

Harvest Elementary Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*DEC 6	PTA Mtg @3:45 in Media Center
*DEC 8	La Posada
*DEC 9	3 rd Grade Donut Date
*DEC 14	3 rd Grade Field Trip
*DEC 15	Reflection Awards Night
*DEC 19	Christmas Break
*JAN 3	Back to School
*JAN 3	PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in Media Center
*JAN 13	2 nd Grade Donut Date
*JAN 16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

Principal's News

Karl H. Bowman

Dear Parents,

I am concerned about bullying at Harvest Elementary School. We need your help in teaching your children about bullying and what it means to be a bully and or to be bullied.

So what is a bully? The first step to dealing with this problem is to define it in terms we all understand. We are defining bullying as: A pattern of repeated intentional behavior designed to make someone else feel powerless, scared or hurt. Sometimes a student gets hurt on the playground but the behavior that caused the injury was unintentional or isolated. While we still deal with infractions of school rules that cause injury, by defining bullying this way we can begin to treat true incidents of bullying more effectively.

We need your support in helping your children recognize and report when they are truly being bullied. Oftentimes, evidence of bullying may be seen if a child is reluctant to come to school. I have also seen that at this

school when someone is truly being bullied, the bully is usually someone the victim calls a "friend". Please take the opportunity to talk to you children about bullying.

Please take the time to find out if they have a friend who is bullying them or if they are, in fact, bullying others. All teachers and staff at Harvest Elementary School have been instructed to investigate all reports of bullying. If there is evidence that the behavior is intentional and repetitive, the teacher is to refer the bully to the office. I will then work with the bully and his/her family to ensure the bullying behavior ceases immediately. Help us stop bullying behavior by reporting it to your child's teacher or to me. We want our children to feel safe at Harvest Elementary School.

We hope you have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal

A Message from the PTA

November is over and I am left with such gratitude in my heart for the amazing students, staff, and parents that we have at Harvest. I am in awe daily at the amount of time our staff and PTA put into making our school run so smoothly, so THANK YOU! I am also thankful for all the moms/dads that volunteer in the classrooms, without you our teachers would not have the help they so need and deserve! The Fall Festival was a HUGE success! Thanks to all the parents that supported this event we raised about 2,000!!! A big part of why we raised so much was due to the amazing sponsors in our community (see list of sponsors). Their donations were a tremendous help!

December is here and we are well on

our way to half the year being over. I want to still encourage PTA membership. It is only \$10/family and the money you pay for your dues goes to support all the wonderful programs at Harvest. PTA memberships are at a high this year, however, we still do not have a class competition winner of the first class to hit 100%. So keep up the good work and we hope to see more members! If you have questions about becoming a member or programs we support email me at kyleighmoroe@hotmail.com. PTA meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 3:45pm in the Media Center.

Thanks,
Lorri Moore

Harvest PTA President

SIPA News

***La Posada ***

Coming up on December 8th!
We can't wait to see you all
there. It will be in the gym at
Harvest Elementary starting
at 6:30pm.

Volunteers NEEDED:

On December 8th we will need help with
sorting tamales orders. It will be in the
afternoon and distribution will occur at
5:30 p.m. and after La Posada

Costume planning for the Spring show
"La Fiesta" has commenced! If you will be
able to help cut, sew etc., please contact
Danielle Cahoon or Cassie Gross.

SIPA Events coming up.....

December 8th: Tamales Distribution
@ 5:30

Questions or comments?

Please contact the SIPA President
Danielle Cahoon
cell 801.473.8250
email sdcahoon@hotmail.com

Many thanks for all your support of the
Spanish Immersion Program at our great
school!!!



Esquina de Español!

Spanish Word of the Month:

el arbol = tree

(are - bowl)



Connect with SIPA on Facebook:

If you want to keep updated and connect with other SIPA families, log into Facebook
and go to: Harvest SIPA <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarvestSIPA/>

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

The Fall Festival was such a huge success! We would like to thank all of the wonderful families and parents here at our school for their support and generosity!

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that made the silent auction a success by their generous donations. The following is a list of all those that donated!

Rodizio Grill, Zupas, Goodman Chiropractic, SWAT Pest Control, Guadalahonkies, Lehi Legacy Center, Emmett and Ethels, Artic Circle, Little Ceasars, Walmart, Del Taco, Burger King, Coffee Creations, Wasatch Wing and Clay, Maurices, Kelly Cannon Photography Laura Amar w/Shelf Reliance, Kelly Varga w/Mary Kay, Ty Geertsen w/Top Tier Cookies, Tanya Finken, Tracy Bradshaw, Jody Richards, LuAnn Albaugh, Jen Cox, Cameron Sorenson, Katie Lee, Jan Wallin, Shauna Whiting, Todd, Neal and Arlene Bilbao, Mindie Christensen, Cami Ranzenberger, Becky Snow, Lesli Spafford, Kristin Perry, Linda Yost, Kristie Patten, Lorri Moore, Suzanne Davis, Becky Snow, Lynne Benham, Kim Chesire, Zarada Pickard, Jana Ballard, Sara Grant, and Mike Cottam.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT!!!

Also a huge thank you to all the parents for their support of the Santa Secret Workshop this year! That helps raise money to benefit our school and we could not do it without your help!



Mission: Planting Knowledge for Life's Harvest.

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvements of parents.”

Jane D. Hull

The Nutcracker

3rd Grade Field Trip

► **WHEN:** Thursday, December 14th ► **Common Day** for all 3rd graders. ► **TIME:** 8:00-2:15

They will be getting on the buses and leaving very soon after school starts so please make sure that your child is on time that day or they will be left.

We will return to the school by 12:00 and eat our lunch then. Your children will all be dismissed at the A track time (2:15) please make the proper arrangements prior to that day to avoid any confusion. Thank you!



Getting to know the 3rd grade teachers!!!

Sra. Govers, Ms Dietz, and Mrs. Torres

Now to introduce to you our Terrific Third Grade Team!!! Sra. Govers is our Spanish immersion teacher, and she is also our most newlywed teacher! Congratulations Sra. Govers!!!! When she is not at school she is either going to the movies, musicals, plays and orchestra performances with her new hubby. ☺ She loves snacking on Honey Crisp Apples Slices with a bowl of almonds or mixed nuts while reading *Old Testament: Women of the Old Testament* by Camille Fronk Olson. She would love to travel to Hawaii and she loves having a nice steak or halibut for dinner with a salad and fresh hot bread or rolls.

After a long hard day she loves to get a massage or a pedicure or read an uplifting book. She has been teaching for 15 years, this year will complete 16 years...wow how time flies! Her favorite subject is social studies and integrating lots of great literature. One time when she was in Walmart buying some school supplies she all of the sudden heard someone whistle to catch her attention. She looked up and saw Sra. Hanson, we said hello and began sharing about our families for almost 2 hours. She thinks that it is funny that Walmart becomes our social gathering place after work! The advice that she would give your 3rd grader is to keep trying! Keep trying to do your best and soon it will become something you just do! Be kind to each other and enjoy our time together.

Ms. Dietz has been teaching for 5 years and all of those fabulous 5 years were here at Harvest Elementary! She loves teaching especially when she gets to teach about the different reading genres and helping kids learn to love reading! Speaking of reading she enjoys all type of books, in fact outside of school her favorite thing to do is to read especially *Pride and Prejudice* and the *Harry Potter* series. She also loves riding bikes and picnic with her family. Her favorite dinner is Spaghetti and Garlic Bread but she also enjoys Café Rio food as well! Her favorite snack is chocolate covered cinnamon bears and chocolate covered pretzels. YUM!!! If she could travel anywhere she would love to go to Great Britain and see England, Scotland and the surrounding countries. After a long day she loves to get in her sweats, pop up some buttery, SALTY popcorn and watch a good movie! Once she was in the Walmart parking lot getting so mad at her clicker that wouldn't work until she realized that she was trying to open someone else's car! ☺ Her advice to your 3rd graders is to be the kind of friend that you would want to have. Be hard working and kind and you will succeed in life no matter what hard things you may have to overcome.

Mrs. Torres is one of our very newest teachers here at Harvest Elementary and we welcome her to our team here! We have really enjoyed getting to know her and hope you do too. She has been teaching for 3 years, although this is her first time teaching regular elementary. She has taught Spanish before. She loves teaching 3rd grade as far as grades go, but she loves math and science! If she could travel anywhere next summer she would love to go back to Israel for a couple of months and really work on her Hebrew. Her favorite thing after a long day is to catch up on her favorite TV shows on Netflix like "Castle" and "Psych". She loves Steak (medium rare) and potatoes with LOTS of gravy for dinner and loves to snack on Chips and Salsa. One of her favorite things to do outside of teaching is reading and writing books, especially when she can read *Anne of Green Gables*. Once she spent a good 15 minutes wandering around her house looking for her watch, wondering why her siblings merely laughed at her when she asked them if they'd seen it. It wasn't until she passed a mirror that the two halves of her brain converged and she realized that she was chewing on the rubber watch band. ☺ Her advice is if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got. Don't give up, don't give in, just keep going, you'll make it!

THANK YOU 3rd GRADE TEACHERS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

harvest.alpineschools.org

Our website is up and running and looking so fabulous! Please make sure you go there to get information on the happenings at the school. It will be our main source of communication with you along with emails.

Just a reminder about Wednesday communication envelopes....

We are in the final month of using our Wednesday Communication Folders. Beginning in January we will be strictly electronic communication. Any

further questions feel free to contact the office.

If you have anything that you would like to include something in the newsletter please have it to Kristen Turner by no later than the 20th of each month.

Her email address is:

kturner@alpinedistrict.org

**FOR LUNCH MENU: please visit the school website at harvest.alpineschools.org
Go to the Parents/Students Link. Or please visit the school office.**

**SIPA would like to
invite ALL families to
attend**

**La
Posada**



**Thursday December 8th
6:30 Harvest Elementary**