

2015
MAY

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principal's message
Dr. Joseph Backman

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Fabulous Foothill Parents,

Happy May! I can't believe we are already to the last month of the year. This has been a great school year. From our PTA's Fall Festival to the grade-level programs, our 6th grade Clear Creek to reading to the kindergarten classes, and everything in between, I have loved working with your wonderful children, our phenomenal teachers, and our incredible PTA.

We have many exciting events occurring this month, which you should be aware of:

- PTA Sponsored Art Gala and Spring Concert May 8th @ 7:00 pm: Come see the incredible art of all our students and hear their beautiful music.
- Our World Famous Kindergarten Plays May 13 for PM kindergarten and May 14 for AM kindergarten @ 7:00 pm
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 11-15th (more info. coming soon): Help our amazing teachers feel loved and appreciated for all the hard work they do!
- Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hill May 21st from 3:45-5:00: Come honor these wonderful women who have given years of service at Foothill!
- Foothill's 3K Spring Run-Off Fundraiser: Join us for this fun run where we are raising funds for student recognition and technology.
- 6th Grade Graduation May 26th @ 10:30: Come support our awesome graduates.
- Foothill's Dance Festival May 27th @ 9:30: You will laugh, smile, and maybe even shed a tear.
- Last Day of Kindergarten May 28th
- Last Day of School May 29th from 9:05-10:35: Students will receive their advancement to the next grade and report cards on this day. This is also an important day to say goodbye to their teachers and classmates.

I would like to thank our PTA for their continual support and countless hours of volunteering. A few of the many PTA sponsored events have included:

- Foothill's Fall Festival
- Red Ribbon Week
- Teacher Grants
- Spelling Bee
- Room Parents
- Fuel Up to Play 60
- Book Fairs
- Art Program
- Student of the Week
- Reflections Contest
- Knowledge Bowl
- Choir and Orchestra
- Feeding our teachers
- And much, much more!

Thank you to our wonderful PTA!

I hope you will be able to join us for our many exciting events and activities this last month of the school year. Thank you for your great support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Backman (Dr. B)

Be Kind. Be Optimistic. Learn. Work Hard. And Live Life to the Fullest!

JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Harris	June 01
Lauren Call	June 02
Kyley Harston	June 04
Kimberly Moore	June 13
Kelsey Mills	June 15
Laurie Hardy	June 21
Julie Siebach	June 24
Kristie Rodas	June 29
Laura Campbell	June 30

Lois Malone	July 03
Julie Gurr	July 13
Marla Hendrickson	July 23

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 Early Out	28	29	30	1 Classic Skate Night
4 Early Out Volunteer Lunch 12:30 PM	5	6	7 Art Gala/Reflec- tions Awards/ Spring Concert	8
11 Early Out Teacher App. Week	12	13 Kindergarten PM Program 7 p.m.	14 Kindergarten AM Program 7 p.m.	15
18 Early Out	19	20	21 Retirement Party	22 3K Run
25 No School Memorial Day	26 6th Grade Graduation 10:30am	27 Dance Festival 9:30am	28 Field Day Last Day of Kindergarten	29 Last Day of School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Missy Fielding	May 09
Sheri Evans	May 17
Melissa Torres	May 19
Janine Blaisdell	May 23
Wendy Fisher	May 23
Connor Hopkin	May 26

May 1 - Classic Skate Night
 May 4 - Volunteer Lunch
 May 11-15 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 7 - Art Gala/Spring Concert
 May 13/14 - 7 p.m. Kindergarten Program
 May 22 - 3K Run
 May 25 - No School
 May 26 - 6th Grade Graduation
 May 27 - Dance Festival
 May 28 - Field Day
 May 29 - Last Day of School

president's message

Liesha Geddes

So many exciting things are happening in the next few weeks as we wrap up another successful year at Foothill Elementary. I want to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, parents, teachers and staff at Foothill Elementary that make this such a great school!

Countless hours are spent on behalf of our children. Many serve in a leadership capacity over various programs, and dozens quietly work in the background in a supporting role. Many, many hours are spent volunteering right in the classroom for reading, music and art. Still others work on yearbooks, reading programs, knowledge bowl, spelling bee, teacher appreciation and the list goes on and on. We are surrounded by amazing people who help us accomplish amazing things at Foothill.

Whatever your comfort level, we have a place for you! And we want to say Thank You to all of the volunteers who have served in any capacity this year. Our final PTA meeting of the year will be held on May 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Foothill Park Pavilion. This is our annual Volunteer Luncheon, sponsored by next year's PTA Board, who we are excited to introduce!

Lisa Oliver will be serving as President, Amy Oakey as President Elect, Luisa Gough as Secretary and Angela Jones as Treasurer.

These ladies have stepped up in a big way and they deserve our support! Come to the luncheon and get to know them and watch for the volunteer sign up sheet for next year!

Finally, Thank You for allowing me to serve as PTA President this last year. I have had the opportunity to meet so many new people and I have gained a new understanding and appreciation for the PTA program, its functionalities and the many individuals who serve. It is wonderful to live in an area where there are so many good people doing so many good things!

Have a Great Summer!

THE news

MRS. GRAHAM & MRS. HILL ARE RETIRING!



Kristi Graham has taught school for 37 years. She has been instrumental in teaching over 1300 students to read and considers this one of her greatest accomplishments. She leaves this profession with gratitude for all the wonderful friends and colleagues she has met and worked with along the way.



Eda Hill has served the students, teachers, and patrons of Alpine School District for 33 years. From the beginning of each day's ringing bell, Eda has devoted her time and energy into the advancement and education of her students. Creating a generation of students who can read, keyboard and navigate the world! When the final bell of the day would ring and the buses all pulled away from the school, Eda began her second teaching job, serving and collaborating with her fellow teachers. Late nights at the school became more of a tradition, a standard, as teachers flooded the computer lab for help, a piece of chocolate, an encouraging word, a solution to a project, a schedule created, a program printed, and another teacher saved!

Foothill Elementary Faculty and Staff cordially invite you to attend an Open House honoring Kristi and Eda.

Thursday, May 21, 2015
Foothill Elementary Library
921 N.1240 E.
Orem, Utah
3:45 pm to 5:00 pm

FOOTHILL ARTS GALA & SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, May 7th, 2015
Art Display from 6:30 - 8:30
Concert starting at 7:00 p.m.

REFLECTIONS AWARD NIGHT

Foothill Reflections Award Night is coming up! Thursday May 7th at 6:30pm. It will be held together with the schools Art Gala. EVERYONE who entered in the 2014-2015 "The World Would Be a Better Place if..." contest will be receiving an award! Take some time this summer to think about what you can create for next years contest.

The theme for 2015-2016 is:

"LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY"

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 100TH BIRTHDAY 5K

What better way to begin your summer vacation than by celebrating Alpine School District's 100th birthday with a family fun run! The event will take place on Saturday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Lone Peak High School. Fun facts about the district will line the course and refreshments will be served. All proceeds will go to STARS summer reading. Participants may register for \$5 (\$10 if they would like a t-shirt) at alpineschools.org/asd100.



MORE news

Your Utah, Your Future Survey

This survey is part of an effort initiated by Governor Herbert to help Utahns prepare for the year 2050, when our population will be almost double what it is today. Our goal is to help all of us think about the future we want to leave for our children and grandchildren: Will we have enough water? Will our air be clean? Will our children be able to afford to stay in Utah neighborhoods? And of course, how will we keep our schools strong and successful with twice as many students?

Education is one of 11 key issues addressed in the survey, and is one of the issues that will have the biggest impact on our quality of life in 2050. Survey participants are asked to consider issues like funding, student-to-teacher ratios, community and school collaboration, teacher training and compensation, early childhood education, graduation rates, and the state's overall investment in education, among others. We want to hear from students, parents, grandparents, teachers, staff, and other community members across Utah.

To help encourage participation, we've created a donation program. We will donate \$1 to Foothill for everyone who takes the survey in behalf of your school. All they have to do is list your school's name at the end of the survey. It's then up to you to spread the word in the ways most effective for your school and community.

We have \$50,000 available for this program that will be allocated to schools on a first come, first served basis. We will donate \$1 for every adult or high school student who takes the survey (younger students are still encouraged to participate, but, due to internet liability restrictions, we are unable to donate for their participation) that includes parents, faculty, staff, and anyone else who lists your schools name at the end of the survey.

Take the survey by visiting envisionutah.org.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

March 9th

Charlie Hansen, Kylie Davidson, Lincoln Durrans, Skylee Green, Haven Michiales, Max Frahm, Jadyn Hawks, Kensley McQueen, Scott Billings, Sophie Keemer, Daya Dean, Anna Bowden, Laeklan Allred, Chase Riggs, Dalton Dunn, Celeste Detoles, Spencer Gale, Kayzha Haggard, Noah Davenport, Jack Edmunds, Callie Michaelis, Drew Thomson, Braxton Lombardi, Ryan Benson Gabe Jones, Lexi Michaelis, Peter Livingston, Jessica Wood, Makinley Pyne, Julia McNairy, Zach Sakr, Courtney Hiatt, Jocelyn Hill, Luke Aydelotte, Megan Jones, Daniel Wong, Emma Brown, Nichole Cochran, Broden Johnson

March 16, 2015

Elias Newton, Trey Okey, Cameron Whitlock, Brecken Lewis, Kennedy Hiatt, Akallana White, Savannah Smith, Janie Martin, Gabriel Johnson, Addison Gardner, Chase Michaelis, Luke Cherrington, Anna Davis, Anna Livingston, Spencer Gale, Blake Evans, Averie Allen, Rose Nuffer, Jodie Bethel, Anjali Jarman, Mindi Cherrington, Kyra Crandall, Raige Corey, Brock Zollinger, Jonathan Paonessa, Jayden Holdsworth, Paul Christensen, Ashley Jones, Megan Black, Matalie Webb, Kaiser Krohn, Madeline Schneiter

NURSING news

NURSING NEWS- MAY 2015

I can't believe we are almost done with another school year!!

With spring and summer months come fun activities. Riding ATVs is one of the most popular activities during warm weather months.

The Intermountain West has the fourth-highest traumatic brain injury hospitalization rate in the country for children ages 5 to 14. Almost 7 percent of those injuries involve motor vehicles, including ATVs. A child's risk of being hospitalized from riding an off-highway vehicle is a thousand times greater than riding in a car.

ATV FACTS

- 12 percent of Primary Children's Hospital traumatic brain injury admissions are due to ATV crashes.
- Children ages 7-14 account for the largest number of ATV-related Emergency Department visits at Primary Children's Hospital.
- Only 58 percent of Utahns report wearing a helmet while riding an ATV.
- Only 38 percent of Utah children whose parents own an ATV have taken a training course.
- There has been a 166 percent increase in the number of registered ATVs in Utah from 1998 to 2011.
- 22 Utah youth died in ATV-related crashes between 1999 and 2011.

CERTIFICATION TEACHES SAFER RIDING

Getting your children ATV-certified helps them learn safety practices and can help to avoid accidents. It's illegal for children under 16 to drive on public roads without certification. To get your children certified you can sign up now at: [Utah ATV Rider's Ed Course](#) or go to your local off-highway vehicle retailer.

WEARING A HELMET PREVENTS SERIOUS BRAIN INJURIES

It is critical that your children wear helmets to prevent brain injuries.

HEAD TO TOE SAFETY GEAR

While helmets are very important pieces of safety equipment, it's also important to dress your child head to toe with other safety gear: goggles, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, sturdy pants, and over-the-ankle boots.

HELP YOUR CHILDREN CONTROL THEIR RIDE

To help your children ride more safely, you need to ensure that they have the right-sized ATV, they stay off paved roads, they don't ride with another person on their ATV, and they always ride within the level.

Serious ATV fun begins with Serious ATV Safety!!!

Best wishes for a wonderful, fun, and safe summer!!!!

Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse