

EXPLORER

October 2014

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 and 9. Core teachers will fill in the remaining slots with appointment times for the parents of any students who did not schedule their own on-line.

We encourage you to visit with your child's specialty teachers as well. They will be available on a drop-in basis in their classrooms as follows:

- Mrs. Child, Computer, Room 24, Thursday evening, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Davis, Music, Room 39 (trailer), Wednesday evening 4:00-7:30 p.m. and Thursday evening 4:00-5:45 p.m.
- Ms. Leong, PE & Health, Room 41 (trailer), Thursday evening, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Sabey, Art, Room 34, Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Please also note that Mrs. Allred, our Speech Teacher will also be available both evenings from 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:

It seems like yesterday our faculty and staff were standing at the front of the school to welcome our students back to Shelley for another amazing year of learning. As I have been able to get to know your students, I now know why Shelley is such a great school to be at. I receive numerous phone calls from parents who are looking to move into our school boundary area based on the many good things they have read or heard about Shelley Elementary. Here are some of the many wonderful things that make Shelley the place to be.

Our patrons are truly the best around in every way! We have a number of programs that rely heavily on parent volunteers to make things work and run smoothly. Our Take Home Reading Library provides a great service to our lower grade students, and is run entirely by volunteers. 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. We also have a great number of parent volunteers who will be helping this year with our Battle of the Books program. Our patrons help with field trips, bulletin boards, class programs, performances, and on

and on. They are very generous as we request support for our fundraisers, box top collections and various humanitarian efforts. Thank you so much for your kind hearts as you give of your time, your energy, your talents and your resources!

We also have the most awesome students that a principal could ever ask for! Our students love to help each other and do their part to help the school be the best it can be. This is evidenced by the committed fifth and sixth grade students who are a part of the Service Club. These students have been helping the teachers in their classrooms getting things stamped, arranged and put in place along with many other tasks so that the first days of school will run smoothly for teachers and students alike. 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 new students and make them feel a part of our Shelley school community.

The faculty and staff at Shelley are 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 that continually go the extra mile to provide additional opportunities for students to learn, grow and shine!

During our fundraiser, the Walk-A-Thon, our business partners have provided support by donations of materials and supplies. We appreciate local restaurants that have provided Kids Meal certificates for positive student recognition in both academics and citizenship. Applebees, Brick Oven, Café Rio, and Chick-Fil-A are just a few of the many who support schools in these programs of recognition. We have received generous donations from Chick-Fil-A, Target, Fresh

Market and Smiths. Cory Adams, who recently joined with Lifetouch photography, presents us with a percentage of the school picture proceeds each year. We appreciate the student incentives and teaching equipment and supplies made possible through the partnerships we have with local businesses.

I am amazed that I have the opportunity to work with our teachers, staff, students and parents in such a way that I can be a positive influence in the lives of so many, and in turn, each of you influence me with your good examples and positive interactions every day! It is a great feeling to be a part of this school community and I look forward to this year and being able to work in making Shelley even better.

Mike Ericksen, Principal

Battle of the Books (BOB) is Off and Running!!!!

Thank you to all those who have signed up for BOB. Teams are being formed in classrooms and teams are picking out names. Readers are starting to pick out books from each book list. We have over 200 3rd - 6th graders participating this year. The BOB shirt order has been placed and those should be in soon.

Remember to turn your BOB slip into the drawing box in the library when you finish reading your book. Every WEDNESDAY there will be a weekly drawing from that box for a prize. Those names will be posted on the BOB wall in the library. We are encouraging all those participating to wear their BOB shirt every WEDNESDAY!!!

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Cook @ bcook@alpinedistrict.org

Remember: READ!! READ!!! READ!!!

Join Us For Our Annual Halloween Parade

This year we will be continuing our Halloween tradition that we began two years ago at Shelley Elementary. We will be having our school wide **Halloween Parade!** The parade will begin with Kindergarten through 3rd grade students moving into their assigned parade positions lining the hallways of the school at 9:25 a.m. and 4th through 6th graders will go to their positions at 9:35 a.m.

Parent seating will be provided in the gym, with overflow in the Media Center, if needed. Outside viewing will be out the north side of the gym, wrapping along the sidewalk around to the northeast entrance to the school. The Kindergarten students will gather at the front bike racks and lead out beginning in the hall by Mrs. Robertson's class, room #9. They will then progress through the halls of the school and through the gym for parents to enjoy, take pictures, etc.

Each grade level will join in as the parade passes through their hall area and continue the "loop" until everyone has seen everyone else and returns to their own classrooms. The parade will go until approximately 10:45 a.m. in time for lunch set up. *(We would appreciate parents remaining in the designated viewing areas in the gym, the Media Center, or outside along the walkway from the north gym exit wrapping around to the northeast entrance to the school. We found last year that parents along the hallways made it problematic for the flow of the parade. Thank you.)*

We look forward to this fun event, and appreciate your support and help as we work together to ensure a safe and fun Halloween Day for our students.

Halloween Costumes

Shelley Elementary will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 31. Each 1st thru 6th grade class and morning Kindergartens will participate in a Halloween Parade from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. All 1st through 6th grade classes will host a Halloween party for their students from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., and Kindergartens will hold theirs during the last hour of their individual classes. 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. 5) School dress code is still enforced with your costume choice plus theme of costume.

Lost & Found

The lost and found is located just outside the gymnasium on the circular coat rack. We encourage you to come (especially during Parent/Teacher Conferences) and check for items missing from your child's wardrobe. Unclaimed items are donated to charity approximately monthly, as items build up after a while.

Treats At School

The holidays are a time of celebrations, which often include food. Parents will also often send a birthday treat to share on their child's birthday. 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."

Shelley T-shirts & Hoodies Are Available to Order

It is not too late to order your Shelley shirt! Order by Friday, October 10th. Order forms are available in the office. Stop by the display across from the office to see the three color choices. Shirts are only \$7. We are thrilled to offer blue hoodies for the discounted price of \$16! Hoodies will have the same logo as the school shirt. Sweatshirt weather is here! Show your Shelley spirit by ordering your shirts and hoodies today!

School Safety Plan

Each fall teachers go through review and training in emergency and evacuation procedures for our school. We conduct nine fire drill and evacuations throughout the school year, and at least one earthquake and one lockdown drill. 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 later 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. *In conjunction with our school emergency preparedness, it is critical that you have each updated your family emergency contact information on Skyward with your approved list of people authorized to pick up/check out your child(ren).* This will need to be done electronically.

Take Home Reading Library (THRL)

Take home library is off to a great start this year. Thank you to all of you wonderful volunteers that take the time to exchange books every day.

The THRL is in need of two things:

1. Gallon size baggies with slider seals work the best for little fingers. The "store" brand works great (for example Walmart Great Value brand). Please avoid the kind of baggies with the pleated bottoms.
2. DONATIONS of "PRESCHOOL" age toys for the little helper in the THRL. IF you have anything you are planning to donate to charity anyways, please donate to the THRL. We need toys for age 2-4 year olds.

Please bring these donations to the office clearly marked for the THRL. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Thomas @ jenniferthomas@alpinedistrict.org. Thank you so much!!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

In Kindergarten we have been busy reviewing and in many cases learning letters and sounds. Many students come to school with this knowledge already in place. Others do not have this foundation. In order to build reading skills, this foundation must be a solid one. If your child is lacking in knowledge of letters and sounds, it is essential that you provide practice and support at home. The Kindergarten teachers have worked hard to develop a homework program that WORKS. Please take the time to work on homework each day. Remember, you are your child's FIRST teacher. We look forward to meeting with you at parent teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress and what we need to do together to help your child succeed.

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday October 21, Kindergarten will be taking a field trip to Cornbelly's at Thanksgiving Point. Watch for more information coming soon in your child's backpack. The students will each have the opportunity to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. We will take the pumpkins back to school and use them for some FUN pumpkin math! The students will get to take their pumpkins home to enjoy in time for Halloween.

1ST GRADE NEWS

In First Grade we have been learning so much this past month. Of the many things that we learn in first grade, reading plays a huge role.

First grade students are required to read at least 20 minutes a day. This may be a struggle for some children. Shelley Elementary provides many resources for your child to be able to have access to books. We just started the Take Home Reading Program the end of September and we will continue that the rest of the year. These books are at the level your child is at in reading, making it a "just right book" for your child. However, the 20 minutes of reading doesn't just have to come from the Take Home Reading books. Students also check a book out every week from the Shelley library. This can be a great book for them to read to you or for you to read to them. Another great resource at this school is, Raz-Kids. Raz-Kids is a great way for your child to read books at their level while earning points on the website and in turn being able to buy things with these points like new rockets and such for the game. Instructions on how to log in to Raz-Kids will be coming soon from your teacher. Tumble Books is also a wonderful resource. Log-in instructions are posted on the homepage of the Shelley website.

Children instill a love of reading at their own time. We hope that reading can become a staple in the home this year through these wonderful resources our school is able to provide.

2ND GRADE NEWS

Second graders walked, jogged, ran, and sprinted during the recent PTA-sponsored walk-a-thon. We are really excited to reach our goal of getting enough donations so we can finally get the last phase of our new playground.

Last week was Green Ribbon Week during which students were reminded about bicycle safety. The PTA sponsored an essay contest as part of the activities. Congratulations to Ash Blankenship in Mrs. Cummings' class who won the best essay in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Ash won a basket filled with tons of cool bike-related products. Way to go Ash! :)

In September we had fun learning about the scientific process, weather, and the water cycle. Students continued to strengthen their reading, writing, and comprehension skills. We explored different strategies we can use to add numbers. We celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday and did various learning activities, including math games, reading, writing, and making applesauce. Students had fun learning about this great American legend.

Our first field trip is coming up on Friday, October 3rd. We will be going to a farm and a grocery store, and learning how food and other products go from the farm to the store to our homes. It will be a fun and educational day. Please remember that all students should come to school at 8:00 that day and will be dismissed at 2:15.

Second grade teachers are looking forward to meeting with all parents during the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on Oct. 8th and 9th. It's a great opportunity to discuss each student's progress, celebrate their successes, and set individualized learning goals. The best thing parents can do to help their children succeed in 2nd grade is to make sure their student reads every day and completes the assigned homework, which is an important review of the concepts taught in the classroom. It is a privilege to teach these terrific children. :)

3RD GRADE NEWS

We've been studying heat and light sources in science and the students are loving the explorations and experiments we are doing. We are going to start studying living and non-living things in October. Along with our science curriculum, we are excited to plant our tulips on October 2nd. Tulips Journey North is providing us an opportunity to plant tulips and track their growth in comparison to others around the world. Keep an eye out for them to bloom in the spring! We just started a book report building a skeleton out of the parts of a book. Make sure your child's report is turned in on time. We look forward to seeing many scary skeletons hanging on the hall.

4TH GRADE NEWS

This past month has included some wonderful learning experiences for the 4th grade, and the next month is looking to be equally exciting. The 4th graders had a wonderful time on their field trip to the Mt. Timpanogos Storytelling Festival. There were plenty of laughs as we sat and listened to some world-class storytellers. The 4th grade students also recently participated in the Walk-A-Thon—running hard, having a blast, and collecting money to help pay for the playground.

Another field trip is around the corner for the 4th graders. Since Utah History is taught over the course of the year, students have the amazing opportunity to visit the Utah State Capitol building to learn about how our state government works and see the historical landmarks in the area as well.

It's been a wonderful start to the school year! This is a great group of students, and we look forward to the opportunity to help every child learn and grow to their potentials. We also appreciate all the parent support that has been given thus far in the year. You make a big difference in the education of your 4th grader!

5TH GRADE NEWS

And we're off!!! During the month of September, we completed several personal narrative writing assignments, one science rotation, a review of the standard algorithms for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and Chapter One in our math book. This month, we will be studying long division and addition/subtraction of decimals. Many students are struggling with their basic math facts. This makes higher level math very frustrating for them. Please take the time to look at your student's daily time drills and help your child master his/her math facts. If you need help finding math fact resources, please contact your student's teacher. We are working hard in class and Explorer Time to help students master long division with 2-digit divisors, using the standard algorithm, by October 24th. Please take the time to look over your student's math homework in the coming weeks to ensure their understanding of this critical life skill. Thank you for your support! We are SO appreciative of the great parents of our fifth graders!

Last week, students were assigned a state for the States Fair, held in the Spring, and wrote letters to the state tourism offices asking for more information on their state. Students are excited to receive information from their states in preparation for the state reports that will be started in January. We look forward to this assignment as students learn that every state has something great about it.

6TH GRADE NEWS

Sixth grade has enjoyed a busy month. We have studied Microorganisms, and we're all amazed and sometimes frightened to discover that the tiny creatures can be found everywhere. During math time, you'll find us reviewing fraction operations, and moving into integers.

We are so glad the weather remained beautiful for our fieldtrip to the Utah County Renaissance Fair last Friday. Thanks again to our many, many parents who were able to come with us. Small groups of students allowed each student to see what interested him or her. It was a great day!

For the month of October we look forward to Fall Break, cooler weather, and our 6th grade Egyptian Funeral themed Halloween party in the school gym. This new school year is off to a great start in 6th grade.

PTA

Dear Shelley Parents,

I can't believe September is over. THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help with all of the activities in September. The school programs would not happen without you.

Walk-a-thon was a great success! Your children were inspiring and ran/walked their hearts out, even though it was very warm. We can't wait to reward them with a **NEW PLAYGROUND**. The goal is still to raise enough money to finish the playground and have it **installed this month**. We are collecting pledge money now until **Oct.6th**. October 8th we will be awarding prizes. Students that collect \$100 or more will be invited to lunch, provided by Olive Garden. The top boy and girl runners/walkers from each grade get a \$10 gift certificate for a book at the book fair. A special thanks to the following companies:

- ***Chick-fil-A** for the shake donations
- ***Bank of American Fork** for water
- ***Fresh Market** for Otter pops.

Bike Rodeo was a lot of fun. Over 150 students wrote essays about safety and why it is important to them. The K-3rd grade winners were Ash Blankenship and Maxwell Penrod runner up. The 4th-6th grade winners were Martina Galvez and Adam Austin runner up. A lot of fun prizes were given away that evening. We earned 25% of what Kona Ice sold on that day (\$72.00) and we will use that money to help pay for a family skate night during White Ribbon Week. A special thanks goes to the following companies:

- ***The Bike Peddler**
- ***A.F. Police Department**

***Utah County Health Department**

***Robert J Debry and Associates**

Red Ribbon Week is October 21-24.

Stay tuned for more information regarding this week's events. Red Ribbon week is a great reminder to have an open dialogue with your children about the harmful effects of drugs and help them commit now to be drug free.

Chick-fil-A spirit night was another great success. We earned \$422.41! This month's spirit night **Oct 16th** is during fall break. Mark your calendar now. We will still have it and if you are in town come support our school.

Box Tops - Keep turning them in. September was a good month and it is an easy way to raise money for our school.

Free Ski Passports for 5th and 6th grade - If you are interested, you can sign up your 5th or 6th grader for a free season pass at skiutah.com/passport.

Book Fair is this month. Oct 6th-10th during parent teacher conferences.

Reflections - Entries are **due Friday, October 24th by 4:00 p.m.** in the office.

Facebook - We are on **Facebook**. It is **Shelley PTA**. Check us out and "like" us. It is a great way to stay informed. We update it regularly.

We will need volunteers to help with each month's activities/events. Please contact us at shelleyexplorerspta@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Mindy Woodhouse
PTA President



PTA Reflections Program

Theme for 2014

“The World Would Be a Better Place If.....”

What is the Reflections Program?

Reflections is a nationwide 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.

Categories:

Literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, film/video, dance choreography, 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 web site www.utahpta.org/programs (Click on the 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 24th, 2014 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 Naoma Avery 492-7538 or Julie Call 801-216-4744.



Shelley Elementary Explorers 2014-15

Prepaid School T-Shirt (\$7) & Hoodie (\$16) Order Form Due by Friday, October 10, 2014

Family Surname _____ Telephone # _____

For each t-shirt/hoodie please indicate:

- * The **name** of the child
- * The size **category** – Youth(Y) or Adult(A)
- * The **size** of the Shirt
 - Youth S, M, L, XL
 - Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL-4XL
 - (2X and up \$3.00 more)

First and Last Names	Teacher	T-Shirt \$7.00	Hoodie \$16.00	Size	Price

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to *Shelley Elementary School*.

Shelley Elementary School Safety and Emergency Plan 2014-2015

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 will be needed for priority 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 Contacts located online thru Skyward. The emergency contacts section 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 of 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 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 Contacts on Skyward. 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 his 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 his 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,

Mike Ericksen, Principal

October 2014

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13	14 PTA Board Meeting 12:45-1:45 p.m.	15	16 FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL <i>Spirit Night</i> <i>@Chick-Fil-A</i> <i>5 to 8 p.m.</i>	17 FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL
20 FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL	21 RED RIBBON WEEK Kindergarten Field Trip Cornbelly's Pumpkin Fest All Kindergarten Attend 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. DEK 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	22 RED RIBBON WEEK	23 RED RIBBON WEEK Star Gazing Party 6 th Grade 8:30-9:30 p.m.	24 RED RIBBON WEEK Reflections Entries Due
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