February 2014 SEGO LILY OFFICE HOURS 7:30 AM-4:00 PM

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## Important Dates

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March 3-7: Dr. Seuss Celebration

March 3: Troll Patrol Assembly 10:00 A.M. Parents welcome!

March 4: Storytelling Festival Grade Level Finalist Assembly

March 5: PTA Board Meeting 9:30 Conference Room.

March 10: Professional Development Day. No school for students.

March 14: Birthday Table

April 1: School Parent Meeting 5:30 P.M. Year end testing information.

April 1: School Choir Concert 6:00 P.M.

March 31- April 4: Teacher Appreciation Week.

April 4: Troll Patrol Assembly 1:30 P.M. Parents Welcome!

April 7-11 Spring Break No School.

April 18: Birthday Table

Sego Lily Elementary School 550 East 900 North Lehi, Utah 84043

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents,

The Community Council reviewed the Alpine School District's Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals statements and discussed how our school applies those statements in our practice. The council recommended that I review some of the principles with you and break down some of the



Mrs. Johnson

language associated with it. More importantly, how we at Sego Lily implement our district's mission, vision, values, and goals.

**Mission:** "Educating all students to ensure the future of our democracy."

We are not talking about a form of government, rather, the responsibility that we all have to teach children in our community—all children, not just our own.

We do this rather well. Parents in our spend countless hours serving all the children in our neighborhood. Watch DOG Dads, PTA, Community Council, Parent Safety Committee, and all the wonderful parents who come and donate their time to tutor children that are not even their own child. Thank you—we all care about the children at Sego Lily.

**Vision:** In part, the vision statement says, "We persistently strive for high performance as a professional learning community." Because a vision is a picture of the future—what we hope to become.



At Sego Lily, we constantly work together in grade level teams (PLC's Professional Learning Communities) in order to fulfill our stated mission, goals, and values. *Continued on page 3* 



**Volunteers needed!** If you would like to help organize this event we would appreciate it. Also, an added benefit of being on the committee is that you get to watch our beautiful daughters dance the night away with their dads, uncles, grandpas, or any other father figure/special friend. Come join our planning meeting this Monday at 3:45 in the conference room. We could use 20 volunteers!

We learned a few things from last year's Princess Ball. We will have more photographers so there will not be the long line. We also will not have refreshments--only water and lots of it!

We will also be selling tickets for \$10.00 per couple. \$2.00 per additional daughter (for the mask) that will include a glittered mask that each girl can take home and customize it to match her dress. Tickets will include admittance to the dance, a 8x10 photo, and the mask(s). Also, like last year, there will be a boutonniere station that each princess can make for her date.

This is also opened to cousins and any other princesses that want to participate with your daughters.

# March 27th--Save the Date!

# **Principal's Message Continued**

Teachers and students, in all classrooms every day, work together towards student achievement. Teachers compare common assessments (tests, quizzes, etc.) and make a plan for students who do or do not pass. If a student passes, he/she will participate in an enrichment activity. Those students who do not pass will be re-taught the same concept again usually in a different way until he/she

masters the concept. This way, students don't fall through the cracks. Teacher teams also discuss ways to improve teaching practices.

**Values:** The values encompass what we believe is imperative to every child and educator's school experience. These values are infused in every day instruction at Sego Lily.

- Equitable access to academic knowledge and achievement
- Engaged learning through nurturing instruction.
- Stewardship in school and community.
- Civic preparation and engagement.
- Commitment to renewal.

**Goals:** The goals are incorporated in the Areas of Focus, which center around student achievement.

#### What Do These Areas of Focus Look Like at Sego Lily?

### **Teacher Quality:**

We pride ourselves in having the very best teachers at Sego Lily!

### **Comprehensive Curriculum:**

Teachers work together to teach the "whole child" and offer a wide range of experiences including character development.

### Leadership:

Teachers have opportunities to develop leadership. At Sego Lily, we believe this extends to students as well. 5th an 6th grade students have leadership responsibilities with Troll Patrol.

### **School and District Culture:**

Culture plays a huge role in children's experiences at school. We have made "keeping our school safe" a priority and focus on one value each month.

### **Community Relations:**

Our PTA, Community Council, Watch Dog Dads, parent committees, and parent volunteers are very involved in sharing their time and resources to increase student achievement.

### **Resources:**

Sego Lily leads the way with technology and other resources to help students be successful. Each classroom has a Smart Board and teachers that are trained to use them. Parent donations, PTA, and Community Council help support the purchases and maintenance of other tools such as iPads, projectors, and other equipment to keep Sego Lily in the forefront of technology.



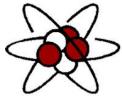


# **District Science Fair Winners**

Seven students from Sego Lily were selected from hundreds of projects competing at the Alpine School District Science Fair.

The following students will represent Alpine School District at the Central Utah Science and Engineering Fair (CUSEF):

Gage Blackwell: Grandpa's Table Top Antenna Mckay Kimball: Go or Slow Spencer Butterfield: What Hand Position is Better? Matthew Hinckley: Too Salty Liam Hohneke: How Gassy Does Your Drink Make You? Madalyn Dever: Are You Flushing Money Down the Drain? Savanna Robinson: Oh Snap!



We are so very proud of all our stu-

# Holy Cow! Lunch with Mrs. Harris's 2nd Grade



Mrs. Harris's 2nd grade class won the Chick-Fil-A family dinner night competition by having the most vouchers turned in by her students. The kids had a blast eating their yummy lunch with a very cool cow.





Save The Date PTA Teacher Appreciation Week March 31 - April 4

We will be expressing out gratitude to our wonderful teachers. If you would like to have your child write a letter as to why he/she lovers his/her teacher, that would be wonderful!

There is no substitute for a great teacher!



**Teacher Appreciation Week** 

Watch Dog Dads Hall of Fame For This Year Thanks Dads For Keeping Us Safe!



























## Awesome Parent / Teacher Pick Up and Drop Off Safety Committee

The Parent Safety Committee is still working hard to make our pick up and drop off area safe.

The committee met February 25th with Sergeant Toby Peterson to discuss the progress of the plan and discuss concerns that still have not been satisfied.

One of the areas of concern is the congestion on 900 North for the traffic going west. There is not always room for traffic to bypass the cars waiting to advance into the pick up and drop off area on the East side. Another concern is the walking route on the North/West side of the school at the intersection of 300 East and 1450 North. It is a two-way stop and many parents are concerned. Officer Peterson agreed to present the city with our concerns to see if they could conduct a study of that intersection. In addition, he agreed to discuss the congestion on 900 North. We so appreciate Toby Peterson.

The Safety Committee also discussed parent reactions to the much improved flow in the pick up and drop off areas. For the most part, parents have been very supportive and have been pulling forward and following the plan. The biggest concern now is the pick up and drop off times for the kindergarten students.





Committee: Nina Johnston, Kristy McEwan, Becca Denning, Amy Wyatt, Nicole Baird, Jennifer Epperson, Michael Campbell, Che'rie Westbrook, Stacie Bailey, and Mrs. Johnson.



We still have many parents not pulling forward or leaving their vehicles.

Other ideas from parents were also discussed. A few parents have proposed the way cars should exit the pick up and drop off areas. Even though all the suggestions are good, Officer Peterson clarified the law and how as a school we can not change the way people pull out onto a city road from the school. If they choose to exit to the right or left, we can not mandate that. We can,however; encourage parents who enter from the west use the west pick up area and for the east to use the east side.

If you have any other suggestions, please email them to Mrs. Johnson and she will address them at our next meeting.

This has been a very productive committee and we appreciate their time and efforts in helping solve the problem of our pick up an drop off areas. Thank you Safety Committee!

## **Classroom Spotlights**

## **Kindergarten News**

Mrs. Robinson's Kindergarten class celebrated Valentines Day. With the help of awesome room parent helpers. The students enjoyed decorating cookies, playing the freeze dance, hot potato games, and



designing awesome hats! Students also passed out Valentine's to all their friends! Kindergarten

celebrated their 100th day of school on February 6th!

"We had so much fun building towers with 100 cups, playing "race to 100", making gum ball machines with 100 stickers, and of course counting



out 100 snacks to eat! We have learned so much in the last 100 days and can't wait to keep learning the rest of the year! Congrats Kindergartners on being 100 days smarter!"



## **1st Grade News**

Mrs. Daly's class had a "Snow Day" and helped with the February Troll Patrol Movie.



Mrs. Daly's class had a "Snow Day" where they learned about snowflakes and Wilson (Snowflake) Bentley took pictures of snow.

The snow day activities included drawing snowflakes, making paper snowflakes, and looking at a snowflake under a microscope. Students used chalk to make a winter tree scene on blue paper. They also sorted paper snowflakes looking for similarities because we also learned that no two snowflakes are exactly the same, just like people! "We are all unique and special"!

In January, students also helped make the Troll Patrol movie about "Standing Up for Yourself." They wrote a script and used their reading puppets in the movie. Students made a castle out of a box. They even made costumes for their puppets.









Students of the month were honored for being Interested in others! Teachers selected students and they each received Certificates, Spirit Sticks, and gift certificates from local

business. We want to thank: Chick-Fil-A, Classic Fun Center, Brick Oven, Del Taco, and Applebee's for supporting our students by their generous donations!







## **NOVA Graduation**

February 26, 2014, Sego Lily 6th grade students graduated from the NOVA program and received their achievement cards.

Students shared their pledges and celebrated with parents their commitment to never use drugs, alcohol and tobacco.





February is "National Dental Health Month", so let's talk about it. Did you know that what goes on in your mouth can affect the rest of your body, and what happens in your body can have an effect on your mouth? It's true. Many diseases and conditions can affect your oral health. Here are a few tips:

• Cavities are tooth decay, which is heavily influenced by what you eat, how well you take care of your teeth and the presence of fluoride in your water and toothpaste. Heredity also plays a role in how susceptible your teeth may be to decay.

## Healthy Hints- January Ellie Bodily, RN- School Nurse

• Plaque is a sticky, colorless film of bacteria that constantly forms on our teeth. It is the main cause of cavities and gingivitis and can harden into tartar if not removed daily.

• Gingivitis, or bleeding gums, is the first stage of gum disease, which left untreated, may develop into periodontist.

However, all of the above listed conditions can be reversed if they are detected in its early stages by:

 Using the recommended toothpaste to help prevent gingivitis. Ask your dentist.
Brushing and flossing properly with recommended products containing fluoride.
Scheduling regular checkups with your dentist. Twice a year is recommended. Dental caries are the number one health concern among children. Adolescents as well as adults need to follow the recommended guidelines above to maintain good dental health. During February, children all across the nation will be learning about good dental hygiene. Ask your kids what they have learned!!



# Stand Up For Yourself

"Stand Up For Yourself" is February's Troll Patrol value. Students from Lehi High School and our very own Troll Patrol student council, pumped up the kids to stand up for themselves. Bobby Lawrence Karate also participated in the movie to give very fun and specific ways to stand up to a bully. Glow in the dark balls and other fabulous prizes were thrown out to the children as they danced.



You can view these videos on our school website: http://segolily.alpineschools.org/

Videos can also be seen in the school lobby.

# **Be Interested Troop Winners**

Students in the North Troops won the "Be Interested Not Interesting Spirit Sticks". Congratulations students!

# Student Writes About Standing Up For Yourself

Alissa Roberts, in Mrs. Daly's class, presented Mrs. Johnson a story that she wrote about a young girl, Amy, who was afraid to go to school. Amy stood up

to the bully and then no one bullied her after that because she stood up for herself!

Alissa received the Principal's Writing Challenge Award. "I am so impressed to see how the Troll Patrol value



of "standing up for yourself" is transferring into our students' everyday lives." Mrs. Johnson



# From Our Fabulous Kitchen Staff

March 3rd through the 7th is National School Breakfast Week!! We are so excited to join forces with our Principal, Courtney Johnson, with Dr. Seuss week. Join us for breakfast and enjoy being read Dr. Seuss books by Dr. Seuss characters.

Also, March 24th through the 28th is Sego Lily MARCH MADNESS!!

This week we will be celebrating all sports and being physically active! Support your local



team by wearing a team jersey or team colors. Monday: Utah Jazz Day!

Tuesday: BYU Day and we invite the parents to come eat school lunch with their child(ren). Wednesday: REAL Soccer Day.

Thursday: U of U Day and this will be a sticker day. Sticker day is when the children have a chance to win a prize if they should get a sticker on their tray.

Friday: Utah BEES Day and again, the parents are invited to eat with their child(ren).

Adult and Pre-K lunches: \$3.00.

Healthy eating and being physically active is so important in our children's lives...and we are so happy that we can help promote strong, active, and happy lives!



















































































