

Eagle Feathers

PTA Newsletter for Aspen Elementary School (www.aspen.alpineschools.org)
September 2015

Welcome Back to another AWESOME year at Aspen Elementary! I am so happy to be here for another year. This is my 7th year at Aspen. It is an honor to be a part of this wonderful community.

A HUGE shout out to Mr. Hansen and his summer crew! They have this building looking awesome! I had someone come in (who makes it around to quite a few other schools) and said our floors looked the best! So, thank you Mr. Hansen!

We want to welcome the following new staff members to Aspen Elementary.

Mrs. Carter – 1st Grade Chinese

Miss Shijia – 2nd Grade Chinese

Miss Payne – 2nd Grade

Mr. Robles - 2nd Grade

Miss Christensen – 4th Grade

Mrs. Duncan – 5th Grade

Mrs. Tripp – Special Ed.

Miss Lehtinen – Rdg. Recovery

Mrs. Washington – Computers

Mrs. Smith – Secretary

Mr. Shumaker – Partnership Facilitator

Please take the opportunity to welcome our new staff members! Give them a BIG Aspen Elementary welcome!

Our theme this year is “Dream, Believe, Achieve.” We look forward to the many wonderful activities that will be associated with this theme.

Thank you to our teachers (who worked so hard to get the classrooms ready), and still do each and every day! Thank you to our support staff (secretaries, aides, etc.) who help in every which way. And...thank you to our PTA for being so supportive of the goals we have for the upcoming year. And thank you to you...the parents...for raising such wonderful kids...and being so supportive of our school.

And...I gotta give one more “shout out”...and that is to my wife, Mary! I appreciate all of her support of me. I couldn't do it without her support and again...the support of this wonderful community. It's going to be a great year!



Dear Parents,

We are excited to start BOX TOPS collecting for the 2015-2016 school year!! Box Tops will be collected on a classroom basis. A container will be placed in each classroom for students/teachers to put their Box Tops in. We will run a 3 week “collection” timeframe, after which, all Box Tops collected will be tallied up and points given to that classroom. They will then be rewarded with a prize according to their points. 200 Box Tops=Tootsie Pop for each child in that class, 500 Box Tops=Sixlets candy, and so on. The highest collection points are 1200 Box Tops=Pizza Party!!! I will keep more information posted on our PTA website. So start collecting your Box Tops, ask neighbors, grandparents, aunts, friends and lets get turning them in for the next 5 weeks.

First Collection Dates: September 1–September 18th

If I can get a submission in by October 1st we can win up to 25,000 free Box Tops Find us at aspen.alpineschools.org click on the PTA tab.

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year, Aspen Eagles and Aspen families! We are Tanya Wilkinson and Kari Woolf, and we're excited to be your PTA Presidents! We love working with such a great group of parents and volunteers who are dedicated to serving our students. We're also excited about the chance to "Dream, Believe and Achieve" with all of you! We have a lot of great things planned this year, and this newsletter is the best way to keep up on all the fun! In fact, if you've always wondered what PTA does at our school, here's a small sampling:

- Fall Festival and Pumpkin Parade (UNIQUE TO ASPEN!)
- School Carnival
- Road To Success Reading Incentive
- Running Club (UNIQUE TO ASPEN!)
- Red Ribbon Week
- Spirit Week
- Freedom Week (UNIQUE TO ASPEN!)
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Volunteer Coordination
- Yearbook
- School T-shirts
- Kindergarten Boo Hoo Breakfast
- Donut Dates
- Literacy Night
- Student Appreciation Day (UNIQUE TO ASPEN!)
- Chinese Celebrations
- Battle of the Books
- Boxtops Class Competitions
- SEP Dinners for Teachers
- Community Dinners
- Birthday Board
- School Newsletter

PTA President's Corner

Whew! We have an amazing board, with 28 people filling nearly 40 different roles. It's an awesome group of folks, and we have a great time working together on behalf of our school. If you're interested in helping out in any way (big or small, at school or at home), please let us know. It's going to be a fantastic year!

- Tanya Wilkinson (801-427-8204 or twilky5@yahoo.com) and Kari Woolf (801-376-5339 or kariwoolf@yahoo.com)

CHINESE CELEBRATION

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Join us as we kick off a celebration of Chinese culture on
Monday, September 21 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Aspen is fortunate to have a great Chinese immersion program, and this family social is designed to give everyone a taste of the fun – whether your student is in the program or not! Come join us for food, performances, cultural crafts and activities, and a chance to meet our new Chinese immersion teachers and see what their students are learning!



Road To Success

R.E.D. "Read Every Day" Pledge

It was so fun seeing so many kids stop by and sign our R.E.D. banner. This will be hung up in the hall down towards the lunch room. If you didn't get a chance we can help you later. We are so excited for another year of fun reading! Each student that registers and records their minutes will have a chance to win cool prizes throughout the year. This program is an extra incentive for those who want to be involved in encouraging reading and having fun. We would love to see everyone signed up and participating!

What is RTS "Road To Success"?

Every school year, each participating elementary school starts off the program by setting reading goals with students. Students have opportunities to earn bonus incentives throughout the year for accomplishing reading goals. In addition, each student who reaches weekly reading goals will receive an entry which is placed into a drawing for a grand prize. Every eight-week period, the Road to Success program gives away a grand prize at each school for a total of four grand prizes per school. Every month tickets will be drawn for cool prizes also in our school assemblies.

How It Works

1. Read five days per week to earn your chance to win a Grand Prize
2. Read seven days per week to earn two chances to win a Grand Prize
3. Set a daily reading goal with your child's teacher
4. Keep reaching your weekly goals to earn bonus incentives

<https://rtsutah.com/Home/Parents>

This next week you will see a registration slip come home that will have your class code to enter. We will send out another news letter with more complete instructions and a list of the teachers codes. The RTSutah.com website has more information also.

Thanks

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ASPEN ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL AND PUMPKIN PARADE
Monday, October 12, 2015
@ 4:30 p.m.

Our fourth annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Parade is coming in October! Admission and activities are FREE (with concessions and auction baskets for sale). This is our premiere family social for the fall, so please mark it on your calendars to come and join us.

There will be many festive and fun fall activities, including:

- Classroom pumpkin displays
- Hayrides
- Halloween-themed entertainment featuring Aspen students and faculty
- Tasty fall concessions available for purchase
- Temporary Halloween tattoos
- Silent gift basket auction

We will be asking for donations from each classroom to fill the silent auction baskets and also an optional donation of \$1 per student to help purchase pumpkins. Look for more information that will be sent home soon.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the activities, please contact us. We can always use your help. Thank you! For more information, contact Jodi Cloward (jodicloward@yahoo.com), Molly Zamboni (pollymaulzambo@gmail.com) or Lindsay Dunn (six6ds@msn.com).



Running Club

Every Student at Aspen Elementary Can Participate in Running Club!

How do I sign up?

First grade through sixth grade students, look for the Running Club table at lunch recess and tell the PTA volunteers you want to join Running Club. They will help you fill out a card. It's free and it's that easy.

Kindergarten students can look forward to participating in first grade as they are still in class during lunch recess.

When is Running Club?

Every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch recess. (Usually the first and last 6-8 weeks of school-depending on the weather.)

Why join Running Club?

1. It's fun!
2. It's a great way to be healthy. Children who exercise are more likely to keep exercising as adults. Studies have shown physical activity increase student learning too!
3. You can earn prizes as you run your way into the 3-mile, 15-mile, 30-mile and 45-mile clubs.

How does it work?

Take your Running Club Card, follow the orange cones, and run a 1/4-mile lap around the school field. After each completed lap a PTA volunteer will punch your card to help you track your mileage. Each card represents 3 miles and as you finish a card you will receive a Running Club foot charm to put on your chain. (You'll receive your chain after completing your first card.) You will also earn a number charm when you reach a new mileage club.



The Yearbook needs you!

We need any pictures you have of the great kids at Aspen Elementary during the 2015-2016 school year!

If you have pictures from a class fieldtrip, school event or activity, or any other time you spend with students, please send them to us.

You can email them to aspenelementaryyearbook@gmail.com or text them to (801) 574-8470.



DONUT DATES

Our first donut date will be on Tuesday, September 22th from 9:25-9:55 for our SIXTH GRADE students and parents.

These are the Donut Dates for this year (Tuesdays):

September 22nd - Sixth Grade

October 20th - Fifth Grade

November 17th - Fourth Grade

January 26th - Third Grade

February 23rd - Second Grade

March 29th - First Grade

April 26th - Kindergarten



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a Donut Date? A Donut Date is an informal gathering where a parent or other adult comes to the school to READ with the student on their special day.

A donut will be available for both students and adults to partake of during the “date”.

Why do a Donut Date? This gives the parents or other adults the opportunity to come to the school and be involved in the child’s education.

Plus, there are all of those wonderful yummy Donuts.

Who can come to the Donut Date? Any adult that has an interest in the education of their student may come to the Donut Date (ex. Father, Mother, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Neighbors or Special Friends). Each month a different grade will be invited to participate in the “Date”.

Where is the Donut date? Due to the potential messy combination of students and donuts, the Donut Date will be held in the lunchroom. Adults will go directly to the lunchroom where they will meet their students.

Volunteers!!

If you have signed up to be the classroom coordinator or the assistant room coordinator for your child's class, please come to our orientation meeting. It will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd at 3:40 pm in the media center.

Thank you so much for volunteering!
We will see you at the meeting.



Grandparent's Day Schedule

September 14th

9:30 – 1st Grade

10:00 – 4th Grade

10:30 – 3rd Grade

11:00 – 6th Grade

11:30 – Kdg. a.m.

12:00 – 2nd Grade

12:15 – Mrs. Tripp's Class

12:30 – 5th Grade

1:00 – Kdg. p.m.



Safety Week



Aspen Elementary, September 14th-18th, 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School	<p>Safety in the Streets</p> <p>We will review crosswalk and pedestrian safety.</p>	<p>Fire Safety</p> <p>We will have a fire drill today.</p>	<p>Shake, Shake, Shake</p> <p>We will practice what to do during an earthquake.</p>	<p>Stranger Danger</p> <p>We will practice a lockdown drill.</p>	<p>Evacuation</p> <p>We will have our school evacuation drill this afternoon at 1:30.</p>
Home	<p>Please review with your children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Safe walking routes <input type="checkbox"/> Walking with a group <input type="checkbox"/> School parking lot safety <input type="checkbox"/> Safe homes in the neighborhood 	<p>Please review with your children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not to play with matches <input type="checkbox"/> Escape routes for your home <input type="checkbox"/> How to avoid smoke inhalation <input type="checkbox"/> Where to meet <input type="checkbox"/> What to bring/leave during a fire 	<p>Please review with your children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How to turn off water/gas <input type="checkbox"/> That heavy items are secured or removed from high areas <input type="checkbox"/> The importance of having 72 hours kits in your home 	<p>Please review with your children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Who can/cannot pick your children up <input type="checkbox"/> A possible secret "code word" for being picked up <input type="checkbox"/> What to do if a stranger tries to get your children to go with them 	<p>Please review with your children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Who can/cannot pick your children up

Upcoming Immunization Clinics

Sept 11, 2015 11am to 2pm

Lehi Senior Center

123 N. Center St. Lehi

Sept 14, 2015 10am to Noon

Orem Senior Center

93 N. 400 E. Orem

Sept 22, 2015 2:30 pm to 5pm

Lindon City Hall

100 N. State St. Lindon

Sept 29, 2015 Noon to 4pm

Saratoga Springs City

1307 North St. #200 Saratoga Springs

Sept 29, 2015 2:30pm to 5pm

Orem High School

175 S. 400 E. Orem

Sept 30, 2015 1pm to 3:30pm

Alpine School District Offices

Vaccines Offered

Flu

Tdap

Hepatitis A & B

Pneumococcal

Varicella

HPV

MMR

Dtap

Polio

Meningococcal

Insurances Accepted

Altius

Blue Cross Blue Shield

CIGNA

DMBA

Educators Mutual

Humana/Choice Care

Medicaid/Medicare

Molina

