



Nov/Dec 2013

Holiday 2013

From the Principal's Office



The holiday season is right around the corner. Here are a few things I am most thankful for.

T – Teachers who want each child in their

care to succeed.

H – Homes filled with caring and love

A – Awesome Staff

N – Nature for its awe-inspiring beauty

K – Kids at Northridge

F – Families at home and at school

U – Unity in purpose for our children

L – Love

Let me express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful students and parents who I have the opportunity to work with. I hope that your holidays are joyful and memorable.

Colleen Philipp

About Skylert

Skylert is now open for parents. SKYLERT is an automated communication system we use to send mass notifications. Skylert allows each guardian to choose how he or she wants to be

contacted for various situations (emergency, attendance, general information).

Previously both parents were contacted in the event a child had attendance issues or general announcements were sent. Opening up Skylert to parents caused one of the parents to be turned off. We need **BOTH PARENTS** to log into Skyward and make sure to select the options of how to be notified for attendance, emails etc. and who to notify.

If there is a second family (usually through divorce, etc.) this new feature will allow them to opt "In" to these alerts as well if allowed. To access SKYLERT – Log into Skyward and on the left side, select SKYLERT and fill in the preferences. Further questions please be sure and call us at [801-610-8114](tel:801-610-8114).

Calendar Items

November 15 Classic Skate Night 5-9 p.m.

November 18-22 White Ribbon Week

November 18-22 Santa's Secret Shop

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 23- Jan. 3 Winter Break

January 7, 2014 PTA Board Mtg. 10 a.m.



PTA President's Message



With Thanksgiving fast approaching, I feel we have a lot to be thankful for at Northridge. We had a great International Walk to School Day. Book Fair was awesome. Safety Week and Red Ribbon Week were very fun and helpful too! I am very thankful for the parents and PTA members who donate their time and resources to help these activities happen.

We also had many great Reflections submissions and enjoyed attending the Reflections Award night. Also on the calendar before Thanksgiving is Classic Skate Night on the 15th and White Ribbon Week (new this year) the 18-22nd. December will bring NOVA Graduation (date TBD). Again thanks for your help, support, and involvement in Northridge and our PTA. I hope you holiday season is full of cheer.

Story Telling Competition Coming Soon



We're excited to have the story telling competition return this year to Northridge. The class competitions will be on February

10-13, grade level competition on Tuesday, February 18, and the school assembly February 28 at 9:30 and 10:15. Stories must be less than 10 minutes and do not have to be memorized, but must not be read. Students may have a few notes if they need them. We have a professional puppeteer as our MC this year, so this should be a great event. We invite all students to participate.

Christmas Store



Monday, November 18 will be a PREVIEW ONLY day. Students may purchase Tuesday through Friday. The store is open before school, during lunch, and after school until 4:00. We will be open late on the evening of Wednesday, November 20, from 5:00 until 7:00. The store will close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

This program helps our students learn a little about the economy and the commerce system. We talk about supply and demand, profit and expenditures, and character building concepts such as honesty, and skills in dealing with the public. It is a great educational tool and a fun way for students to secretly purchase gifts for those they love. Santa's Secret Shop is found in room 25 -Mrs. Sulz's room.

Northridge Orchestra Performs

The orchestra is excited to perform their first concert for their parents on Thursday, November 21st! We would like to invite everyone who is interested to join us at Oak Canyon Junior High for this event at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and volunteers who have helped prepare for this evening! Orchestra will resume on Tuesday, January 7th! Have a wonderful holiday break!



Now available: "Spirit Sticks" for Sale

The following "Spirit Sticks" will be on sale, in the office every Monday for \$1.00:

- *Berry Nice
- *Top Banana
- *Peachy Keen
- *PEARfect
- *Plum Terrific
- *Basketball
- *Baseball
- *Soccer
- *You're A Star
- *Terrific Kid

Come Skate with Us



Come have fun with Northridge PTA at Classic Fun Center Friday, November 15 from 5-9 p.m. Admission is FREE for all Northridge Students and your families. You are also welcome to bring and use your own skates, blades or scooters!

Rentals/passes will also be available for:
Skate rental \$1
Blades \$3 and up
Scooters \$3
Bouncing \$2 per person
Space Station Climbing \$2
Bouncing & Space Station Climbing \$3

Come enjoy a fun night for all at Classic Fun Center (250 South State St, Orem).

Watch for PTA Coat Closet Donations



We are participating in a PTA-sponsored Coat Closet this year. The Coat Closet was established so that children in our district would have the opportunity to be properly clothed in the winter

months. Donations of *outerwear only* are accepted. All garments should be washed and/or in clean condition without rips or broken zippers. The items will be taken to a local school in need on December 13. We will be moving all the existing lost and found winter items to this box starting this Friday. If you have not had the chance to check the coats in lost and found (the hooks leading into the cafeteria) for your winter items, you have until December 12 to check the donation box (tentatively located by the volunteer sign-in, to the left of the office). Any "new" lost and found items (meaning after 11/13) will not be added to this donation box by PTA. I hope this: 1. Gives you a big enough window to claim your wanted items 2. Eases any fear that items lost, as we start entering winter weather, are NOT being unknowingly donated 3. Gives you a chance to add anything your children may have outgrown to this donation 4. Allows unwanted items to be used by kids that would otherwise go without this winter.



Join the PTA Leadership

We are starting to look for our 2014-2015 Executive Board. If you have interest in being a PTA President, President Elect (2015-16 President), Leadership VP, Legislative VP, Secretary, or Treasurer please let the PTA know. We'd love to give you more information on these positions. The Timpanogos Council is also looking Executive Committee Members (they are who we report to as a "local", they report to Regional, and Regional reports to Utah PTA). Their positions span from President to legislative too. Thanks for any interest you may have in helping our local or regional PTA.

What is White Ribbon Week?

White Ribbon Week is something we've added this year. Its purpose is to teach students timely skills and to encourage smart media and online choices. To achieve this, students will be learning a daily "powerboost", or specific internet safety rule, which we will share during morning announcements. We will have activities throughout the week in order to help students remember these powerboosts. We hope to share these tools to help them be safer at home and anywhere they may encounter the internet or other forms of technology. We feel we can do this if their friends and school community share an understanding of safe and appropriate behavior.

Thanks for Helping Box Top Earn \$578!



Thank you everyone for cutting Box Tops! We earned another \$578! Details for our next contest will be coming later in November by email. A collection sheet will go home for Christmas break. Thank you Nighthawks!

Krispy Kreme cards are available for sale in the office. With the card you receive one dozen Original Glazed doughnuts FREE with purchase of any dozen at regular price; 10 dozen on each card. Makes a great Christmas gift. \$12 each.

Reflections Winners Announced

Congratulations to all who entered in reflections! Northridge students are so talented. We enjoyed seeing all entries and recognizing the winners at our awards night. The following is the list of winners:

VISUAL ART

Primary Division

Gwen Lewis
Seoyoon Min
Award of Merit: Hannah Gibson
Award of Merit: Belle Morris

Intermediate Division

Colby Pettigrew
Derek Fox
Award of Merit: Hanna Bird
Award of Merit: Paige Teasdale
Award of Merit: Cheyoung Min
Award of Merit: Audrey Poole

Middle School

Laura Nuttall
Award of Merit: Sofia Pinegar
Award of Merit: Madison Green

PHOTOGRAPHY

Primary Division

Corinne Young
Alyssa Jessee

Intermediate Division

Brin Maxwell
Paige Teasdale
Award of Merit: Avonlea Olsen

Middle School

Sofia Pinegar
Award of Merit: Alexander Bickel

3-DIMENSIONAL

Primary Division

Corinne Young
Award of Merit: Allana Young
Weston Pettigrew

3-D continued

Intermediate Division

Emma Ricks
Alea Maxwell
Award of Merit: Derek Fox
Award of Merit: Cheyoung Min

LITERATURE

Primary Division

Allana Young
Elisabeth Collings
Award of Merit: Hannah Gibson
Award of Merit: Zander Sakr

Intermediate Division

Julia Collings
McKay Jones
Award of Merit: Ivy Anderton

Middle School

Katherine Searcy
Award of Merit: Sofia Pinegar
Award of Merit: Natalie Green

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

Primary Division

Seoyoon Min

Intermediate Division

Clairie Gomez

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Primary Division

Allana Young

Intermediate Division

Paige Teasdale
Award of Merit: Allie Misbach

FILM PRODUCTION

Intermediate Division

Owen Okolowitz
Award of Merit: Heidi Beeston
Award of Merit: Brin Maxwell

STAR Tutors Needed

The STAR reading tutoring program is off to a great start. Currently, 58 children are in the program. More children are on the waiting list, but we need additional volunteer tutors to meet the needs. During the parent/teacher conference, a mother expressed appreciation for the help her daughter received last year. This same mother recognizes that her daughter still needs help but she just missed the cutoff for the number our current tutors can handle.

Please consider volunteering as a reading tutor to help the children at Northridge Elementary move up to their grade level reading. We especially need volunteers available in the afternoon. Tutoring is easy, enjoyable, and rewarding. Contact Karen Messenger, STAR director, at [801-610-8114 ext. 102](tel:801-610-8114)