

EXPLORER

OCTOBER 2011

Parent Conferences

Our fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be held this Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6. The online sign up window has now closed, and core teachers will fill in the remaining slots with appointment times for the parents of any students still not scheduled. A few teachers, due to conflicts, have scheduled conferences on Tuesday, October 4 as well. You should have been notified if your child's teacher had to change one of his or her conference evenings.

For your convenience in visiting with your child's specialty teachers as well, they will be available on a drop in basis in their classrooms as follows:

- Mr. Germaine, Art, Room 35, both evenings, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Davis, Music, Room 39, both evenings, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Child, Computer, Room 24, Wednesday evening, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Ms. Leong, PE & Health, Room 41, Wednesday evening, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Please also note that Miss Larsen, our Speech Teacher will only be available on Wednesday evening 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Her office is located in the main office complex.

We look forward to the process of parents and teachers coming together to celebrate student strengths, and to work

together to support student learning and success.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

When people learn that I am an elementary school principal, one of their first questions is where is your school? It is always with great pleasure that I let them know that I am the lucky individual who gets to be the principal of Shelley Elementary School! If they are familiar with our district at all, their next comment is often, "Ah, yes, I've heard great things about Shelley Elementary School." As I reflect on the great people who come together to make up the Shelley Elementary School Community, no wonder we are known as such a great school.

The **faculty and staff** at Shelley is a cohesive group of individuals who have a strong work ethic, who care about student success, and who show genuine concern and support for each other. We have teachers who continually go the extra mile to provide additional opportunities for students to learn and grow, and to shine! A number of our teachers have made significant changes in their teaching assignments for this new year, and they are all working diligently and professionally to provide their students with a positive and productive year of learning and growth.

Our **patrons** are truly the best around in every way! We have a number of programs that rely heavily upon parent volunteers to make things work and run smoothly. For example, our Take Home Reading Library provides a great service to our lower grade students, and is run entirely by volunteers. We have additional volunteers helping with progress monitoring assessments at all grade levels. We also have parents help as room mothers, making sure that each classroom has a fun and interactive party for both Halloween and Valentine's Day each year. Parent volunteers serve as coaches for Knowledge Bowl, which Shelley students love to be a part of. They help with field trips, bulletin boards, class programs and performances, and on and on. Our patrons are very generous as we request support for our fund-raisers, box top collections, and various humanitarian efforts. It seems that whatever worthy cause we make them aware of, our patrons give their all (and then some) to make a difference for good. Thank you so much for your kind hearts as you give of your time, your energy, your talents, and your resources!

Last, but not least, we also have the most awesome **students** a principal could ever wish for! They display kindness and tolerance for the unique differences that exist among each other. They love to help each other, and to do their part to help the school be the best it can be. This was evidenced at the beginning of this school year with the over 80 students who wanted to be a part of the Shelley Service Club. Shelley Explorers cheer and celebrate each other's accomplishments! They console and comfort when a fellow student is dealing with sadness or loss. They go out of their way to greet someone who is new to our school and to help him or her feel welcome. It is always a delight to recognize one upper grade and one lower grade student

each day as our Students of the Day. Teachers nominate students for excellence in academics, for positive examples of citizenship, for sharing talents, for acts of kindness and service. The great reports of amazing things our students continue to do are unending.

That's why I love my work so much! Each day I get to come to Shelley Elementary School, where I interact with top-notch teachers and staff as we serve delightful students with the support of amazing and dedicated patrons. Isn't that about as good as it can get? It is a joy to be a part of this school community, and I look forward to a great year.

Peggy Crandall
Principal

Coat & Jacket Time

We will start to have bad weather days as we move forward into fall. This means students need to remember to dress for the weather so they can still go outside to get the fresh air and movement that they need to help them make it through the day. As students start bringing jackets, hats, gloves, etc., they also need to remember to take good care of them. We have a significant number of coats and jackets that are left on the coat racks or even on the playground at the end of each day or over the weekend. It helps us get them back to their owner if the student's name is written inside. It also helps us sort things out if two people have the same jacket and one person takes the other's by mistake. A name inside clears any question right up.

If a student is in need of a coat or jacket, we are happy to work through the Kid's Cause organization to get the help needed. There is no need for anyone to go unprotected out into the cold. For help in this

area, contact Susan LeBaron, Shelley 2nd grade teacher and Kid's Cause coordinator (slebaron@alpinedistrict.org).

School Cents

We are pleased to be continuing School Cents this year, a program we began last year that allows our school to actively participate in obtaining additional education funds. The program is simple. If you shop at Fresh Market save your receipts and then have your child bring the receipts to school. We have a poster with a large acrylic box attached in the main office for them to deposit the receipts. We will turn the receipts in monthly to Fresh Market. Fresh Market will donate 1% of all receipts collected. As was announced in our last newsletter, this meant \$500 to our school this past year, so it definitely makes a difference!

Knowledge Bowl

Knowledge Bowl is an academic competition program for students in grades 3 through 9 sponsored by Alpine School District. Students this year will prepare in the curriculum area of **science** to compete on teams of five players against other teams at their grade level. District tournaments are scheduled for March 2012. An informational parent meeting for families interested in having their child participate on Shelley School sponsored teams this year will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 3:30 p.m. in the Media Center. The program will be explained and the registration process outlined. If you are considering having your child participate this year, please plan to attend. If you are unable, contact Mrs. Elison (kelison@alpinedistrict.org).

for 5th and 6th graders or Miss Udy (sudy@alpinedistrict.org) for 3rd and 4th graders.

Parent Literacy Night

Come learn about reading and get ideas about how to help your child develop important reading skills!!!

When: Thursday, October 13, 2011

Where: Shelley Elementary School Library

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Who: Anyone who wants to help children become better readers (Adults only please)

- Does your child struggle with reading?
- Do they know how to figure out words they don't know?
- What do they spend most of their time working on?
- Do they understand what they are reading?

Get ready to use lessons that support your child's reading instruction and tons of fun ideas to build skills in all areas of reading.

Parents will receive FREE helpful manuals to take home that are full of information and lessons to use with your child.

Thank You. Seven Peaks!

We recently received a check to Shelley Elementary for \$104 from Seven Peaks Resort! Seven Peaks made a pledge to return a portion of each pass purchased this past summer back to the school of choice of the individuals who come to visit their resort. We so appreciate the support this is to our school. The money received will go into our fund-raiser account that is designated to provide and maintain technology support for each classroom at Shelley.

Halloween Costumes

Each 1st thru 6th grade class will host a Halloween party for students from 12:25 to 1:25 p.m. and Kindergarten will hold theirs during the last hour of their class on Monday, October 31. Please note the following information, reprinted from our student handbook:

To protect the learning class time and provide for the safety of children during Halloween festivities, it is important to follow these guidelines: 1) All students are invited to wear costumes. Costumes are optional, not mandatory. They must come to school dressed in their costumes and be prepared to wear them all day. 2) No masks will be allowed. 3) Students may wear only costumes which will not interfere with the educational process, since regular school lessons will continue. 4) Students are not to wear costumes depicting or glorifying death or violence, or advertising drugs, alcohol, smoking, or containing obscenities. 5) No weapons (even toy or cardboard guns, swords, etc.) are acceptable.

School Safety Plan

Each fall teachers go through extensive training in emergency and evacuation procedures for our school. We conduct eight emergency response and evacuation drills throughout the school year. In the event of a real evacuation emergency, we have orderly procedures set up to guard the safety and well-being of your children and to reunite them with you in an emergency situation. Included in this newsletter is a parent letter explaining these procedures in greater detail. Please take some time to read and understand the procedures so that should we ever need to mobilize our plan, you are prepared to respond appropriately.

Treats At School

The holidays are a time of celebrations which often include food. Please note the following guidelines regarding treats sent to school.

"Any foods served to students must be commercially prepared by a facility approved by the health department. No foods should be served that were prepared in a private home or non-commercial kitchen. This includes baked goods such as cookies, cupcakes, pies, breads, etc."

The Utah Child Protection Registry

The Utah Child Protection Registry is a free do-not-contact service provided by the State of Utah. It allows families to register their and their children's e-mail addresses, mobile phone numbers (SMS), and instant messenger IDs to stop adult product advertisements from reaching their inboxes. Registering online is fast, easy, and best of all FREE for Utah families and schools. Register today at <http://DoNotContact.Utah.gov>.

PTA

Red Ribbon Week

This year we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 17th - October 19th.

Please watch for more information coming. In the meantime enjoy this story of how Red Ribbon Week started.

The Story Behind the Symbol Enrique "Kiki" Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference.

Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I can't not do this," he told her. "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference."

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.

Within weeks of his death in March of 1985, Camarena's Congressman, Duncan Hunter, and high school friend Henry Lozano, launched Camarena Clubs in Imperial Valley, California, Camarena's home. Hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans. These coalitions began to wear red badges of satin, red ribbons, as a symbol of Camarena's memory. The Red Ribbon Week campaign emerged from the efforts of these clubs and coalitions.

Today, Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized and celebrated, helping to preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life. The Red Ribbon Campaign also became a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs. By wearing a red ribbon in October, Americans demonstrate their ardent opposition to drugs. They pay homage not only to Special Agent Camarena, but to all men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our nation's struggle against drug trafficking and abuse.

Monday October 17th---Wear red to school. Join us at lunch recess for an activity.

Tuesday October 18th---Wear crazy socks for "Sock It To Drugs Day". We will be having an assembly during school where the American Fork Police will come speak with us. Join us at lunch recess for an activity.

Wednesday October 19th---Wear your shirt backwards for "Turn Your Back On Drugs" day. Join us at lunch recess for an activity.

Box Tops for Education- GOT BOX TOPS?

Well, get them ready for the Shelley Elementary Box Tops redemption cart that will be coming soon! You can cash in your Box Tops for fun prizes like sticky hands, super bouncy balls, beef jerky, candy, gift cards, toys galore, and so much more.....The more Box Tops you have, the BIGGER the prizes you can "buy". When getting your Box Tops ready for redemption, take a minute and make sure they are not expired. *No expired Box Tops can be accepted.* Please place your box tops in a baggie and write the student's name and the teacher's name on it. The mobile store is planning its first classroom visits sometime during the month of October. It will come around one day each week or two and we will keep you posted on that as we get closer. So, keep collecting and we'll see you soon at the Shelley Box Tops Mobile Box Tops Store!

Bookfair

October 3rd - 7th

Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8am to 4pm, and for Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday 8am to 7pm. Anyone interested in volunteering please email or call Michelle Jensen @ michellejensen29@gmail.com or [801-756-5983](tel:801-756-5983).

Reminder: SCC Parent Council Member Voting Open October 4 – 6, 2011 during school and parent/teacher conferences.



PTA Reflections Program

Theme for 2011-12:

“Diversity Means . . .”

What is the Reflections Program? Reflections is a cultural arts program that provides the opportunity for all students in grades K-12 to submit works of art based on a chosen theme. It's easy and fun to participate. Just grab some paints or crayons, a pencil and paper, some clay, a camera, or a keyboard and create a project that expresses your interpretation of the theme “Together we can . . .”

Categories: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, film/video, dance choreography, theatre, 3-D art

Entry Forms and Rules: Entry forms, artist statement forms, consent forms, media release forms, and official rules for each category can be downloaded from the Utah PTA website www.utahpta.org/programs. (Click on Reflections link under Utah PTA Programs at the left) All forms must be completely filled out and entries must adhere to presentation requirements to be eligible for the program.

Deadline: Friday, October 28 by 4:00 p.m. Turn in entries at the main office. The awards recognition night will be held in November to honor all participants and to announce the winning entries chosen to represent Shelley at the council level.

Questions? Call Char Poulton 763-1163, Naoma Avery 492-7538, or Kimberly Hammond 836-2062



Shelley Elementary School Safety and Emergency Plan 2011-2012

IMPORTANT SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PLAN/PROCEDURES

Dear Parents:

Should an emergency or disaster situation ever arise in our area while school is in session, we want you to be aware that the schools have made preparations to respond effectively to such situations. In fact, public schools in Utah are built to meet stringent construction standards and they may be safer than your own home in the event of a disaster.

Should we have a major earthquake or disaster during school hours, your student(s) will be cared for at this school until they are safely released to you or a designee. Shelley Elementary and Alpine School District have a detailed disaster plan that has been formulated to respond to a major catastrophe, including earthquakes. Your cooperation is necessary in any emergency. 1.) Do not telephone the school. Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communication. 2.) In the event of a serious earthquake, students will be kept at the school until they are picked up by an identified, responsible adult who has been designated as such on the Emergency and Health Form that is required to be filled out by parents at the beginning of every school year. Please be sure you consider the following criteria when you authorize other persons to pick up your child(ren) at school: they are 18 years of age; they could walk to school, if necessary; they are aware and able to assume responsibility; they are usually home during the day; and they are known to your child. 3.) Turn your radio to KSL 1160 AM for emergency announcements. If students are to be kept at school, radio stations will be notified. In addition, information regarding day-to-day school operations will be available by calling Alpine School District offices (801-610-8400) or by accessing the District website (<http://alpineschools.org>). 4. Impress upon your child(ren) the need for them to follow the directions of any school personnel in times of an emergency.

Students will be released only to parents or persons identified on the Emergency Health Form. During an extreme emergency, students will be released from grass areas located on the southeast end of the main building by the office staff. *Parents will need to be patient with the student release process so the safe release of all students can be ensured.* Please instruct your student to remain at school until you or a designee arrives.

The decision to keep students at school will be based upon whether or not streets in the area are open and safe. If this occurs, radio stations will be notified. In the event that a major earthquake takes place during the time that students are being transported (i.e. on a fieldtrip) and roads are impassable, students will be kept on the bus and the driver will ask for assistance through radio contact with the school and district personnel. In the event a major earthquake occurs and roads are open, the driver will make every attempt to deliver students back to Shelley, otherwise the students will be delivered to the nearest accessible public school site and that school will communicate with the home school to inform them of the students' whereabouts.

Lock-down procedures may be implemented in situations involving dangerous intruders or other incidents that may result in harm to persons inside or outside the school. The principal or her designee will issue lock-down notification procedures by way of the p.a. system, by sending a messenger to each classroom, or by sounding the lock-down bell signal. All students, staff and visitors who are in the hallways will be directed into the nearest classroom, *whether they belong in that particular classroom or not.* External doors and classroom doors will then be locked. Everyone should move away from the windows or doors of the classroom. Roll will be taken, noting any students who were present that day but are missing from the classroom as well as any extra students and visitors taken into the classroom. The office staff will contact each classroom by telephone to complete a student/staff/visitor accountability check. During this time classroom work will quietly continue as close to "normal" as possible unless directed to do otherwise. No one will be allowed to enter or leave classrooms until an all-clear signal is given by the principal or her designee.

Our main goal in any scenario is to ensure the safety and well being of our students. Please discuss these matters with your immediate family members. Planning ahead will help alleviate concern during emergencies.

Sincerely,

Peggy Crandall, Principal

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<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>N.O.V.A. 6th Grade</p> <p>SCHOOL PICTURES!</p> <p>2nd Grade Field Trip Rhodes & LeBaron</p> <p><i>PTA Board Meeting</i></p> <p><i>9:30-10:30 a.m.</i></p> <p>SCC Meeting 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bond Info Community Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Vista Heights Middle School</p> <p>Parent Literacy Night 6 – 7 p.m. Media Center</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2nd Grade Field Trip Cumminhgs, Robertson & Radulovich</p>
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