

SAGE PAGE UPDATE

Sage Hills Elementary * 3033 Swainson Ave * 801-610-8723

October 2013

- 1-4 Book Fair
- 2 SEP Conferences 4:00-7:40
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- 4 1st grade field trip
- 7 9:30 PTA Meeting
- 9 PTA Reflections due
- 10-11 Fall Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- 14 Teacher Professional Development Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 PTA Hogwarts 5:30-8:30
- 22 Picture make-up day
- 22 2nd grade field trip
- 28 Reflections Award Night 6:30-7:30
- 31 Halloween Parade 9:45 in gym
- 31 Halloween Class parties 1:30



November Upcoming Events

- 6 SCC Mtg. 4:00
- 11 Author Assembly
- 15 1st Trimester Ends
- 18 PTA Mtg. 9:30
- 27 Teacher Comp Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving!



Principal's Message

We have been researching and learning about the factors that make a student successful in junior high, high school, and college. Everything points towards student success in elementary school.

We recognize that we need parental support in helping students to be successful in school.

There are 5 areas called "indicators." These indicators are given points. A student may receive points in one area but not the remaining and not be at risk. If a student receives 5 points or above on the indicators, he or she may be at risk and less successful.

The indicators we look at are:

1. The number of DRA Winter Assessments below benchmark.
2. If a student received a mastery level of 1 or 2 on the 3rd grade language arts CRT.
3. The number of CRTs with a mastery level of 1 or 2.
4. The number of years since 2009 a student was absent 15 or more days.
5. The number of years a student was enrolled less than 160 days at a school (mobility).

Three of these areas address academics, which we are working on diligently at school. Two of the areas address attendance and mobility. These are areas parents need to focus on. When absent, students may be able to make up work but they miss out on the crucial verbal information during the day. This is what we call "day to day" instruction.

As a school we will focus on the first three indicators to the best of our abilities and each student's abilities. We encourage parents to focus on attendance in school. Your children truly need your help and our help to be successful.

Let's work together! GO TEAM THUNDERHAWKS!

~Mrs. Holbrook

NO SCHOOL

**FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 10-11**

**TEACHER PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY
OCTOBER 14**

Character Connection

We will be using the Lindon Character Connection format this year.

In October our students will be learning and setting goals about Courtesy.

The motto for the month is: "Thoughtfulness towards others."

Eric Hoffer said, "Rudeness is a weak man's imitation of strength."

School Fundraisers

The school will only have ONE fundraiser during the school year. Sage Hills has chosen to do Cookie Dough. All proceeds go to Sage Hills towards the second computer lab.

The PTA has ONE fundraiser a year. They will be doing Spell Check in the spring. Proceeds go to Sage Hills PTA.

Spirit Sticks

"Spirit Sticks" work because it's a public recognition of achievement and a way for students to feel good about themselves.

We have watched students strive to be their very best academically, socially, and individually to earn spirit sticks.

Students have the opportunity to earn and purchase spirit sticks weekly. Sage Hills sells spirit sticks on Mondays during AM recess (10:00-10:45) and Thursday during lunch recess. Spirit sticks are \$1.00. This is not a fundraiser; the school is breaking even on spirit sticks.

Watch for the upcoming Halloween, BYU, and U of U spirit sticks!

We are waiting for a HUGE shipment to arrive!

Saratoga Springs Fire Department

Saratoga Springs Fire Department has adopted Sage Hills Elementary to help our students learn safety throughout the year. They have donated prizes for students who practice safety and can answer questions. They have a bulletin board in the gym they will be using all year to support their themes.

October's theme is: "Fire & Burn Prevention"

Students will learn:

- ✚ Not to play with matches or lighters.
- ✚ Know how to exit your house in case of a fire and practice it!
- ✚ Crawl low in smoke. STOP, DROP, and ROLL.
- ✚ In case of a house fire, immediately get everyone out of the house and all 911. Do NOT go back into the house.

September's Theme was "Motor Vehicle Safety"

Students learned tips about the following:

- Always wearing their seatbelt when riding in a vehicle.
- Always ride buckled up in the back seat of the car, never in the front seat! The safest place for children under 12 to sit is in the backseat.
- If you are less than eight years old and shorter than 57" tall, you should ride in a car seat or a booster seat when in a car.
- If you ride a bus you should:
 1. Stay back ten feet from the curb while waiting for the bus.
 2. When bus has completely stopped, enter single file.
 3. Always stay out of the danger zone, which is 10 feet on all sides.
 4. Stay in your seat at all times!

School T-shirts are now available to purchase in the office.

\$8.00 per shirt

Youth and Adult sizes.

Navy Shirt with white printing.



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