

# Mt. Mahogany News for Rams & Ewes

Website: <http://mahogany.alpinedistrict.org>

## Principal's Message

April 2012

We are seeking participation from parents to fill two positions on our school community council (SCC) who would be supportive and interested in working with our school. The council is advisory in nature and integrates with the school's Collaboration Team Leaders (CTL) as we work within our professional learning community. The purpose of the council is to work with the CTL in developing the school's improvement plan, assist in developing staff development, developing the school's Trust land proposal, develop a child access routing plan and other areas as needed. The council and PDT evaluate UPASS data, identify the school's most critical academic need, and recommends actions to address those needs.

The school council includes four parents, two teachers and the principal. Other ad hoc members are asked to serve as needed. Members serve two-year terms and a council member may serve up to three consecutive terms.

If you are interested in participating with this council you may pick up an application at the office. Applications are due April 13. If more candidates file than there are positions, a formal election will be held.

We are also in the process of selecting a new math textbook for our sixth grade students. A district committee comprised of parents, teachers and administrators have selected two programs that a recommendation will be made from. The two programs are "enVision and "GO Math". Both programs will be available at the school in the media center for review from March 26 until April 6.

Also, as we begin to plan for the 2012-13 school year, we will be sending home information regarding track requests after we return from spring break. The information will be self-explanatory.

Finally, you may be aware that our school and district will be participating in the Utah ShakeOut that is scheduled on April 17 at 10:15 AM. We will be conducting a Level One earthquake drill with our students. A Level I drill is described as a Simple: *Drop, Cover, and Hold On Drill* and Building Evacuation. This standard drill and evacuation uses simple steps to inform all teachers and students how to perform Drop, Cover, and Hold On – a quake-safe action designed to protect lives and prevent injuries from falling furniture and flying objects than can become projectiles during ground shaking. Teachers and students will then evacuate the building according to the school disaster plan.

Mr. Westover

### April Calendar

Spring Break	April 9 – 13
Utah Shake Out	April 17
Book Fair	April 17 – 20
SOM Assembly	April 23
Maturation/1:00 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys	April 24
School Chorus Performance	April 26

### May Calendar

CRT Testing	April 16 – May 24
Fifth Grade Program	May 21, 22
Field Day	May 25
No School	May 28
Sixth Grade Graduation	May 30
Last Day of School	May 31

# 6th grade news

We just finished our last big project, the World Fair and Country Reports! We can all breathe a big sigh of relief! It was so fun to see the kids dressed up in cool costumes, sharing their new-found knowledge of a faraway country. The whole school was able to see our fashion show and view the displays. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have been such a great support to their students through all the fun and exciting projects they have completed this year.

Several students will be attending the Regional Science Fair March 27: Haley Greer, Mason Mayo, Kayla Perez, Brandon Ballantyne, Madeline Lewis, Dylan Payne and Aaron Azzarello (team), and Brett Andersen and Trevor Wakefield (team). Good luck!

On March 10 we participated in the district Knowledge Bowl. It was fun and challenging. We met up with some good competition, but a great time was had by all!

Now that we have the World Fair out of the way, we can start looking forward to THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR! That means Jr. High is right around the corner. Yikes! We think the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be ready to move on to bigger and better things. We will sure miss them all and are so glad we have been able to spend these past several months with them.

## Mus N<sup>c</sup> tes

Mount Mahogany's school chorus has been working hard getting ready for their spring performance which will be April 26th at 7:00 PM. The students are becoming more and more excited to present the songs they've been learning! We'd like to remind these students and their parents that chorus practices are every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30. There will not be a practice session on April 11th because of Spring Break. April 25th will be a dress rehearsal at the regular practice time. Thank you for allowing your children to participate in this wonderful program at our school!

# 5th grade News

Currently, we are beginning preparations for this year's Fifth Grade Traveling Show. Students have been notified of try-outs for singing and narration parts. Our school day performance is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45am and our night performance is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. If we have any parent who is interested in assisting us with narration or vocal coaching please contact any of the Fifth grade teachers.

Meanwhile, we are preparing students for their final CRT tests this year. Testing will begin around the 18<sup>th</sup> of April through mid May. If parents have made reservations for other activities during this window, please communicate with your fifth grade teacher for alternative testing dates.

Finally, a reminder that April 4<sup>th</sup> is registration for summer Clear Creek at Mt. Mahogany. All monies and signed documents must be submitted to our secretary by 7:30am to guarantee your child's preferred choice.

# 4th grade news

The time sure flies! If you are anything like us, we are counting down until summer vacation!

This has been a great year so far, the students are leaning and progressing everyday. We have now moved into fractions, the students are realizing that fractions are an everyday part of their lives. Math is everywhere, and it can also be fun. Making fractions out of candy is a favorite for the students. Science rotations are well underway and the students are exploring the world we live in. We are looking at weather, soil, erosion and the different environments that make up Utah. While March was a month of biographies, April literature introduces us to humor. This is a fun month for students to explore different humorous books.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum this month. There they will see those who helped contribute to the founding of this great state.

Lastly, CRT testing begins in mid April. This is an important time for students to showcase their knowledge learned throughout this year. We encourage our students to hang on a little longer, it is almost over! A special thanks to all those who support our school and students, lets finish strong!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers

## 3rd grade news

*Little bunny foo foo, hopping through the forest. Looking for a school bus to find a field trip!* We are so excited to let our parents and students know that we will be hiking Timp. Cave this year. The dates we will be participating will be May 16 and 17. Two third grades classes will be going up each day. Mrs. Van Wagenen and Mrs. Rutland will be leaving on May 16th. Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Van Zant will be leaving on May 17th. **The day your child will be participating on the field trip they will need to come to school at 8:00-2:15. All students, A and B track, need to come to school at the same time! It will be a common day from 8:00-2:15.** Please make arrangements for this so we can participate on the field trip. We will send home more reminders in the future! We need to be up there early to hike the caves!

We want to send a shout out to all the third graders that participated in the biographies. We had a lot of students work hard and share fun facts with the classes. Thank you for all those that participated and worked hard on their biographies! They did a fantastic job! Good work third graders!

We hope each student is working hard on Razkids. This is a neat reading program to count your minutes on your reading calendar's. The program helps each student read on their reading level and earn points. This is the only time for this year they get to participate. Next year in fourth grade they won't have this program so do it as much as you can now!!!! If you have questions talk to your teacher to find more information about it! Gooooo Razkids!

The end of the year testing will soon approach us. Please use your teacher's UTIPS website to help your child practice and become familiar with the test format and information they may not understand. Help your student be prepared so they can do well on their test! Talk to your child's teacher if you don't have her UTIPS website. The tests will have a variety of math and language comprehension tests to take. Good luck!

Sincerely,

The "Fabulous" Third Grade Team

## 2nd grade news

We have been excited about all of the fun things we have been able to do, and all of the learning that has taken place, this year in 2nd grade! We are looking forward to our Easter/Spring Party on April 6th, just before Spring Break. We are finishing up our unit on fractions, then we will be learning about measurement, multiplication, and then division! These are fun concepts that prepare the students for 3rd grade. In May we will be working on our annual Animal Reports. Each student will choose and then research an animal. They will also present their information to their class, parents and other classes. In May, we will also be doing our end of the year math testing, and DRA (reading assessments). The students and teachers have worked hard, accomplished a lot and have enjoyed our second grade year!

## 1st grade news

We have administered our 2nd reading and math test. We still have following ones in May. Keep kids reading as the next test is a very high level. Always ask about the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Work on math facts of addition and subtraction up to 20. There is no carrying numbers in first grade math. With daylight savings time, please try to keep your child on a regular bedtime schedule. Their minds absorb so much as the time winds down on another year of school. We love to see how much their intellect grows.

## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten had a great time on their field trip to Macey's grocery store. We got to walk inside a huge refrigerator, eat an ice cream cone, and we even got our picture taken. We would like to say thanks to the parents that came along on the field trip. It's always great to have a few extra helping hands.

The kindergarten teachers are also very grateful for the wonderful thoughts, notes, and tokens of appreciation we were shown during Teacher Appreciation Week. It is always a fun week!

Spring break is coming up quickly. Please continue to read with your child daily over the break. This will help to ensure they are ready for the end of year testing that will begin soon after the students return from Spring break. The students have made incredible progress this year and we want them to do their best.

### Spring BUY-ONE-GET-ONE-FREE Book Fair

Now is the PERFECT time to stock up on summer reading material! Come explore our GREAT selection of books at the Spring Book Fair Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center. The hours of operation will be T-TH 7:30 am – 4:00 pm and Fri 7:30 am – 1:00 pm.

## Bully Blocker Program

Kids For Kindness; Bullying Stops Here!

Mount Mahogany has been very busy this year with it's new Bully Blocker program. It has been a year-long program with lessons geared towards helping students become better friends and to "block" bullying at our school. Recently, Mount Mahogany was privileged to have special guest, Aubrey Bench, come and speak to the students about bullying.

Aubrey Bench is a sophomore at UVU studying theatre. Her program "Kids for Kindness: Bullying Stops Here" was a great success at Mount Mahogany Elementary. She taught children about bullying and how being friends can stop bullying. "Sign the Pledge Day" was amazing when all the children drew their hand and signed to stop bullying. She hopes that everyone will become friends with others at school and in their community to stop bullying here.

Aubrey wasn't the only special guest that Mount Mahogany had. Steve James, founder of Something Good, Inc. also came to our school to talk about being a friend and never a bully. His upbeat songs and inspiring message had all the students excited and wanting more.

Mount Mahogany will continue to strive towards excellence and helping each student thrive by "blocking" bullying and being friends to everyone!



## REGIONAL SCIENE FAIR WINNERS

On Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, several of our Mount Mahogany 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students competed at The Central Utah Science and Engineering Fair presented by the BYU McKay School of Education. We would like to showcase and **CONGRATULATE** all of our Science Fair **WINNERS**:

### **Brandon Ballantyne**

Category: Earth Science Entry Project Name "Suck It Up". Brandon's project tested the consistency of three different variables; sand, hair and cat liter to determine which substance would soak up the most spilt oil. Brandon hypothesis was that sand would soak up the most oil. Brandon disproved his hypothesis discovering that cat litter absorbed the most oil.

### **Haley Greer**

Category: Earth Science; Entry Project Name "What Type of Soil Compacts the Most". Haley tested three different variables; garden soil, potting soil and sand to determine which soil compacted most. Haley's hypothesis was that garden soil had greater compaction. Haley found that her hypothesis was not supported by the results of the experiment. The garden soil retained more water than the other soils (on average 86.6 g) and instead of compacting it expanded. Haley observed that store bought potting soil exhibited the greatest compaction.

### **Kayla Perez**

Category: Earth Science; Project Name "Where the Wild Things Grow: Garden in a Jar". Kayla tested 5 seeds with 5 different variables: frozen, soaked, added fertilizer, soaked and put in soil, and just put in soil. The 5 seeds included: sunflowers, buckwheat, mung beans, alfalfa, and clover. Kayla's hypothesis was that the soaked seeds would grow the fastest. Kayla proved her hypothesis correct winning an award for World Hunger Production helping to promote the end of world hunger.

### **Dylan Payne and Aaron Azzarello**

Category: Physical Science/Physics; Project Name "Sudden Impact". Dylan and Aaron's project tested copper bullet expansion by comparing the projectiles of two different variables; full copper bullets vs. copper jacketed lead bullets. Their hypothesis was that the full cooper bullet would expand more because of the look of the design. Aaron and Dylan proved their hypothesis correct determining that full copper bullets have not only wider expansion; but higher velocity.

### **Trevor Wakefield and Brett Andersen**

Category: Life Science; Project Name "The Unseeing Eye". Did you know that everyone has a blind spot? There is an area in our visual field that we can not see from due to the lack of light detecting photo receptor cells in the eye. Trevor and Brett hypothesis was that older people would have larger blind spots than younger people. Trevor and Brett tested several individuals in varying age groups to determine if age affected the width of the blind spot found in the visual field of the human eye. Trevor and Brett proved their hypothesis correct by discovering that the size of blind spot did tend to increase with age with the exception of the 5-12 age group category, whose blind spots were the largest, due to under development of the eye.

**To learn more about The Central Utah Science and Engineering Fair or to gain helpful tips or suggestions for future science fair project recommendations visit:**  
[www.cusef.byu.edu](http://www.cusef.byu.edu)

## January Student of the Month Recognition

The Following students where recognized during the February 13<sup>th</sup> Student of the Month Assembly:

Olivia Parker	Smith, L AK	K	Sam Felt	Woolf	2
Michelle Vazquez	Bunting AM	K	Tayden Steele	Dobson	3
Evan Anderson	Naylor PM	K	Arianna Ferguson	Rutland	3
Hailee Ferguson	Christensen AM	K	Brody Ballantyne	Van Wagenen	3
Addison Goodwin	Christensen PM	K	Nicole Holden	Van Zant	3
Danielle Moody	Spaulding AM	K	Ben Haderlie	Bean	4
Arianna Silveti	Spaulding PM	K	Josh Marlow	Briggs	4
Bentley Garlick	Christiansen	1	James Murdoch	Hillman	4
Ella Bishop	Glass	1	Kennedy Brown	Martin	4
Sydney Jeffs	Longnecker	1	Miriam Rodriguez	Crowton	5
James Frisby	Nielsen	1	Noah Christensen	Dominguez	5
Taryn Wells	Pack	1	Brayden Anderson	Lindley	5
Kaden Ferrell	Smith, V	1	Samantha Smalling	Miner	6
Paris Muir	Leavitt	2	Kayla Perez	Anderson	6
Olivia Adamson	McClure	2	Sam Hubbard	McAllister	6
Jeffrey Falgoust	Olson	2	Madeline Lewis	Sumsion	6
Supriya Bollers	Valdez	2			



# Congratulations !



## February Student of the Month Recognition

The Following students where recognized during the March 12<sup>th</sup> Student of the Month Assembly:

Tyler Skarda	Smith, L AK	K	Desiree Kongao	Woolf	2
Stephen Soderberg	Bunting AM	K	Alejandra Madrigal	Dobson	3
Hannah Murdoch	Naylor PM	K	Brayden Clark	Rutland	3
Levi Snyder	Christensen AM	K	Noa Toketa	Van Wagenen	3
David Skinrod	Christensen PM	K	Brooklyn Orr	Van Zant	3
Landon Luke	Spaulding AM	K	Brooke Bennett	Bean	4
Ellie Brown	Spaulding PM	K	Kyla Stevens	Briggs	4
Megan Ashby	Christiansen	1	Shanae Fonua	Hillman	4
McKinley McIntosh	Glass	1	Kristen Peay	Martin	4
Addie Bedke	Longnecker	1	Olivia Shirley	Crowton	5
Jacob Gressman	Nielsen	1	Talmage Goodman	Dominguez	5
Madilynn Bishop	Pack	1	Dakota Parker	Lindley	5
Will Brady	Smith, V	1	Brookelyn Ritchie	Miner	6
Jared Morris	Leavitt	2	Emma Bringhurst	Anderson	6
Kaymi Soderberg	McClure	2	Peyton McGee	McAllister	6
Savannah Peay	Olson	2	Emily Fonua	Sumsion	6
McKenzie Nielsen	Valdez	2			