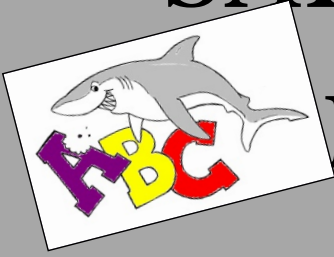


SARATOGA SHORES ELEMENTARY



Dr. Vallen Thomas – Principal

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

Saratoga Shores Elementary

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Office hours
7:30am-4:00pm

Upcoming Events

March

Tues. 14 – Kindergarten Packet Available
Thurs. 16 – Preschool Parent Meeting @ 6:30
Fri. 17 – Happy St. Patrick’s Day
Mon. 20 – Online Tuition Preschool Reg. @10
Mon 20-Fri 24 – Teacher Appreciation Week
Tues. 21 – Chick-Fil-A Night
Tues. 28 – Kindergarten Registration 8-3:30

April

Mon. 3 thru Fri. 7 – Spring Break (No School)
Tues. 11 – PTA Meeting @ 10 AM
Wed. 12 – Pink Shirt Day
Fri. 14 – Parents and Pastries Kindergarten
Fri. 14 – Hawaiian Dress up Day
Mon. 17-Fri. 21 – BOGO Book Fair
Tues. 18 – Zupas Night

May

Tues. 2 – PTA Meeting @ 10 AM
Fri. 5 – Singing Sharks Spring Concert @ 6
Tues. 9 – Hope of America (5th Grade)
Wed. 10 – Pink Shirt Day
Tues. 16 – Costa Vida Night
Tues. 23 – Field Day
Thurs. 25 – 6th Grad Graduation @ 9:30 AM
Fri. 26 – Last Day of School

Remember to wear school colors
every Friday for Spirit Fridays

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This past month we have participated in some outstanding activities that have provided our students memories to last a lifetime. Here is a small list to just give you an idea of what your students experienced this past month: Val-O- Grams, Grade Level Flex Time (a.k.a. – Shark Attack Time), Spirit Day – Fancy Friday, Donut Day, the start of our Science Club, visits from the Natural History of Utah, and much more. So, as you can see, on top of providing great academics our fabulous teachers go out of their way to provide wonderful enrichment activities that benefit all students. Thank you to each of you who had a hand in any of these great activities. This is just another example of how Saratoga Shores is “Building a Community of Learners – One Student at a Time!”

We also are gearing up for our fabulous Ballroom Team’s participation in the BYU Ballroom Team Match event, Battle of the Books, Shark Aide Appreciation Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, and many grade level activities. STATE TESTING – Each year we test our students to assess their overall learning for the year. These are important measures for us a school and for your students so that we can continue to move their progress forward. Those will begin in March 20. Teachers will be letting you know exactly what dates they will administrate those assessments.

This month, Dr. T’s Readers books will be the following: Grades 1-2 The Invisible Dog By Dick King-Smith; Grades 3-4 The Million Dollar Shot By Dan Gutman; Grades 5-6 The City of Ember By Jeanne DuPrau. My monthly reminder is, as always, to please keep encouraging your students to read – not only the Dr. T books, but also any good book they can get their hands on. Thank you for choosing and supporting Saratoga Shores Elementary, as we continue to “Build a Community of Learners – One Student at a Time!”

Dr. Thomas

Monday Early Out Schedule

Kindergarten - Track A 9:15-12:00

Kindergarten - Track B 12:35-2:30

1st – 6th Track A 8:00-1:15

1st – 6th Track B 9:15-2:30

<http://saratogashores.alpineschools.org>

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Order by April 1st

Order Online at

YBPay.lifetouch.com with

Yearbook ID code: 12887517



Vista Heights Middle School will be hosting an Internet Safety Night for parents on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Jay McFarland from KSL will be the speaker.

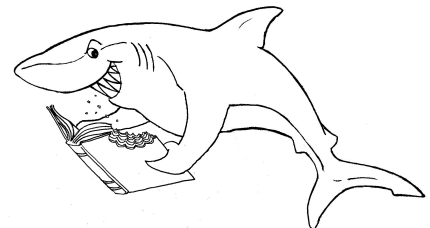
If anyone has questions you would like answered, you can submit them

here: <https://goo.gl/forms/5GXYiTyC6ELP86ZB3>

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS THIS WEEK

We are excited to announce that it is time to begin our battles at Saratoga Shores Elem – March 13-17.

Our 3-6 graders that signed up to participate have been reading and preparing for months to be ready for these battles.... And now they are finally here.



If you have some time to spare this week, we could use your help judging our battles. ([Click Here to sign up on the volunteer google doc.](#)) You don't have to have a student participating to be able to judge, and if you DO have a student participating, you may or may not be judging them or even their grade. We will have over 200 battles this week and need two judges for each battle. WE NEED YOU. Note that the "sign up" time is the time that battles BEGIN – Please come earlier to get your room assignments & clipboards. ([Click Here for link to Judges Rules & scoring](#)).

Thank you so much for your help, and for supporting our students in reading.

Reading is Jawsome!!!

Mrs. Christensen

Media Specialist

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

MARCH 28

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Packet's available in the
front office



ALPINE DISTRICT PRESCHOOLS

HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL AT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

Saratoga Shores
elementary

PRESCHOOL CLASSES

4-year-olds meet 4 days/week (T,W,TH,F)

3-year-olds meet 2 days/week (T/TH or W/F)

Morning and afternoon sessions available

Children must be 3-years-old or 4-years-old on or before September 1, 2017

**First Day of
Preschool
August 29**

Registration

Online registration begins March 20 at 10:00am

To register go to alpineschools.org/preschool/

Rates

One-time \$75 registration fee

4-year-old tuition- \$180/month

3-year-old tuition - \$120/month

Reduced Rates (based on income)

4-year-old reduced tuition- \$125 or \$100/month

3-year-old reduced tuition - \$90 or \$75/month

Benefits of Alpine District Preschools

- Students are more prepared to enter kindergarten socially and academically
- Access to school-wide activities/events
- Located at or near your neighborhood school
- Accessible to all students:
 - Economically disadvantaged
 - English language learners
 - Children with identified disabilities
 - Children who are at-risk for developmental or learning problems
- Students learn to accept and support each other as unique individuals

For More Information

Please come to our Parent Night on Thursday March 16th, 6:30 - 7:30 in the Library.





**Make-up Testing for A. L. L.
Advanced Learning Labs
2017-2018 School Year**

March 25, 2017

Elementary Only (8:00-12:00)

- ***Hidden Hollow Elementary (7447 N Hidden Valley Pkwy, Eagle Mt)***
- ***Sego Lily Elementary (550 E 900 N, Lehi)***

April 29, 2017

- ***All grade levels for both elementary and secondary programs***
- ***Shelley Elementary School , 602 N 200 W, American Fork (8:00-12:00)***

August 5, 2017

- ***All grade levels for both elementary and secondary programs***
- ***Shelley Elementary School , 602 N 200 W, American Fork (8:00-12:00)***

If you feel that your child could benefit from placement in an Advanced Learning Lab (A.L.L.) and you would like to begin the consideration process start by registering students online. New registration for this testing will open March 1st.

Access testing registration and additional information about gifted services and ALL at <http://alpineschools.org/gifted-services/>

Advanced Learning Lab (A.L.L.) Programs

Various programs are necessary to meet the diverse needs of academically advanced students. In order to address some of these needs, Alpine School District has established classes at an advanced level for third through eighth grade called A.L.L. (Advanced Learning Lab) A.L.L. programs are located in nine different elementary schools and every junior high/middle school. (See the website for feeder school magnet site information at www.alpineschools.org select schools then programs) A.L.L. is a full day program at specific elementary schools, and is a subject specific program at secondary schools. Students are placed according to nationally normed testing results and a written essay.

The purpose of this letter is to inform all parents/guardians of 2nd-7th graders about the opportunity to test for possible placement in an A.L.L. program. Qualifying students will be offered placement and invited to meet with the teacher to learn more about specific magnet site offerings. The identified students and their parents/guardians will then make the final decision to accept or decline placement.

POSSIBLE INDICATORS TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO HAVING A STUDENT TESTED:

- The student's Utah State SAGE test scores are a 4 in Language Arts, Math and Science.
- The student is reading at two or more grade levels above current grade.
- The current classroom teacher has suggested during a Parent/ Teacher Conference that the student could benefit from a more complex or in-depth curriculum as offered in a gifted program.
- The student learns quickly, recalls information effortlessly, is curious, self-motivated, works independently and typically remains committed to a task until its completion.
- The student exhibits satisfactory to outstanding citizenship in both attitude and behavior.
- The student has good school attendance and is committed to the program for two years.
- The student completes homework in a timely manner, has task commitment for long-term projects.
- The student initiates his/her own learning through questioning and research.

ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION TO CONSIDER:

- The A.L.L. students must qualify for the program through a series of evaluations. The top students are offered placement, and an additional four to six become alternates for placement when there is available space.
- Evaluations for elementary students include taking the full battery Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), secondary students taking the IOWA assessment in Reading, Writing, Social Studies and Science. All students will take a timed writing test based on a given prompt. Please note secondary mathematics is not tested through Gifted Services. This testing is done at the Junior High or Middle School.
- A.L.L. students will have assignments/homework that are greater in depth, breadth and complexity than in a regular class.
- For the elementary programs, parents are responsible for transportation to the A.L.L. site. Students attend the school closest to their boundary (see the website for school locations www.alpineschools.org/gifted-services)
- For secondary programs, students must register for the school within their school boundary.