

# Eagle Feathers

PTA Newsletter for Aspen Elementary School  
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## PTA President's Corner

Hey Aspen Eagles!

What an amazing school we have with amazing people that go there every day!

We had our very first annual Student Appreciation Day this past month. It was a huge success! It was so fun to see the excited and surprised looks on the students faces as they walked in the front doors of the school when they arrived. They were greeted with a "red carpet", balloons, a live DJ, and a tunnel of people that love each and every one of the students at Aspen Elementary! These amazing kids were also given a rockin' yummy treat at lunch, and ended the day with our live DJ coming back to help give these kids a dance party. It was an amazing day!! (One we hope the kids won't forget!) During the day, we also took pictures of these rock stars decked out in costume. If you would like to see these pictures, stop by the school. They are on the wall near the lunchroom. We want to Thank all those that helped us make this day such a success!! You are so appreciated!!

We also have our Chinese Celebration coming up on February 22nd. This is always a fun night. Plan on bringing your families. Also, save the date of March 2nd. This is our Literacy Night beginning at 5:30. We have some fun things planned for both of these nights. You won't want to miss them:)

We feel honored to serve Aspen Elementary! Thank you for having amazing kids that we are able provide activities for and celebrate them! They are amazing!!!

-Kari Woolf and Tanya Wilkinson

I just have to say...Aspen Elementary is AWESOME!

I know...I know...I keep saying this...but it's true. It's because of AWESOME kids and AWESOME parents and AWESOME staff and AWESOME teachers!

Our teachers work so hard! They love your kids! They love their jobs! They spend the time that is necessary to give your kids a wonderful education.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I know...it's not even Thanksgiving time! It's February! But I just needed to say all of this! It is an absolute pleasure to work at Aspen.

We had the chance to see some pretty incredible science projects last week. Way to go kids. We were also able to see some great spellers too! Wow! They kept spelling and spelling and spelling! And...our Chinese Immersion is going GREAT! It's so fun to walk into the classrooms and not understand a thing they are saying! It means they are immersing themselves in the language. Come on in and take a look sometime.

We look forward to our Parent Conferences this week. We hope that you will take the time to come and hear about all the wonderful things your children are doing.

We also have the Book Fair at the school all week. Come on in and take a look at all the great books. Thank you Mrs. Kennard for working so hard to get this ready for everyone.

We have the opportunity of having the Alpine School District Board meeting here on February 23rd. We will have the School Board, the Superintendent, and other district officials here that night. It will be a great opportunity to recognize quite a few individuals in the Aspen Elementary community. This will be a great night of recognition.

We look forward to the second half of the year, where we continue to work hard and to make every day the best that we can here at Aspen.

Thank you again for all of your support.



## Principal's Corner

A school wide storytelling festival is going to be held on Monday February 22nd. Class or grade level competitions will be held in February. Class winners will participate in the school storytelling festival on February 22nd. Parents of class winners will be invited to attend. Two students will be chosen at the school competition to represent Aspen at the district festival. A few winners will be chosen at the district to go on to the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival.



## Aspen Elementary Storytelling Festival 2015

If you would like to participate:

1. Make up a story OR retell a favorite story, fairy tale, or experience that is less than 7 minutes in length.
2. Memorize the story.
3. Practice the story using unique voice, gestures, pacing and timing and poise.
4. Tell your teacher you are prepared.

### Box Tops & Labels For Education

We have a competition going on right now to see which class can turn in the most Box Tops so keep bringing in those Box Tops and I will get them counted and get some prizes out the first of March. Just a reminder all expired Box Tops will be thrown away and will not be counted towards your classes total. Sorry but they won't except expired Box Tops.

If you have a bunch you have been saving for a long time please go through them and disregard all expired ones. It will save so much time on my end. Thanks so much to all you parents for your cutting and turning in Box Tops it really does help, the money we receive from Box Tops. We wouldn't have it if it wasn't for you parents.

Thank you!!!!



Get ready for Aspen Elementary's 3rd annual BATTLE of the BOOKS!!!

We're excited for Battle of the Books, coming up on March 8-11! Our 3rd & 4th graders will battle it out on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings, March 8 & 9, and then the 5th & 6th graders will battle on Thursday & Friday mornings, March 10-11. Please mark your calendars so you'll remember, as Monday March 7th is a Professional Development Day so there will be no school. We'll jump right in after the long weekend.

*What can we do to prepare?* Encourage your students to READ, READ, READ! The more books each student has read from their book list, the better they & their team will perform in the battles.

As the date gets closer, we will send out an email with a link to follow, so that parents, grandparents and any other interested adults can sign up to assist with our battles. Each match-up will need 2 adults to help run things: one person to read the questions, and another person to keep score & time. Each battle will last about 20-25 minutes. This will be such a fun crazy time, with up to 7 battles happening simultaneously! Many adult helpers are needed, and most parents who've helped in the past have loved the experience.

Thanks for supporting your students as they prepare for this fun time. If you have any questions please contact our school librarian, Cindy Kennard at [ckennard@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:ckennard@alpinedistrict.org), or helper mom Liz Ibarra at [lizzybarra@yahoo.com](mailto:lizzybarra@yahoo.com).



Come join us for the Chinese New Year Celebration on February 22nd from 5:30-6:30. There will be entertainment and light refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Parents,  
Just a reminder for those students recording minutes for Road To Success, we will be having our second grand prize drawing the 1st of February.

Please enter minutes so your student will get blue tickets for the drawing! 1 ticket for 5 days 2 for 7 days. We are so proud of all the great readers. Keep up the great work.

Hello parents! Make sure to look for yearbook order forms sent home with your kids for another chance to order if you haven't already. Please return by February 12th. Thank you for your support!

