

The logo features the text "Northridge is" in a black, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word "WILD" is written in large, bold, black letters with a white, zebra-stripe pattern. To the right of "WILD", the words "about PTA" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a background of green leaves and a black silhouette of a hand holding a leaf.

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Northridge Elementary PTA Back to School Newsletter August 2014

PTA is Wild about Principal Woodhouse

This summer has been a summer of reflection for me, especially about our school. I am passionate about the quality of our school, of our teachers, parents and community. I can't help but get excited about a new start to the year, and for a chance to make a difference in the lives of students. We recognize that educating a child takes an entire team. We are confident that as our collaboration with parents grows, so will student success. Please find ways to be involved in the school as the year starts. Join us in taking pride in public education, in Alpine School District, and in Northridge Elementary. I look forward to a successful beginning!

Calendar Items

August

- 15 – PTA teacher luncheon (12:00-1:00 pm)
- 15 – Back to school night open house (4:00-6:00 pm)
- 18 – Summer Math and Movie (11:00-1:00)
- 19 – First day of school
- 28 – 5th Grade Storytelling Fieldtrip
- 25 – 29 – rad KIDS-Harris (9:20-10:45 am)
- 25 – First Day of Kindergarten

September

- 1 – Labor Day – No School
- 2 – PTA meeting 10:00 am
- 4 – Room Mother's Tea (3:45-4:00)
- 4 – General PTA meeting (4-4:30, vote on Budget, Bylaws, Standing Rules & elect Nominating Committee)
- 8-12 – radKIDS – Broderick (9:20-10:45 am)
- 12 – radKIDS simulation – Harris/Broderick (3:45-4:45)

- 15-19 – radKIDS – Savage (9:20-10:45 am)
- 18 – School Pictures
- 19 – Vision Screening (9:15-11:45)
- 26 – Carnival (4:00 – 7:00)
- 29 – Oct. 3 – radKIDS – Davis (9:20-10:45)
- 29 – Oct. 3 – radKIDS – Crandall pm (2:00-3:30)

PTA is Wild about our new teachers

Linda Pontius is our new lower grade specialty teacher, taking the position of Randy Bristow.

Kathy Vest is our new upper grade specialty teacher, taking the position of Don Harvie.

Naomi Davis is our new 2nd grade teacher, taking the place of Victoria Farr.

Megan Nebeker is our new 6th grade teacher, taking the place of Melani Fulwider.

Rachel Bennett is our new Resource teacher, She will be teaching along with Carolyn Cain.

Please join with us in extending our new teachers and staff a warm welcome to the Northridge team. We look forward to the wonderful dynamic they will bring to our school.

Our PTA Presidents are wild about YOU!

Hello Northridge families!

We are so excited for another school year; in fact the PTA is “Wild” about Northridge! We have a unique school with unique programs and unique teachers. We love Northridge Elementary! With that said, we want to invite you to be “wild” about Northridge too. That would include becoming involved in your child’s experience at school. The PTA sponsors many activities at Northridge and we could use your help. We hope that you will come by the library on Back to School Night where we will be set up. We will have \$6 PTA memberships, \$6 “wild” T-shirts, and you can claim your survey incentive coupon pack. We will also have copies of our School of Excellence survey that you can fill out, as well as information and signups for all of our activities we will be sponsoring this year. We have been working hard already to plan and carry out these upcoming activities with our wonderful Principal, Eric Woodhouse and our fantastic teacher rep., Bonnie Sulz. Working hand in hand with our teachers and principal is key to the success of Northridge Elementary. Parents, we need you to be “wild” about Northridge by getting involved in the PTA. Whether you volunteer at home, in the school or even in the community, we hope you will dedicate yourself to doing a little more to support your student’s learning this year. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night and throughout the year. If you haven’t guessed yet, our theme this year is pretty “wild”, in fact “Northridge is Wild about Learning!” We hope you have a great year with your children this year!

Co-PTA Presidents,

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PTA is Wild about Student Safety

Please:

- Enter the parking lot on the South side.
- Exit the parking lot on the North side.
- Drop off or pick up in lane 1 (next to the curb).
- Pull forward as far as possible in lane 1 to drop off or pick up.
- Exit lane 1 into lane 2 ASAP after dropping off students.
- Watch for our students using ALL crosswalks.
- Drive slowly and be alert!

- Encourage your children to use the crosswalk on 50 East.
- Use the parking stalls.
- Be patient!

Please **do not**:

- Exit the parking lot on the south side.
- Drop off or pick up any children in lane 2 or 3!
- Park in the red zone on 50 East. It prevents driver and student visibility in the crosswalk.
- Get out of your vehicle to walk your child into the school or to pick them up after school when in lane 1, even if just for a few seconds.

PTA is wild about “BOX TOP\$ for EDUCATION” Don't forget to cut and save your boxtops for our BYU vs. Utah contest coming up at the end of September. Northridge gets \$.10 for every boxtop and it adds up very quickly. In fact, Northridge has consistently raised over \$1000 per year for at least four years in a row all thanks to those wonderful boxtops and those of you who took the time to clip, cut, or by all means rip them off those boxes. So yes...boxtop clipping and saving is worth it! Thanks in advance for all your support with boxtops this year.

Northridge is Wild about PTA

Top benefits of joining the PTA

1. It's good for your child

Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school. When parents get plugged in, their children do better at school.

2. PTA is not just for moms

Northridge Dads are encouraged to support their children by joining PTA. We want to hear your ideas and opinions too! Don't worry guys, you don't have to bake cookies for bake sales (unless you are into that sort of thing). If you are not interested in volunteering and attending meetings, that's ok.

3. Discounts! Discounts! Discounts!

National, State, and local businesses will give you great deals. If you join the Northridge PTA you will receive 15% off at Magleby's Fresh and 20% off at Hungry Howies all year! Staples will give you 10% to 25% discounts. You can also get discounts to sporting events like Real Salt Lake and Utah Jazz Games.



4. Win a \$100 Gift Card

Each membership will allow you entries into a drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card. Ladies = 1 entry, Men = 2 entries, Families (family membership for two- parents, grandparents, adult siblings, relatives, friends) = 4 entries

Family membership will also earn you 4 punches to the Carnival.

Also, the class with the most PTA memberships will earn a Hungry Howie's pizza party!

5. Northridge Elementary programs will benefit

PTA fills financial holes and offers real tangible assets for the students and teachers. Your child and their classmates will directly benefit from your membership. Programs that rely on PTA funds are: Reflections, NOVA, Running Club, Storytelling, radKIDS, Maturation, Safety Week, Red Ribbon Week, Home Reading and much more.

6. You can build your resume and network

By joining the PTA, you are expanding your contact base and polishing your leadership skills while volunteering. Working in the PTA is recognized by the job market as a legitimate and valuable way to spend your time.

7. Be heard

Your voice and opinion matters! It makes a difference when you speak up. As a PTA member you will be one of the first to hear about important decisions and changes your school is thinking about making. Your voice and opinions can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers.

8. You get to be a fly on the wall

Going to your children's school to work as a volunteer gives you a fly on the wall perspective. You get an unscripted view of everyone involved in your child's education.

9. Make a friend for life

Look around you. One of the parents next to you, manning the concession stand, might become your best buddy.



We're Wild about radKIDS

Attention all 2nd and 4th grade students and parents at Northridge. This is the year you will be taking our free radKIDS safety class. Your child will bring home a *parental consent form* and a *medical form* the first week of school, which will need to be filled out and signed by a parent and returned to your teacher that first week of school. Your student will not be able to participate if we do not have these forms. Also make sure your child is appropriately dressed for physical activity (close-toe shoes, no dresses). We would also love to have any parent volunteers (moms or dads, grandma's and grandpa's) during the week that your child is taking the class. A signup paper will come home for that as well. If you would just like to come and watch what we teach, please feel free to join us. Here is the schedule (which may be subject to change):

2nd Grade class schedules:

- Ms. Harris: Aug. 25-29, 9:20-10:45 am
- Mrs. Broderick: Sept. 8-12, 9:20-10:45 am

Simulation/Graduation for Harris and Broderick classes: Sept. 12, 3:45 pm

- Mrs. Savage: Sept. 15-19, 9:20-10:45 am
- Mrs. Davis: Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 9:20-10:45 am

Simulation/Graduation for Savage and Davis classes: Oct. 3, 3:45 pm

4th Grade class schedules:

- Mrs. Crandall PM class: Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2:00-3:30 pm
- Mrs. Ellsworth AM class: Oct. 6-10, 8:15-9:45 am
- Mrs. Ellsworth PM class: Oct. 6-10, 2:00-3:30 pm

Simulation/Graduation for 4th grade classes: Oct. 10
PM @3:45 pm
AM @5:00 pm

Thanks to our wonderful teachers for working this into their schedules. The information that the children learn is priceless!

For questions you can contact:

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Northridge Elementary PTA Carnival September 26 4-7pm

Wild About Home Reading

Want to volunteer at Northridge but not sure how to juggle your preschoolers? Need a volunteer opportunity that works on your schedule? Look no further! Volunteer in the PTA Home Reading Library. In the Home Reading Library, volunteers check in and out books for Northridge students to practice reading on their individual levels.

Your preschoolers are welcome-- we even have a little play area set aside just for them! The Home Reading volunteer shifts are flexible too. Choose the day and time you want to volunteer. Volunteering in Home Reading generally can be done in about 30 minutes each week. Home Reading takes approximately 40 volunteers to run so we definitely need your help! Please contact Jennifer Fletcher or Shellie Pierce to volunteer.

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Wild About Galaxy

GALAXY Growing America's Leaders And Xcelerating Youth

We are excited to have the GALAXY program at Northridge for the second year! GALAXY is a leadership program offered to sixth grade students to teach them how to become awesome leaders. GALAXY students will meet during their lunchtime once a week to participate in activities that teach leadership, gratitude, and positive thinking. They will also have opportunities to participate in service oriented activities.

At Back to School Night there will be a table set up with information about GALAXY and an application to fill out for any sixth grader interested in participating.

As part of the application process the sixth grade applicant will need to complete two hours of service in home, school, and/or community and write a short essay around 100 words on what they think GALAXY (Growing America's Leaders And Xcelerating Youth) means. Applications will be due by the end of August.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Trish Byington 801-870-6490
Jen Dexter 801-636-5600

PTA National School of Excellence

In collaboration with our dedicated new Principal Eric Woodhouse, we have decided to try to earn the designation of a National PTA School of Excellence this year. During the next year we will be focusing on strengthening the family-school partnership at Northridge. We have seen, first-hand, the strength and impact of this partnership, but believe we can do even more for the children at Northridge by working closely together.

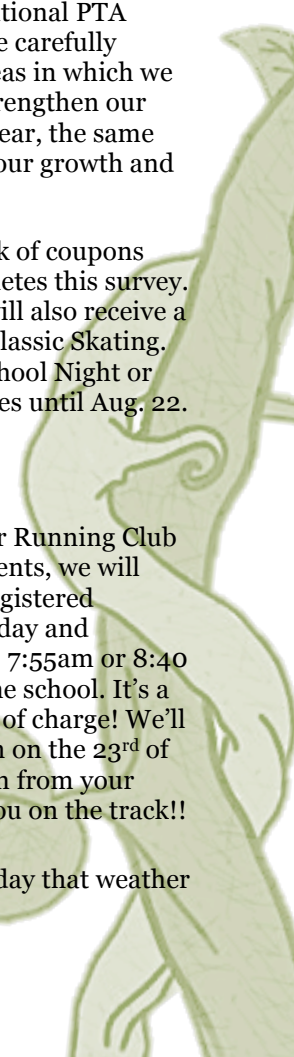
You should have already received a National PTA School of Excellence survey. We will be carefully reviewing the responses to identify areas in which we can improve our efforts and further strengthen our partnership. At the end of the school year, the same survey will be sent out again to gauge our growth and improvement.

We are offering a survey incentive pack of coupons and discounts for everyone who completes this survey. The first 50 parents who complete it will also receive a \$10 "Classic Cash" gift certificate for Classic Skating. You can claim your prize at Back to School Night or during the membership and t-shirt sales until Aug. 22.

We're Wild About Running!

So Wild that, in addition to our regular Running Club during Friday lunch recess for all students, we will have an eight week running club for registered participants. This will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from either 7:25 – 7:55am or 8:40 – 9:10am on the track in the back of the school. It's a great way to start the day, and it's free of charge! We'll start meeting September 2nd and finish on the 23rd of October. Watch for a flier/sign up form from your teacher to register your student. See you on the track!!

Our regular Running Club is every Friday that weather



permits. Everyone is invited to join on Fridays during lunch recess, starting the first Friday in September. It's a great way to be active, visit with or meet new friends, and earn prizes!

Parents, if any of you are interested and willing to help out with Running Club this year, we would appreciate your support. If you have small children, they are welcome to come and enjoy being outside and active! Please contact Kathryn Ricks at Kathryn.ricks@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer your time on Fridays from 11:45am to 1pm.

Wild About Communication : We're @



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[Pinterest.com/northridgee/](https://www.pinterest.com/northridgee/)



Paypal coming soon!!!



Google Calendar

Are you Wild about joining PTA?

Please fill out and return the bottom half of this sheet with \$6.00 membership fee to the office. Checks payable to Northridge PTA. Extra donations are greatly appreciated and are used to fund Northridge programs like Home Reading, radKIDS, Running Club, Safety Week, Storytelling, Red Ribbon Week, and Teacher Appreciation. Thank you!



Full Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Children attending Northridge: Name _____ Core Teacher _____



Name _____ Core Teacher _____

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Would you like to be included on the Northridge PTA Google Calendar?
 Yes No

Would you like to order a \$6 Northridge PTA Spirit Shirt? What size(s)? _____

Membership(s) @ \$6 \$ _____ + Shirt(s) @\$6 \$ _____ = Total attached \$ _____

