

# Principal's Corner- March 9-13, 2020

**Greetings Fox Hollow Parents,**

This week has been a lot of fun! We started with the Fox Hollow Spirit assembly on Monday and a friendly water war competition between our custodian, Matt Downs, and myself. It was set up to show the students that perseverance is a character trait that you need when you face challenges. It was a lot of fun and the students enjoyed cheering us both on as we were soaked through and through.

We also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and had dress up days, while we continued to meet our school-wide reading goal. One of the rewards that the students will be earning on March 23<sup>rd</sup> is duct taping the principal to the wall in the gym. I somehow don't think that students will want to miss this opportunity and they will keep reading to put me on the wall (Lol). I am happy that I can be a motivation for all Fox Hollow students as they continue to meet their reading goals. 😊

The best part of the week came with the "Battle of the Books" competition and the excitement that led up to the finals on Friday. A special thanks to all of our parent volunteers and especially our librarian, Lisa Adams. Everything was so well organized and the students were so well prepared. I was impressed with the students and their knowledge of the books and their sportsmanship in the heat of stiff competition. Overall, this made the week close out on a high note for me.

Finally, speaking of reading, I wanted to celebrate a little by telling you that our first-grade teacher team has helped our first graders to reach an incredible growth goal during the first part of the school year. The district recognized Fox Hollow's first grade teacher team for a seventeen percent jump in reading growth with our first grader's and their reading skills. CONGRATULATIONS!! This is not a small accomplishment and comes from dedicated teachers, hardworking students and great parent home support! Way to go Fox Hollow Team!!!

Have a great weekend!

Shawn Brooks

Principal, Fox Hollow Elementary

## PTA Corner-

Our PTA is starting to plan the activities for 2020-2021 school year and would like your input with this short 4 question survey.

<https://forms.gle/ZW8BoxKy67Tp4qtZ7>

PTA is having an eat out night at Zupas March 17th 5-9pm. Let them know you're with Fox Hollow. App and Online orders now count that night with the code FUNDRAISER25 at checkout.

Thanks,  
Jennie Best

## Key Calendar Dates-



**March 9<sup>th</sup>: No School- Teacher P.D. Day**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation Clinic -1:00 p.m.**  
(\*Girls-Library / Boys-Gym)

**March 11<sup>th</sup>: Lockout Drill -9:45 to 10:00 a.m.**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Minimal Day- Early Out for Students**  
(8:00-11:30 EB 9:15-12:45 LG) No kindergarten

## Lifelong Love for Reading-

**March is National Reading month. You can instill a lifelong love of reading any time of the year.**

We know that it is important for our families to raise children who love to read. We also know that it can be challenging to persuade your children to read and fall in love with it. Most children don't understand why reading is important. It is rare to find a child that is intrinsically motivated to read. We are here to help!

- **Pick a series:** Introduce children to a series of books so they will get hooked and read more and more!
- **Create healthy competition:** Children will become more familiar with the content because they have a chance to win a prize!
- **Use books that are accessible to more children:** Graphic novels are a great way to get reluctant readers excited about reading.

- **Make field trips out of going to the library:** Children get excited about having their own library card, checking out books and bringing them home. Having books in the home creates an environment that makes children excited to read.
- **Read as a family:** Some of a child's favorite memories can be surrounded by reading a book as a family. Whether you read bedtime stories or sit around the table and talk about a chapter that you have read together, you help your child to love reading and to be drawn to books throughout their life. Take time to read together often.

## Lockout Drill- Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup>

Every school in Alpine School District has a crisis management and emergency preparedness plan in place. Plans are regularly reviewed and updated and include procedures for how to respond to critical incidents, with well-established procedures designed to protect students and staff.

We practice several types of drills throughout the school year such as fire, earthquake, lockout and lockdown so that staff and students can act quickly in an emergency situation.

**School Lockout:** We will be having a lock out drill from 9:45 to 10:00 a.m., which means all students will be brought inside and all exterior doors will be locked. This type of drill would be implemented when there is a threat or hazard outside of the building. Criminal activity, dangerous events in the community, or even a vicious dog on the playground would be examples of a "Lockout" response. While the "Lockout" response encourages greater staff situational awareness, it allows for educational practices to continue with little classroom interruption or distraction.

We encourage parents to be prepared for this drill and realize that the school doors will be locked and signs will be posted on the doors at 9:45 a.m. Please speak with your child at home and let him/her know that the school made you aware there was a drill. Children feel safer when they know that parents and schools work together.

The drill will last for 15 minutes and the doors will then be re-opened. Please know that for those 15 minutes (9:45 to 10:00 a.m.) no one will be let in or out of the building. If you are planning to check your child out early, please plan accordingly. Thank you!

## Alpine School District responds to the Coronavirus-

Alpine School District is working with the Utah County Health Department and closely monitoring the health crisis in China and globally associated with novel coronavirus infections (COVID-19), as well as any impact it may have locally. Currently, there are no cases of COVID-19 infection in Utah County or in Utah. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), risk to the U.S. public is considered low at this time. The most up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak can be found on the [CDC website](#).

# Handwashing and Infectious Disease Prevention

**Lead by example!** Remember, children imitate what you do. Remind your kids to wash their hands:

- Make it part of your routine prior to eating and after using the bathroom

Here's a fun video that I found to remind, especially our younger students, of important habits (Thank you- Springfield Estates Elementary School):

**Baby Shark Handwashing Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J54zD\\_nVZco](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J54zD_nVZco)

Alpine School District is working closely with the Utah County Health Department to monitor the latest updates about the coronavirus (COVID-19). We are reinforcing the importance of students following proper handwashing procedures and our outstanding custodial teams following standard cleaning protocols by using hospital-grade disinfectants on high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs, faucet handles, and handrails. We realize that time is a valuable commodity during the school day, and in today's environment, hand washing should be a priority, so we are encouraging staff to provide ample time for students to wash their hands.

Here is additional information about flu virus prevention from the Utah County Health Department:

**Hand hygiene saves lives!** Did you know that proper hand hygiene may prevent up to 80 percent of infectious diseases? Germs get on your hands and on items you touch throughout the day.

**Stop the spread:** Without realizing it, people frequently touch their eyes, nose, and mouth AFTER touching contaminated objects, such as doorknobs, handrails, desks, and hand-held devices.

**What can you do?** The first line of defense is handwashing which is easy, cheap, and effective in preventing the spread of germs. When done correctly, handwashing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

**Simple steps** to practice proper handwashing are:

1. Wet hands
2. Lather with soap
3. Scrub for 20 seconds (Have fun and sing a song)
4. Rinse
5. Dry

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation Clinic-

Back by parent request, Dr. Brad Wilcox and Carrie Ann Kemp will hold maturation presentations for the 5th graders at Fox Hollow Elementary on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> / 1:00 p.m. Only those fifth graders that return their permission slips will be able to participate in the presentation. All parents of our fifth graders are highly encouraged to attend this presentation with their student. The boys will be in the gym and the girls will be in the library. Refreshments provided.

## Kindergarten Registration-

We had hoped online registration would be a good experience for parents and make the process a little easier. We are happy to report a resounding “yes”! Many of you have already come in to bring your additional paperwork and sign your documents. Thank you for your feedback, we have even received a couple tips to make things even more smooth moving forward.

Just a quick reminder, all registration steps must be completed by Monday, March 23rd at 3:30 to have time request considered. See website for the required steps, <https://foxhollow.alpineschools.org/kindergarten-registration/>.

**Time Requests will open, online, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.**

Requests are on a first come first serve basis based on timestamp. We will contact you via email on March 25<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm to confirm your student’s time request. As always, if you are on the waiting list for your requested time we will contact you as slots open.

Again, thank you for your support in this new process!

## Trimester 2 and Report Cards-

Trimester 2 ends this Friday. The Alpine District Skyward team will be removing T1 report cards from Skyward on March 9<sup>th</sup> to make room for this trimester. If you have not downloaded your student’s grades yet, and would like to, you will need to do it before that date. Keep in mind, the first trimester will also appear on the new report card if your student attended here for the first trimester.

The new report cards will be available online by 12:00pm March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Have a Great Week!!