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Saratoga Shores Elementary School

Stakeholder Report 2015-2016

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CELEBRATIONS:

- Saratoga Shores received a letter grade of "A" for Utah School Grading!

- Ranked 7th out of 56 Alpine School District elementary schools for student academic growth!

SARATOGA SHORES

Established in 2004

Student Enrollment:
1100

School Motto:
"It's a great day to be a Shark!"

School Mascot:
Shark — "Chomp"

The Faculty Holds the Following Degrees: 46 Bachelors; 11 Masters; 1 Doctorate

Building Learners - One Student at a Time



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WELCOME TO SARATOGA SHORES ELEMENTARY! With the many choices available in education today, we realize how privileged we are that you have chosen Saratoga Shores for your students' educational experience. We are confident you and your student(s) will be pleased with your choice. We would like to present to you this Annual Stakeholder Report from Saratoga Shores Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year. We invite you to unite with us as we go about "Building a Community of Learners—One Student at a Time."

Dr. Vallen Thomas, Principal

Why it's Great to Be a Shark?

Often parents, teachers, and students are asked, "What is great about your school?" So, we have compiled some unique points about what we feel makes Saratoga Shores Elementary a **GREAT** school:

Celebrating the Student

- Wheel of Fortune: Student recognition program that celebrates academics and citizenship
- Dr. T's Readers: Student book club sponsored monthly by the principal
- Character Education Program: Students are recognized for living monthly character traits
- Lunch with the Principal: Students honored by celebrating success with the principal over lunch

Building the Student

- Visual Arts Project: Students receive instruction in many art genres
- Battle of the Books: Student competition on facts from a series of books
- Science Fair: Students design original scientific experiments
- Spelling Bee: Classroom and school spelling competition
- Student Council: Training of our sixth grade students in leadership service skills
- Shark Attack (Flex) Time: Targeted time designed to attack individual student's academic needs

Enriching the Student

- Ballroom • Science Club • Singing Sharks • Chess Club • Shark Challenge 100 Mile Club • STEM

Incredible Parents & PTA

- Room Parents • Spooktacular Carnival • Reflections • Parents & Pizza • Home Reading Library • Donut Days

Trust Lands Report

The main function of the School Community Council (SCC) entails developing the school improvement plan, and allocating \$68,885 Trust Lands funds to support the plan. Our plan is related to our school goals of increasing our reading, writing, and math scores.

The school improvement plan for the school year focused on improving student achievement by:

- Improving student reading skills through the use of the STAR Reading Tutoring Program
- Aide support to assist in our teachers in our school-wide Shark Attack Time (a.k.a.— Flex Time)
- Increasing teacher capacity and effectiveness through attending professional development. Current needs of the students and the school are met through targeted workshops, teacher Summer Collaboration time, and half day extended teacher collaboration time two times a year .
- Increasing student opportunities with technology in the classroom. Overhead projectors, document cameras, computers (Chromebook & iPads), voice enhancement systems, and other technology was purchased from State Land Trust funds.



Wheel of Fortune Winners



Lunch with the Principal

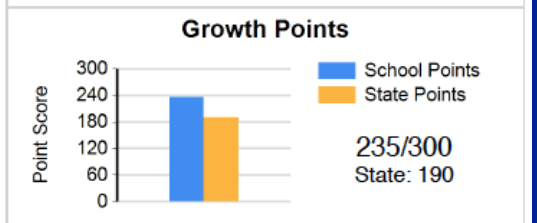
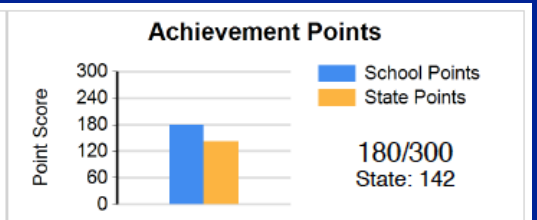
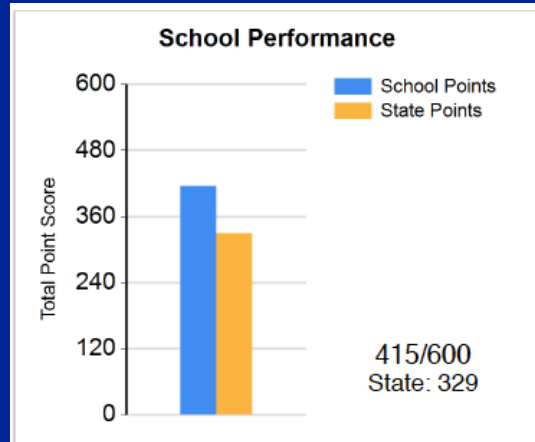
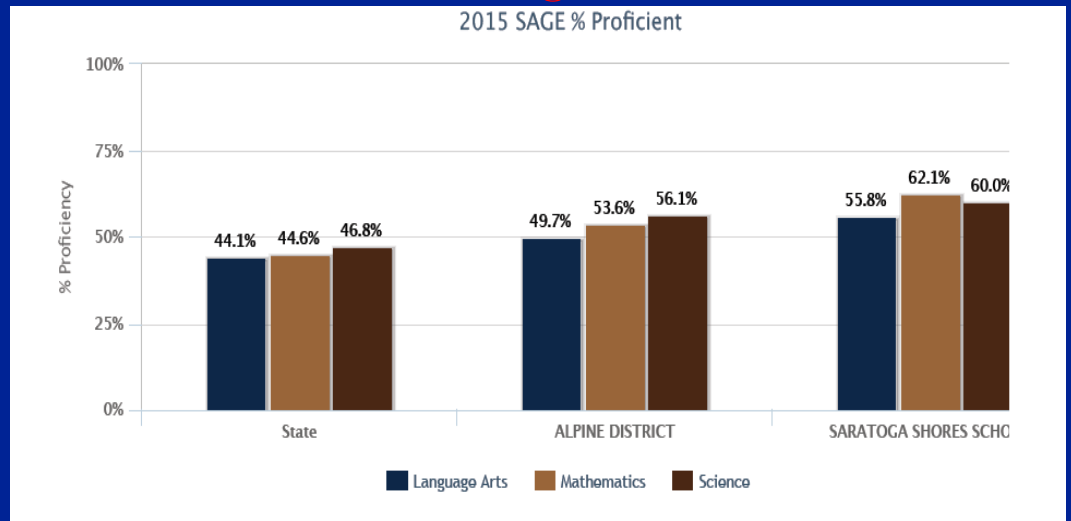
Great Teachers & Students



Overall Strong Academic Tradition

Saratoga Shores Elementary has a long history of maintaining high academic standards, as indicated by our yearly state testing scores. Saratoga Shores still scored well beyond State and District averages on SAGE — of particular note is our increase in student academic growth scores (see second graph below)!!

Shark Learners: Saratoga Shores 2015 Scores



“Building a Community of Learners - One Student at a Time.”



Our high academic accomplishments are due in part to the fact that each grade level meets every week during collaboration to ensure academic growth for all students, and also because of the amazing parent and community support we receive throughout the year.

