

EXPLORER

September 2014

Principal's Message

The new school year is now well underway! We are excited to see our great students returning, and we welcome those students who have come to our school this year for the first time.

We got off to a great start with our Welcome Back Celebration on the first day of school. Our teachers and staff were out front welcoming students dressed in our marathon theme attire, and making sure that our students felt excited and welcome! The excitement built as everyone gathered at the front of the school and clapped and cheered to marathon themed music from our own Mr. Huntington. The doors opened and students passed through the doorway going beneath a starting line and crossed the threshold to a new year; filled with fun and learning.

I was excited to begin the year in such a fashion. It was a time of positive energy, lots of smiles, laughter and of course picture taking from our wonderful parents! Our Welcome Back Celebration has become a fun tradition for our students, their parents and grandparents. I believe this beginning of the year tradition starts the year off right, by providing a welcoming atmosphere that our students excel in each year.

In addition to a number of new students who have joined us at Shelley Elementary, we also have some new teachers that I would like to welcome. **Gentry Walton** is our new 2nd grade teacher. **DeAnn Sabey** has joined us as our new Art teacher. **Shauna Garbe** is our new

Kindergarten teacher. **Amy Reid** is now our new Reading Recovery teacher. **Jeff Freeman** has come back to Shelley after finishing his Masters Degree. We welcome him to our 4th grade team. **Chad Wiet** is our new assistant principal this year. We welcome these new teachers and staff members to our faculty team and appreciate the talents and strengths each will bring to our school. We hope you will get to know them as they work with your children.

I feel a very positive level of excitement from everyone and I am confident that we have a great year of school ahead of us. I am happy to be here at Shelley and to work with our students, and I look forward to a great year of academic success.

Mike Ericksen, Principal

School Community Council

Shelley Community Council has 2 open positions to fill. The Community Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month during the school year from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. The school community council is a group of parents and school personnel that jointly develop a school improvement plan, decide how school trustlands funds will be used, and to advise the principal on local school issues. We invite any who are interested in having a say in how things are done at Shelley to become a voting member of the school community council. If you are interested in serving on the Council please email Mr. Ericksen. Our first meeting will be held October 1st.

Parent Conferences

Our fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 9th. To facilitate sign-ups, we will be offering an online scheduling of appointments for the conferences. Further information will be sent out as the online registration window is to open. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to celebrate your child's strengths and to learn of ways you can work together to help where needed. We look forward to seeing you at our conferences.

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.

Our Fall Book Fair will be set up in the Media Center during the week of Parent Conferences. You are welcome to stop by while you are at the school for conferences to see if there are some books or other items that might interest you for your child.

Take Home Reading Library

The take home library will be starting up very soon. We are in need of *gallon size baggies*, slider type work best. Please send them with your child to school clearly marked for the Take home Library, you may give them to your students teacher or drop off at the office.

The take home library is in need of volunteers for all grades, but especially in 3rd Grade. I am also looking for a Kindergarten Supervisor to help coordinate volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Thomas @ 801-756-9330 or jenthomfam@afconnect.com.

Battle of the Books (B.O.B.)

Are you ready to battle it out in the Battle of the Books (also known as B.O.B.).

Each class will form teams made up of 4 or 5 students on each team. There will be a kick off assembly on September 8th for the kids to learn more about Battle of the Books. Sign-up sheets will be going home after the assembly. Battle of the Book shirts will be RED again this year. If you have a shirt from last year the donation will be \$4. If you need a shirt the donation will be \$7. The donations help cover the registration cost, weekly prizes, 10 copies of each book that is required to read, and trophies for the battles. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cook in the Media Center.

bcook@alpinedistrict.org

HOW DO I GET A SKYWARD LOGIN/PASSWORD?

If you do not have this information, please go to the Skyward login page and use the link, "Forgot your Login/Password." Do this even if you are new or have never had a Login. This will send an email to you with your Login and instructions to reset your password. The school is unable to give you your password, as it is not available for us to view. You are welcome to contact us with questions. We are happy to help reset your password or give you your login. Please do your best to use the information online but understand that we are here to help as a school.

Thank you so much for your help as we move to work toward being more paperless at our school and throughout the district. We are looking forward to having complete and updated information on all of our students. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Student Safety a Top Priority in Pull Through Areas

As we move forward into the new school year, it is important that we inform our new comers and remind all patrons of the following expectations for dropping off and picking up students:

- **Pull all the way forward** when dropping off or picking up students. This allows us to serve the greatest number of vehicles at a time, and keeps cars from having to wait as long out on the street.
- Please **refrain from talking on your cell phone** while waiting in or moving through the pull through. We have seen some near misses as inattentive drivers have not noticed a student crossing in front of them. Student safety is our highest priority.
- Work with neighbors and **maximize the number of students who come in your carpool**. The more students who arrive in each vehicle, the less the number of cars coming through the drop off and pick up areas.
- **Do not park and leave your vehicle in the pull through**, even if it seems to be a time where it wouldn't hurt. We need the pull through areas to be free flowing at all times. Because of our particular school model, we have a number of arrivals and departures, field trip busses, etc. ongoing throughout the day. If you need to leave your vehicle, please park in the appropriate designated parking stalls.
- **Please remember that "patience is a virtue."** We understand that waiting in the pull-through lines can be a challenge. However, it does no good to honk or yell at other drivers who may not be moving as you might want them to or at supervisors who are helping students. Let's all focus on courtesy and, most importantly, the safety of our children.

As parents, students, and school staff work together, we will be able to provide a safe arrival and departure of our students. Thank you for your support of these expectations.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

In Kindergarten we have been learning about rules and routines. We went on a "bear hunt" and took a tour of the school. We met the important helpers here at Shelley along the way. We even found the bear! (He was not so scary.) During the month of September we will be focusing on a color a day for the first two weeks. We will work to complete a special book about colors. Since the second day of school, we have been working hard to review letters and sounds. Each day we focus on a different letter. Soon, Kindergarten students will bring home a homework packet, as well as a homework calendar, which will enable parents to practice skills at home. We will need a lot of home support, as MUCH is expected in Kindergarten. Were you aware that in Kindergarten, students are expected to read by the end of the school year? As teachers, we look forward to working together with parents to form a "team". Working as a team, we can help each child achieve success!

1ST GRADE NEWS

We love first grade
it's so much fun
We're happy that
our year's begun

Our "paper people"
are in the hall
(You ought to come
and see them all)

We've learned the rules
and know how to act
Kindness matters
that's a fact

And what makes 1st grade
really cool
Is 2 recesses
And lunch at school

We read and write
and grow each day
As you can see
we're on our way

As loving teachers
set the pace
And kids and parents
take their place

We'll see smiles
on *every* face
As *together* we run
the first grade race!

Go 1st Grade
We're #1

2ND GRADE NEWS

We have a wonderful 2nd grade team this year: Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Radulovich, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Trulock, and new to the team this year.....Miss Walton. We are passionate about teaching and are very excited about the privilege we have to help our students become better readers and writers this year. As parents, the **most important** thing you can do to help your students is read, **READ, READ!!!** Listen to your students read; read *with* your students; read *to* your students and model good fluency, expression, and excitement about reading; and let your children see *you* enjoying reading your own books. Albert Einstein, one of the smartest men who ever lived, once said, "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairytales. If you want them to be *more* intelligent, read them *more* fairytales." Besides building literacy and math skills this year, in Science we are going to have fun learning about the moon, gravity, rocks, weather, and animal habitats and adaptation. Social Studies will include learning about our great country, how to be a good citizen, maps and continents, and a unit on producers and consumers. It is a privilege to teach your children, and we look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growing together.

3RD GRADE NEWS

In third grade, we are doing hard things. We are learning that doing hard things makes us proud of the work we have done. In August, we had a visit from Dr. LeBaron, a scientist who builds rockets that take space shuttles and satellites into orbit. We learned that it can take a long time to see the results of our hard work, but it pays off in the end.

4TH GRADE NEWS

The fourth grade team is excited about this new school year! We would like to welcome Mr. Freeman to the fourth grade. He previously taught sixth grade at Shelley, took a year off to further his education, and has returned this year. He has many strengths for others to learn from. We started the year off by going on a field trip to the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival! We were entertained by a national storyteller. We also went to Provo Canyon for some team building activities. We look forward to a great year ahead of us!

5TH GRADE NEWS

We are so excited to begin another year with our Fifth Grade students. Fifth Grade is the year we study U.S. History. Our students look forward to finding out the state they are going to give their State Report on in the spring. They will be assigned their state during the month of September. We have an assembly planned with our famous "Map Guy" that helps everyone remember the locations of all 50 States with his creative ways.

Our Fifth Grade rotations begin in September. The first four rotations will be Scientific Method (Mrs. Hadfield), Heredity and Life Cycle (Mrs. McMurtrey), States and Capitals (Mrs. Kukahiko) and Persuasive Writing (Mrs. Elison). These rotations will finish up before Christmas Break.

Parents we need your support. Some of our students still have not mastered their basic math facts. This is going to be a disadvantage for them as our math becomes more challenging this year. Please make it is goal to help your child learn their facts. There are computer Math game sites available through Mrs. Child's

web site. These can be found on our Shelley Elementary web site. If you need help finding the games please let your student's teacher know. Also good "old fashioned" flash cards may work for your child. Thanks for helping your student succeed.

6TH GRADE NEWS

The 6th graders have had a great time experiencing SCIENCE. From color blind snails to stretching bubbles, flame resistant money, and exploding soda pop, we are "working" really hard and learning a lot about the scientific process. We look forward to our first field trip on September 10, when we will get a close look at some of the "creepy creatures" that inhabit our microscopic world. Our second trip on September 26, will take us into the world of the Renaissance, at Thanksgiving Point.



PTA NEWS

We are excited for the 2014-2015 school year. We are fortunate to have such great teachers and staff at Shelley Elementary that care about our students. We are also lucky to have parents who are supportive and engaged in education. We have some exciting things going on this month at our school

Walk-a-thon is Wednesday, Sept 24th. Our goal is to raise enough money to finish the playground and have it **installed by October**, as well as raise enough additional money to support our programs at the school. If we accomplish our goal of \$10,000, this will be our only fundraiser this year. Watch for more information to come.

Green Ribbon Week (safety week) is **Sept. 22-26th**. The **Bike Rodeo will be Monday, Sept. 22 4-6 p.m.** Come bring your bikes, ride through the mazes, and learn more about bike safety. Watch for more information and fun events going on during this week.

Shelley Sprinters kickoff is Tuesday, Sept 9th. It is not too late to sign your kids up to participate in this program. A letter is attached to this newsletter with more information about Shelley Sprinters and how to get your children involved.

We are now on **Facebook**. It is **Shelley PTA**. We are excited that we have one more way to communicate to you what is going on and how you can be involved in helping our children. Look for us and "like" our page.

Chick-fil-A continues to be a great supporter of Shelley Elementary. They have set aside every third Thursday from 5-8 p.m. as Shelley Elementary Spirit Night. If you go to Chick-fil-A on that night, 20 percent of the money comes back to our school. Reminders will be sent out about these nights.

There are two simple ways to earn money for our school. One is by clipping box tops and bringing them into our school (every Friday morning before school starts). A little extra time on your part goes a long way for our school. Please remember to turn those in. The other way is when or if you shop at Fresh Market, your phone number can be connected to our School and a percentage of what you spend is then given back to our school. This year we have already received a check for \$350.00.

We still need volunteers for all of the events listed above and for Vision Screening that is scheduled for Sept 30th. If you are able to help at any of the above events please contact us at shelleyexplorerspta@gmail.com or message us on Facebook. You can also bring back your volunteer form that you filled out at Back to School night. **Thank you for all that you do.** It is going to be a great month.

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.





Art Specialty
Mrs. Sabey - Grades 1-6
Disclosure Document 2014-2015
Shelley Elementary

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! I look forward to a fun year together as we learn about and create art! This specialty class will be held once a week for 30 minutes throughout the entire year.

Curriculum

Students will participate in age appropriate activities from the Utah State Core Curriculum for Art. (Refer to uen.org/core/visualarts/index.shtml to see grade level standards.) We will talk about, see, create, and evaluate art in our world. Our class will include Art History, Art Criticism, Aesthetics, and Art Production which will include making many kinds of artwork.

Student Expectations

Students will be expected to follow these basic classroom rules:

- *Be respectful of other people and their artwork.
- *Be responsible with all art materials.
- *Help clean up when finished.
- *Stay on task.
- *Try to do your best and have a positive attitude.

Discipline

We adhere to the discipline policies as outlined by Shelley Elementary and Alpine School District. Each student must demonstrate self-control and be responsible, or they may be restricted from the use of art materials.

Materials and Supplies

All basic materials will be provided. However, due to our limited budget, I am asking for a \$5.00 donation in order to enhance the nature of the projects that we can do. If you wish to donate, please fill out and detach the form below and place it in an envelope labeled "ART" with your check or money. Have your student bring the donation to the office.

Grading

The students will receive a Passing Grade by participating weekly in art activities in a positive way and doing their best to complete the assigned projects. Some projects will be completed weekly while other projects may take several weeks to finish.

I appreciate your support! I look forward to introducing your children to the wonderful world of Art! If you need to contact me my e-mail is dsabey@alpinedistrict.org or you can call me at 801-610-8718 ext. 134.

DeAnn Sabey

Art Donation:

Student's Name _____ Amount donated _____

September 2014

1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	2	2	4	5
8 B.O.B. Kick-Off Assembly	9 PTA Board Meeting 12:45-1:45 p.m.	10 6 th Grade Field Trip Micro Organisms Nielson's Grove Park	11	12
15	16	17	18 SPIRIT NIGHT @ CHICK-FIL-A 5-8 P.M.	19
22 Bike Rodeo 4-6 p.m. Green Ribbon Week	23 Green Ribbon Week	24 Walk-A-Thon Green Ribbon Week	25 SCHOOL PICTURES Green Ribbon Week	26 6 th Grade Field Trip Renaissance Fair At Thanksgiving Point Please Dress Up In Time Period Clothing Green Ribbon Week
29	30	1 SCC Meeting 2:30 p.m.	2	3