Allen, Erika Faragher, Will Lambert, Jonathan Gray, Jared Gibbons, Chase Makin, Emily Hamilton, Xavonne White, Carley Spackman, Harmony Vander Werff, Luke Stancil, Ruth Thomas, Creed Bawden, Everett Fox

February 11, 2013 - Eliza Johnson, Austin Long, Dominique Peterson, Paisley Francis, Eliza Barkdull, Lindsey Brown, Ben Bingham, Tavish Johnson, Kenzie Jordan, Emma Lee, Gabe Farley, Eliza Freestone, Eli Esplin, Chase Rodas, Julia Johnson, Ben Gubler, Brady Crane, Hunter Staker, Grace Baker, Yessenia Esparaza



February 25, 2013 - Gabriel Johnson, Uakea Moleni, Carter Wolsey, Nisha Jarman, Laeklan Allred, Blake Evans, Ace Tuwun, Sammie Farley, Mckay Nelson, Trevor Fish, Noah Christensen, Leah Thomas, Armando Garcia, Jackson Egbert, Matt Dayley, Meili Hollingshaus, Megan Larsen, Chase Staker, Joseph Grant, Jakob Hunter, Emily Taylor, Austin Mathis, Mercedes Waite, Wesley Hadfield, Kelly Winter, Mallory RInger, Hayden Brown, Gavian Garcia, Noah Werner, Gunner Johnson, Isaac Spencer

March 4, 2013 - Gabriel Johnson, Harrison Moore, Brianna Makin, Oakley Vander Werff, Jack Martin, Mauro Oriollani, Hank Blackburn, Grayson Bowen, Mariah McDonald, Zak Oliver, Nolan Peterson, Travis Thomson, Daniel Hemmert, Brigham Reid, Allie Johnson, Riley Dayton, Yohan Rodriguez



March 11, 2013 - Maggie Boyack, Timothy Hadfield, Janie Martin, Aden Black, Claire McNairy, Ava De St. Jeor, Anna Livingston, Gates Coccimiglio, Mercy Thomas, Sawyer Slade, Rylee Moore, Jaden Perry, Sarah Davenport, Jackson Smith, Aidan Taylor, Remington Omdahl, Tina Iongi, Suyoung Park, Joseph Aznar, Maile Webb, Isaac Bowen, Tailyr Hatch

March 25, 2013 - Travis Larsen, Gavin Shearer, Ret Oliver, Mekenna Adams, Trevor Plewe, Shay Thurston, Mia Johnson, Shelly Carter, Meg Duncan, Clarissa Rojas, Sarah Brousseau, Ethan Brown, Emma Brown, Edgar Garcia, Crystal Craddock, Audrey Jensen, Elizabeth Avery, Zoe Moore, Brock Nichols, Andrew Anderson, Thomas Westover, Melissa King



NURSING NEWS

Doctors on Utah Valley Regional Medical Center's trauma services team are concerned about the number and intensity of injuries they are seeing coming from trampoline parks in the area. The injuries being seen are not just sprained ankles or minor concussions. Life-altering injuries are being seen. Injuries you would see from high-speed crashes or someone falling off a 30-foot cliff.

Nationally in 2010, trampoline accidents, both at homes and in parks, accounted for 92,159 visits to the ER. As many injuries or more are coming from this source as from people having accidents on ATVs and motorcycles. Shattered leg bones requiring three or four surgeries to correct, broken bones tearing through muscle and skin, and fractured spinal cords resulting in paralysis are the types of injuries being seen in the emergency rooms. More and more frequently these types of injuries are coming from trampolines at home and also trampoline parks.

Doctors are not looking to prohibit the sales of trampolines and shut down trampoline parks. They simply want to educate the public about the actual risks involved with trampolines.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the following guidelines for trampoline safety:

1. One person at a time on the trampoline.
2. No somersaults or flips.
3. Full safety pad coverage.
4. No children younger than 6 years of age.
5. Adult supervision at all times.
6. Follow all safety rules at the trampoline parks. Go over these rules with your children prior to them using the trampolines.

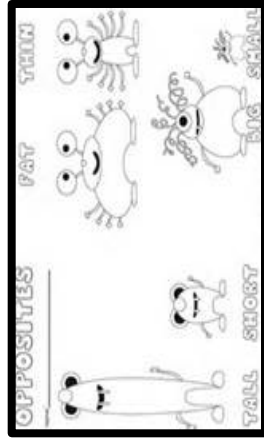
I can't believe our school year is almost over! As always, I wish you a very fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse

STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS

Attendance is open to all elementary age students regardless of place of residence. Bright Ideas students should be highly motivated, interested in learning new things, cooperative and willing to learn at an accelerated rate. Children eligible for participation are those entering kindergarten through those entering seventh grade this fall.



BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Students in the program will:

- Interact with other bright and motivated youth
- Enjoy learning in a stimulating, enriching, and fun environment
- Participate in activities that enhance talents in academics, creative, artistic, and productive endeavors
- Experience provoking, high-level thinking activities

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bright Ideas Summer Program is to provide educational opportunities and experiences not usually found in the home or school for bright, accelerated, and highly motivated youth. Participants can plan to experience a program of education and fun.

COSTS & REGISTRATION

The program costs \$125.00 per student. Applicants must register on-line or complete and mail the attached registration form along with a check or money order made out to Bright Ideas in the amount of \$35.00 (non-refundable deposit, balance due June 28th) or the entire amount, mail to:

Bright Ideas
Alpine School District
575 N 100 E
American Fork, UT 84003

Register on-line at:
www.alpineschools.org
(search Gifted Services Programs)

On-line registration is only for full tuition

All registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure your place in the program, apply before June 8, 2012.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Barbara Langford (Alpine)... 801-610-8475
Debra May (Nebo)... 801-368-9645
Ginny Smith (Provo)... 801-221-9984
Jane Golithly (Wasatch)... 435-654-0280

After June 1st contact
Shari Taylor (Alpine)... 801-763-8453
MaryLynn Lewis (Nebo)... 801-319-3865



OPPOSITES

Bright Ideas Application

(One per student – may photocopy)

Student's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Emergency # _____

Sex Male Female Present Age _____

Grade in Fall 2013 _____ District _____

Session Location

North Utah Valley - Lehi
Sego Lily Elem. 765 N Center

South Utah Valley –Spanish Fork
Larsen Elem. 1175 E. Flonette Dr. (300 S.)

I give permission for my child to use the Internet under teacher supervision.

Parent signature _____

I give permission for my child to travel by bus on supervised program fieldtrips.
Parent signature _____

Bright Ideas T-Shirt Size (select one)

Youth small Adult small
 Youth medium Adult medium
 Youth Large Adult large

Payment enclosed: \$35 deposit
 \$125 full registration

OR

Register on-line (full tuition only):

<http://www.alpineschools.org>

District Search: Gifted Services Bright Idea

COURSE DESCRIPTION

STUDENTS SHOULD COME TO BRIGHT IDEAS PREPARED TO CREATE, DISCUSS, OBSERVE, INVESTIGATE, AND EXPLORE THE MANY

OPPOSING OPPOSITES:

- Dark vs. Light
- Big vs. Small
- Positive vs. Negative
- North vs. South
- Win vs. Loss
- War vs. Peace
- Fact vs. Fiction
- Dinosaurs vs. Microorganisms
- Teaming vs. Competition
- Right vs. Left
- Past vs. Future
- ETC

Along with excellent classroom activities and instruction, students will visit the North American Museum of Ancient Life. As students compare and contrast opposites, they will use creative thinking, problem solving, and forecasting strategies to explore the many, varied, and unusual **Opposing Opposites**.

YOUR HOSTS

All instruction is under the guidance and direction of the BYU/Public School Partnership Gifted and Talented Committee, utilizing licensed public school teachers. University faculty members and other qualified professionals will also teach aspects of the program. Teachers will vary the curriculum according to age level, but maintain the theme and higher level thinking strategies.



OPPOSING OPPOSITE

Sponsored by:

BYU Public School Partnership
Alpine, Jordan, Nebo, Provo, and Wasatch
School District

Mail application and check to

Alpine School District
575 N 100 E

American Fork, UT 84003

OR

Register on-line at:

<http://www.alpineschools.org>

District Wide Search: Gifted Services

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THIS PROGRAM ATTRACTS
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BRIGHT IDEAS

SUMMER SESSION

JULY 8-19, 2013

WEEKDAYS

8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.