

# Harvest Elementary Newsletter

March 2012



## Principal's News

Karl H. Bowman

Dear Parents,

During this month we will be having a general parent meeting to introduce the new Utah State Core in English Language Art and Math and to have conversations and feedback about its implementation. I invite you to a meeting on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. to be held in the gym area of our school.

The English Language Arts Core Standards will change, and the ultimate goal of the change is to ensure that all students are career and college-ready. To accomplish this, the new Utah Core Standards emphasize foundational skills in reading, writing, and communicating. Parents should see increased rigor at all levels and focus on creativity and critical thinking skills.

One of the major changes we will see in the teaching of elementary mathematics with the implementation of the New Utah Core is that some current core concepts will be eliminated in an effort to go deeper

with other concepts. Emphasis is placed on making both understanding of concepts and procedures for solving problems important. Students who understand a concept are defined as students who are able to make sense of the problem situations, can use a variety of strategies including the traditional algorithm, can incorporate argument into proving their solutions, and make connections between current concepts and those previously taught.

We will also be viewing new math textbooks and offering feedback on the selection of a math textbook for our school from a selected recommendation of two different texts. I invite you to come and be informed about the new Utah State Core that the Utah State Board of Education voted to adopt in the summer of 2010.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- \*MAR 6-16 Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- \*MAR 6 PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in Media Center
- \*MAR 9 Kindergarten Donut Date
- \*MAR 11 Daylight Savings Begins
- \*MAR 19 Take Home Reading Volunteer Luncheon
- \*MAR 22 Community Meeting on New State Core
- \*APR 3 PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in Media Center
- \*APR 4-6 Clear Creek Reg
- \*APR 4 SCC Mtg @ 9:30
- \*APR 4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation
- \*APR 9-13 Spring Break

## A Message from the PTA

The PTA wants to host "Harvest's Got Talent" in April. It is a talent show for all our students to show off how amazing they are. However, in order to do this and have it go smoothly we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out and being on the Talent committee please call Lorri Moore @ 801-602-2820 or email @ [kyleighmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:kyleighmoore@hotmail.com). If we do not have enough volunteers the program will be cancelled.

I would like to take a moment and thank all the teachers and parents who supported the Book Fair last month. It was a huge success thanks to all of you!

March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 in the Media Center is our next PTA meeting. We will be announcing the nominations for next year's 2012-2013 board. We would like to see all PTA members there.

The PTA also has Knowledge bowl going on right now. We have some amazing students competing this year and are very excited for their competition on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck Students!

Thanks again for all the support,

Lorri Moore  
PTA President



## SIPA News

Dear Parents,

This spring we will be holding "La Fiesta" and Silent Auction in the auditorium at Vista Heights Middle School on Friday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the evening. In preparation for the event, we will be scheduling a few sewing parties to complete costumes for the first and second grade

students. Volunteers will be needed to both cut and sew costumes.

Please watch Wednesday's E-Communication email and Facebook as the details will be forthcoming.

Thank you,  
Danielle Cahoon  
SIPA President

SIPA Events coming up.....

# La Fiesta

Questions or comments?

Please contact the SIPA President

Danielle Cahoon

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

## Esquina de Español

Spanish Word of the Month

buena suerte = good luck

### 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/>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE DATE!!!! MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> / MARCH 22<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget you Caucus Meetings coming up. The school district has strongly encouraged parents to attend the meetings and to be informed about your candidates that best represent you and your student. The Democratic Caucus is on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the Republican Caucus is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Also don't forget to attend the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to learn more about the new state core curriculum.



*Mission: Planting Knowledge for Life's Harvest.*

**“Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education, because Rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul.”**

--PLATO

Mrs. Johnson, our incredible music teacher, would like to share with you some links and websites that you can go to, to help encourage music learning from home. Please check out the following websites:

Free Printables: [www.violinonline.com](http://www.violinonline.com)

Interactive Music Practice: [www.lessontutor.com](http://www.lessontutor.com)

Instruments for sale and replacement parts: [www.musiciansfriend.com](http://www.musiciansfriend.com)

Instrument tuners: [www.get-tuned.com](http://www.get-tuned.com)

Music Rhythm Games: [www.musictechteacher.com](http://www.musictechteacher.com)

Printables, Arcade Games and a Music Library: [www.makingmusicfun.net](http://www.makingmusicfun.net)

### Music Apps:

**Music Sparkles:** Interactive with 11 different instruments

**Music Books:** Useful info and help on writing a song and improving playing style

**On the Music Path:** Guitar Lessons

**My First Songs Lite K-3:** Introduction to beat and also a sing a loud

**123 Kids Fun Music HD Lite:** Play different games to learn about different instruments

**Steinway Etude:** Learn how to read music by playing the piano and corresponding notes on the sheet music

**How 2 Play:** Learn guitar, piano, bass guitar, and drums.

**Rhythm Book:** Learn rhythm by playing virtual instruments.

**Music Keys (Foriero):** Learn to recognize keys on the piano using colors and tone

**Pluto Lessons Piano HD:** Learn to play the piano. Unlock new and more difficult songs by playing the beginner songs correctly.

**Guitar Tuner:** Tune your guitar    **Ukulele Tuner:** Tune your ukulele

**4Music Lite:** Play a game answering questions about different instruments

**Pro Metronome:** Keep your correct tempo by following the beat using sound or lights.

**ProTuner:** Tune any instrument chromatically

### Sound Apps

These are apps we have used in class to guess what animal, machine, or nature sound is being heard.

\*Fun Sounds Free

\*Pet Sounds

\*I Hear Ewe

\*Animal Sounds HD Lite

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

Jane D. Hull





## Getting to know the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers!!!

*Mrs. Richins, Mrs. Jorgenson, Mrs. Daley, Sra. Lambson, and Mrs. McDaniel*

Time to get to know our FABULOUS First Grade Team!!!

To start off we would like to introduce to you **Mrs. Richins**. She first worked as a speech pathologist for 17 years. She retired 3 times and returned “many moons later to teach first grade” This is her 6<sup>th</sup> year and she loves it!!! After a LONG day she likes to just go home and go straight to bed. “It feels great!” She loves teaching math, visiting with her family and friends, gardening and reading. She says her favorite books are old like her so you have to ask for them at the library. They are, The Book of Mormon, Erving Stone’s Books on historical fiction like Immortal Woman, President’s Lady, and Men to Match My Mountains. She Loves bread and she really likes crackers with cream cheese with red pepper jelly! Yum!! Her favorite dinner is all kinds of dinners but roast beef with onions, carrots and potatoes with homemade rolls make her feel nostalgic. She says nothing ever funny happens to her but one time she had to sneak in with the lunch ladies because she didn’t have her keys with her. Only to then remember she would have to wait for Henry to let her in her room. After finally getting into her room she found her keys...they were hanging around her neck. As she puts it...“Miracles still happen!” ☺ Someday she would love to go on an Alaskan Cruise with her friends and family. Her advice to your first graders is, never be afraid to try. If you mess up, try, try again and you’ll get better and better!

**Mrs. Jorgensen** has been teaching for 9, as she puts it, incredible years. She loves ANYTHING gummy, buttered popcorn, and any dinner that she doesn’t have to plan or cook, but if she were to choose, she would pick sauerkraut, pork, and dumplings...“needless to say, I don’t get it very often” says Mrs. Jorgensen. She loves teaching, especially reading. She loves watching the magic that happens when her “firsties” finally get it. Her favorite book is The Giver by Lois Lowry. When asked what she would do after a long day she says that she doesn’t really relax during the week...way to much to do. However, on the weekends, she loves to clean her house then lay around watching T.V. with her family or go for a walk if it is warm outside. If she could travel anywhere she would go back to Hawaii and see Maui since last May she got to go to Kauai, and it was amazing! Outside of teaching she loves to

do laundry!!!! Just kidding, ☺ she loves reading blogs, playing with her family and shopping. One time, while she was 14 she fell through a screen door right in front of the boy she really liked. It was at a party and she didn’t realize that someone had just shut the door as she turned to go in. Needless to say she was horrified, but the boy still asked her to the dance later that night! Her advice to your first grader is #1 Always remember that you can do hard things. 2. The magic happens at home so read, read, read. 3. Work hard and always do YOUR best. 4. Always snuggle with your parents.

**Mrs. Daley**, one of our newlyweds this year, has been teaching for 16 years! If you want to put a smile on her face just ask her about Mr. Daley. She loves to snack on popcorn and eat steak, potatoes and corn on the cob. After a long day she likes to take a half hour nap. Her favorite activity is to go to the BYU football games with her husband! Go Cougars! Her favorite subject to teach is reading and she loves the book, Love is a Verb. She would love to go to California to go to Disneyland. Did you know that she has an identical twin? Well, she does...and when they were in elementary school they would trade places on April Fool’s Day. What a tease! ☺ The advice she would give your first graders is to read 20 minutes every night!

**Sra. Lambson** is our first grade Spanish immersion teacher! She is one of our new faculty members this year. She has been teaching “since she can remember.” Her favorite subject to teach is Math. She loves to snack on fruits and nuts while reading the Book of Mormon or the Chronicles of Narnia. After a long day she enjoys watching a good basketball game or tennis match on TV. She is a big BYU fan, and she loves to watch the major tennis tournaments such as Wimbledon, and the US, French, and Australian Open Tournaments. She also enjoys gardening and walking and looking at nature. She also enjoys pizza and salad. If she could travel anywhere it would Italy. One time she thought she was being chased by a dog that came running towards her. She ran and ran and was so scared. Just when she couldn’t run anymore and thought he would get her he ran right past her and she discovered he was chasing another dog ahead of her. ☺ The advice she would give your first graders is to have fun when you learn and have big dreams for the future.

**Mrs. McDaniel** has been teaching for 15+years, but when you ask her that questions she will tell you, “Not long enough!” She loves teaching reading and math. She enjoys snacking on yogurt with fresh blueberries. She also likes pretty much anything she doesn’t have to cook but she also enjoys ethnic foods and Chicago Deep Dish Pizza. To relax she loves to read a good book! Her favorite book she has always loved is the picture book “Blueberries for Sal.” It reminds her of her mother and herself. If she could travel anywhere it would be to Italy! One of her favorite things to do is to spend time with her husband. When asked to share a funny story her comment is, “My life is one funny story after another.” Her advice that she would give your first graders is, you CAN do it!

**DON’T FORGET...DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS THIS WEEKEND!!! Set your clocks ahead an hour.**

## [harvest.alpineschools.org](http://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 our E-Communication Emails that go out every Wednesday.

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Her email address is: [kturner@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:kturner@alpinedistrict.org)

**FOR LUNCH MENU:** You should have received a color coded lunch menu. That will provide the lunch information for the rest of the year. If you did not receive one you may access the same one on our website in the Parents/Students section.

### **FREE \* EASY \* CONVENIENT**

**You can now track you student's lunch balances, load their accounts, and monitor what they are charging online for free!**

**\*Go to [mypaymentsplus.com](http://mypaymentsplus.com)**

**\*Register using your students Id# and birthday.**

**\*\*If you were already registered through [Mealpayplus.com](http://Mealpayplus.com) that carries over.**

**\*\*\*If you need your student ID# please feel free to contact the office to obtain it.**