

Eagle Feathers

PTA Newsletter for Aspen Elementary School
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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents of Aspen Elementary,

Each month, the Alpine School District Board meets to discuss items pertinent to the patrons, employees, and students of Alpine School District. We had the opportunity to have them meet at our school last month to recognize some of our students, staff, and volunteers. It was a wonderful experience.

The Alpine School District Board met last week to discuss items as well. At this meeting they made some decisions regarding where some principals will be assigned next year. With that said, I have been asked to be the new principal at Hidden Hollow Elementary.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for 7 wonderful years here at Aspen. It has been an absolute joy. We have made wonderful progress and gained excellent support from our community. I have also been able to make some wonderful friends. I have been asked to start at Hidden Hollow on Monday, April 11th. Mr. Shumaker will be the interim principal for the rest of this school year.

I hope I get some chances to see you at some activities the rest of the year. My plan is to attend the 5K, 6th grade graduation, and field day, at least. I want to be able to see you to say goodbye!

Again, thank you very much for 7 wonderful years. It has been a great journey to be on with each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Brad J. Davies
Principal – Aspen Elementary

PTA President's Corner

Hey Aspen Eagles! First of all, and most importantly, we want to send HUGE THANK YOU to Mr. Davies!!! As you are probably aware of by now, he will be the new principal at Hidden Hollow Elementary. We are so appreciative of everything he has done for Aspen Elementary these past 7 years. We are so sad to see him go. He has been amazing, and we know he will be amazing at his new school. We wish you all the best Mr. Davies!!! We will miss you!!

Well, can you believe it is April already? It seems like the school year just started. Time flies when you're having fun right? This past month has been a great one! Thank you to Jenn Walker and Christine Finlayson for heading up our Literacy Night, and also to everyone who came. It was a really fun night listening to our guest tell us her stories and teach us how to tell a great story. Spirit Week has also been amazing this week! It is so fun to see all the kids dress up and get excited about being students at Aspen Elementary! Thank You Tandi Davis for a fun filled week!!! Another huge Thank You shout out to Liz Ibarra for coordinating Battle of the Books! It was a super fun and successful event that the participating kids prepare for and love to compete in. It wouldn't happen without amazing volunteers:)

Although the school year is coming to an end, we still have some really fun events coming up! Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is coming up at the end of the month. It will be held April 25th-29th. This is a great week to show our staff at Aspen how much we appreciate all they do. There will be more information coming out on this, so keep your eyes peeled. Also, room parents, please remember that you will be asked to help with activities during this week. You will be receiving more information soon:)

Be sure to save the date for the School Carnival! It will be held on Monday, May 9th. Plan on attending this super fun family event. It is definitely one of the favorite events we have every year:) Along with that, we are searching for more volunteers to pull off this event. If you would be willing to help with the carnival please contact either one of us:)

Once again, Thank You for letting us serve you as Co-PTA Presidents! We love Aspen Elementary and are so happy that we get to serve you and your students!!!

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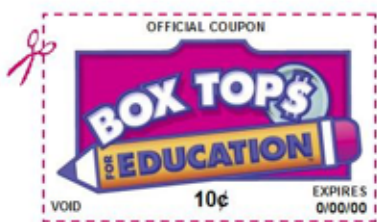
We would like to congratulate Cassie Rust on winning the Utah Valley Spelling Bee. Cassie is a 6th grader at Aspen Elementary.

The following is a write-up from her father, Wayne Rust.

"Cassie had a blast at the Utah Valley Spelling Bee. After thirteen rounds of words she was the only one left standing and will be headed to Washington D.C. in May! Congratulations to Aspen Elementary!

They had some pretty hard words right out of the chute and there were only ten of the 54 left in front after round two. The pronouncer quickly moved off of the list of 1155 words that they were given to study when there were only three of them left, Cassie and two eighth grade boys, one who had already been to the National Spelling Bee before. The final five rounds were tough but Cassie spelled "gravid", "froufrou", "sinuosity", "tippet", and "feloniously" - words she had never heard of or studied before - by asking about the word origin and definition."

Again...Congratulations to Cassie...and good luck in Washington D.C.!



Box Tops & Labels for Education

This month is the last month to turn in any Box Tops or Labels for Education. I will count everything up at the end of this month and get all prizes and any pizza party's done so that we can end the year with a bang. Labels for Education will be ending at the end of this year they will no longer be running this program anymore. If you have any laying around your home cut them out and turn them in so that we can get credit for them. Thank you so much for a wonderful year!!!

519,944 Mins have been entered so far by our wonderful readers of Aspen! We are way past our RTS reading goal of 500,000 minutes. A great thanks to Mrs. Paynes class recording 87,130 minutes and Mrs. McManus recording 88,691! We love everyone that is reading at Aspen and hope you love it to! We had a fun assembly last month asking kids some of their favorite books, they sure have a list! Others had their blue tickets drawn out for a fun game to win some prizes. Our 3 grand prize from Ken Garff Road To Success will be draw in April school assembly!

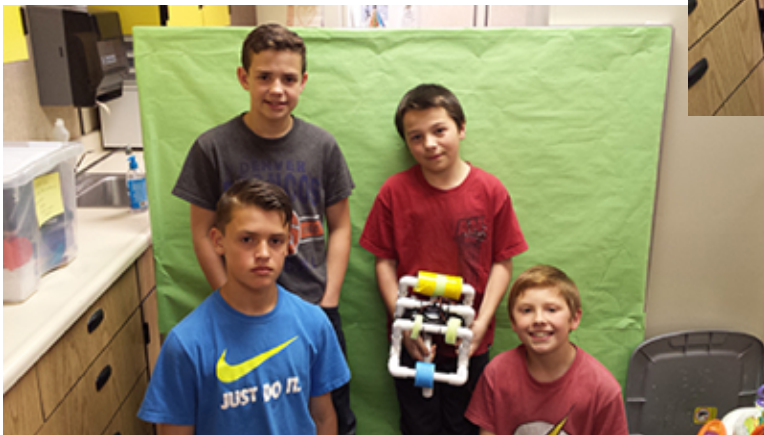
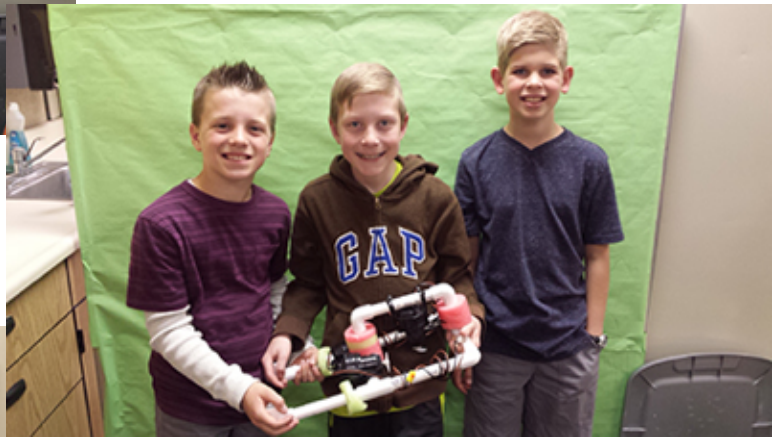
Thanks for all your support in RTS reading program, we are so proud of the kids. All kids in the RTS program will be invited down for a prize for reaching our goal. Details later will follow.

Thanks
Jen and Christine

We would like to congratulate our 4-H Underwater robotics teams for the great job they did at their competition last week. Our "Dark Side of the Water" team, with their Tie Fighter shaped robot ended up taking fourth place in the Open Class competition out of 220 teams competing, most of them being from Junior High Schools. The

other two teams, the "Tritons" and "Land Sharks" ended up with 33rd and 89th place respectively. Their research and design helped push up their scores. All three teams prepared well and were some of the few ROVs in the competition who had actually designed their own robots. Once again...congratulations to our teams!

Team Members:
Dark Side of the Water - Atticus Higgins, Samari Valez, Zane Brady
Tritons - Landon Day, Zachary Miles, Tyler Craddock
Land Sharks - Curtis King, Ethan Martinez, Matthew Hadley, Charles Hacking





April 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

Harmons and your school have teamed up to help raise funds for student programs. Our Earning for Learning Day will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 2016**.

On this day, Harmons will donate **5%** of our net sales to participating schools. The money we donate will go towards programs for your school. Be sure to save your weekly shopping for April 21st. Remember to tell your grandparents, family, friends and neighbors to shop at any of the Harmons 16 locations on Earning for Learning Day.

There will be exciting things happening in our stores on Thursday, April 21st. Volunteers from your school will be helping in our store from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We hope you will join us for fun events, activities and treats.

The students and school volunteers will be helping to decorate our check stands for this promotion. There will be contests between the different schools for their decorations. Students, have your parents come to Harmons and see how you decorated the store with your great talents.

Also, stop by the front of the store and pick up a coloring contest to enter into the drawing. Entries must be turned in by April 20th.

You will also be able to donate directly to the participating schools at the checkout. You pick the school and amount and the entire donation will go to that school. If you want to your donation split between all the participating schools, that is also an option.

We look forward to partnering with your school to make this year a great success. Harmons continues to be involved with your schools and communities to help the students who are our future.

Sincerely,

Harmons
Your Neighborhood Grocer



THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

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We look forward to seeing you!

