

explorer NEWS

principal's message Dr. Joseph Backman

Fabulous Foothill Parents,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We enjoyed having so many grandparents (and other "grand" people) come to our Grandparents' Day last week.

In previous newsletters, I have shared our desire to help our students become active thinkers, learners, and problem solvers. We want to help every child develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions they will need to be happy and successful in life. All of our endeavors at Foothill to provide a strong STEAM education for students are to help them gain the important skills of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical problem solving while developing their character. This type of learning allows students to apply their learning in authentic, real-world ways that helps them own and internalize the learning. Here is a simple way to put it:

Foothill teachers have received training from Dr. Steve Shumway, BYU engineering and technology professor, to learn how best to teach STEM through the engineering design process. Dr. Amy Miner, BYU teacher education professor, has provided professional development on authentic ways to integrate our curriculum through STEAM. Both the engineering design process and STEAM integration are very effective ways to have students apply the learning and to practice and develop important skills.

With our epic technology grant last year, we were able to purchase iPads for all of our classrooms (2 students per one device) and Chromebooks for all of our 3rd-6th grades. This freed up one of our two computer labs, which we have transformed into our Exploratorium: another place where students can apply the things they are learning in a hands-on, minds-on learning approach each week. Shauna Crockett is our technology integrationist who runs the Exploratorium. Ms. Crockett has coordinated with each grade level to ensure that what she is doing is truly tied to each grade's curriculum and standards. The Exploratorium is filled with tools that facilitate the learning such as a 3-D printer, laser cutters, scanners, robotics, and even sewing machines.

I want to share a few examples of integrated projects that have happened in our Exploratorium.

- Kindergarten, 1st, and small-group autism classes created "Our Foothill Alphabet Books" by taking pictures around the school of letters created by everyday objects.
- Students in 2nd grade filmed videos with the iPads using their self-created stick puppets as they learned about continents and oceans that will be made into an iMovie.
- 3rd grade students have been learning the basics of sewing machines so they can create headbands for their Native American Day.
- 4th graders have learned Silhouette Studio in order to use the laser cutter to create a vinyl cutout of the Utah counties.
- 5th grade students have been learning about erosion and landforms using a bar of soap and a drip system to create canyons, valleys, buttes, and arches. Through time-lapse recording on the iPad, they will be able to see how a landform is created.
- Groups of 6th grade students pitched different ideas to their peers using Google Slides of projects they could do using the great tools in the Exploratorium.

We are grateful for your support as we help your students learn and apply the important knowledge and skills they need to be life-long learners. We want them to love learning, be critical problem solvers, to be creative, and know how to effectively contribute to society.

Sincerely,
Joe Backman (Dr. B)

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Dr. B's Readers

Dr. B will be reading
Holiday Stories to
Students this month!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Holiday Concert 7 pm	2
5 Early Out	6	7	8	9
12 Early Out	13	14	15	16
19 Early Out	20	21	22	23 No School (Winter Break)
26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Karen Crabb Dec. 9
Christine Young Dec. 31

NEXT MONTH:
January 3 - School resumes
January 16 - Martin Luther King Day (no school)

president's message
Amy Oakey

What an exciting time of year this is! The holiday season always gives us time to reflect on all the wonderful things we are grateful for in our lives. As a PTA we are so grateful for the wonderful parents who do so much for Foothill. We are grateful for amazing teachers who work tirelessly to provide our children with a great education and provide a safe and friendly learning environment. We are grateful for the administration at Foothill who, much of the time, are behind the scenes keeping everything running well. And finally, we are grateful for the amazing students we have at Foothill.

At this time of year, when many gifts are given, we have the privilege of giving a gift to each one of our teachers. Thanks the funds that were raised through the Fall Festival, we once again are able to give our teachers a financial grant that they can use to enrich their classrooms. Once again, we are so grateful for all the teachers do for the children at Foothill.

We hope you and your families have a safe and wonderful holiday season filled with joy, love, kindness, and laughter.



THE news

Foothill's school spelling bee is coming up in February.

Grade specific spelling lists can be obtained on spelling.com. A list of all the words for grades one through eight for the school bee was sent home with students. Students who want to participate in the school spelling bee should learn the words for their grade and then study the rest of the words.

Only grades three through six participate in the school wide spelling bee.

Contact Emily Jensen at 801-360-6566 with any questions.

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SKI AND SNOWBOARD SCHOOL

2017 Season

Ages 8 and up for skiing, 9 and up for snowboarding!
Register before Christmas Break!! (Deadline: Dec. 22)

To Register: <http://www.foothillpta.org/programs/ski-school-sundance>

Dates: Jan. 9, Jan 30, Feb 13, March 13 4-6pm
Cost is \$200 (or \$160 with season pass)

Ski/snowboard rental available for \$10 per week
Helmet rental for \$5 per week
To sign up, contact Katrina Larson
leifandkatrina@yahoo.com or 801-361-0287

Foothill Reflections 2016 Awards

Visual Arts

Award of Excellence

Primary: Abrar Uddin
Alivia Dean
Intermediate: Kaya Dean
Annika Wood
Middle: Max Young

Award of Merit

Primary: Canyon Robert
Jaden Partridge
Camilla Partridge
Lucy Lowry
Intermediate: Beck Wood
Amanda Partridge
Middle: Lauren Brown

Photography

Award of Excellence

Primary: Hyrum Beus
Camilla Partridge
Jaden Partridge
Intermediate: Amanda Partridge
Beck Wood

Music

Award of Excellence

Primary: Camilla Partridge
Intermediate: Trevor Plewe
Middle: Rose Nuffer
Kate Wudel

3D

Award of Excellence

Primary: Brigham Beus
Intermediate: Elena Jensen
Middle: Abigail Beus

Literature

Award of Excellence

Primary: Camilla Partridge
Jaden Partridge
Intermediate: Elena Jensen
Annika Wood
Middle: Mercy Thomas

Dance

Award of Excellence

Primary: Alexis Jordan
Intermediate: Amanda Partridge
McKade Jordan
Middle: Lydia Beus





nursing news

NURSING NEWS- DECEMBER 2015

Many children get a cut from falls or using sharp objects like scissors. Some cuts can be safely treated at home. Large, gaping, and deeper cuts, or any wounds that won't stop bleeding, need medical treatment.

WHAT TO DO

If the cut is severe and you can't get your child to a hospital right away or must wait for an ambulance, begin this treatment:

- *Rinse the cut or wound with water and apply pressure with sterile gauze, a bandage, or a clean cloth.
- *If blood soaks through the bandage, place another bandage over the first and keep applying pressure.
- *Raise the injured body part to slow bleeding.
- *When bleeding stops, cover the wound with a new, clean bandage.
- *DO NOT APPLY A TOURNIQUET!

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- *the cut is deep or its edges are widely separated
- *the cut continues to ooze and bleed even after applying pressure
- *the injury was caused by an animal or human bite, burn, electrical injury, or puncture wound e.g. a nail

CALL 911 RIGHT AWAY IF YOUR CHILD:

- *has a body part, such as a fingertip, that is cut off. PUT THE PART THAT WAS CUT OFF IN A SEALED PLASTIC BAG RIGHT AWAY. DUNK THE BAG IN A CONTAINER WITH ICE WATER.
- *has a cut and the blood is spurting out and difficult to control
- *is bleeding so much that bandages are becoming soaked with blood

THINK PREVENTION!!!!!!

- *Childproof so that infants and toddlers are less likely to fall or become injured on table corners, sharp objects, or doors that may slam shut.
- *Be sure your kids wear shoes when playing outside.
- *Watch teens when they are cutting with sharp knives.

Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse

You're invited!

FOOTHILL ELEMENTARY
PRESENTS OUR



**Holiday
Concert
2016**



**Thurs. Dec 1st
7 pm**

**CHOIR,
ORCHESTRA &
BALLROOM TEAM**

