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# WINDSOR ELEMENTARY

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## Message from Mr. Jensen



December 1, 2013

Dear Windsor Families,

What a wonderful and exciting time the holiday season is for each of us. It is a time to be with our families and loved ones to celebrate those things that are important to us. Along with these things, the holiday season provides opportunities to give and to serve those who may be in need.

As a school, we are planning to help teach the students the principle of giving to those who may be in need by participating in a canned food drive. Beginning next week, our Student Council has set up and organized a food drive (December 9-13). This will enable students at our school to assist the local food banks in providing and collecting food. We are looking forward to the upcoming food drive and the opportunity to serve our community.

As faculty and staff members here at Windsor Elementary, we would like to thank you for your trust and allowing us to be a part of your child's education. We truly appreciate the help and support we receive from each of you. From all of us here at Windsor Elementary, we would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wishing you the very best this holiday season.

Craig Jensen  
Principal

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## Message from PTA

Windsor Wildcats!

We sure had a great time at the Turkey Trot! A huge THANK YOU to Ridley's grocery store for donating \$50 for the turkey breasts. Be sure to thank the manager for supporting Windsor with this donation.

*\* The winners were: (on following page)*

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in Reflections and especially to Cyndi Jordan and Michelle Beus for all their hard work. We had a great assembly honoring our participants.

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Thanks for all you do!

Melanie McAllister

PTA President

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> – Orchestra Concert @ 6:00

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> School Food Drive

13<sup>th</sup> – Chorus Concert at Mall (1:30)

19<sup>th</sup> – Chorus Concert @ 6:00

23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> **Christmas Break**

### JANUARY

20<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day –  
**(NO SCHOOL)**

30<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conference –  
**(COMMON DAY)**

- Schedule PTC between  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

## Teacher Spotlight Mrs. Siemers

I grew up in a very small town called Gazelle in Northern California. My husband grew up in the same county as me. He and I just got married in April. He is studying at BYU. Before coming to Windsor I taught for 4 years at Alturas Elementary in Alturas, California. I became a teacher because I wanted to make a difference. The kids are my favorite part of the job. I've been really impressed with Utah's education system since I've moved here. In California we were constantly dealing with budget cuts. Having said that, if I could change anything about education I would like to see even more financial resources made available to schools. The staff and focus on collaboration at Windsor are great. I enjoy playing volleyball, reading, and doing family history. My favorite types of candy are Rolos and Nerds.

**WINDSOR ELEMENTARY OFFICE: (801) 610-8124**

**\* Open 7:45 am – 4:15 pm**

**Reflections Winners****Literature Primary**

Award of Excellence: Eva Maile

Award of Merit: Joseph Fortin

**Literature Intermediate**

Award of Excellence: Andrew Hirschmann

Award of Merit: Sarah Millett, Elizabeth Pease

**Literature Middle**

Award of Excellence: Oscar Guerrero

**Music Composition**

Award of Excellence: Katie Jo Cutler

**Film Production**

Award of Excellence: Nickolas Jordan

**Visual Arts Primary**

Award of Excellence: Chase LaFleur

Award of Merit: Maylee Yorgason, Emily Hubert

**Visual Arts Intermediate**

Award of Excellence: Jennifer Saltzgeber

Award of Merit: Chloe Mertz, Abigail Shelton

**Visual Arts Middle**

Award of Excellence: Jeffrey Mejia

Award of Merit: Mara Hirschmann

**3D Art Primary**

Award of Excellence: Katie Wilson

**3D Art Intermediate**

Award of Excellence: Terrasun Wise

Award of Merit: Ainsley Molleman, Lydia Beus

**Photography Primary**

Award of Excellence: ????

Award of Merit: ????

**Photography Intermediate**

Award of Excellence: Sarah Millett

Award of Merit: Landon Visnaw

**Photography Middle**

Award of Excellence: El Gian Lepon

Award of Merit: Traig Malquist, Skylar Jordan

**Turkey Trot Winners****Preschool (AM/PM)**1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Cruz, Peter Barkdull1<sup>st</sup> Austen Amos, Maliah Matagi2<sup>nd</sup> Ryder Williams, Brigham Floyd2<sup>nd</sup> Alexa Castro, Laila Malupo3<sup>rd</sup> Karson Hernandez, Cristian Marquez3<sup>rd</sup> Alison Valenciano, Naomi Lopez**Kindergarten (AM/PM)**1<sup>st</sup> Lucas Turner, David Tijerina1<sup>st</sup> Helena Peacock, Breeze Hernandez2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Peterson, Kolter Hofler2<sup>nd</sup> Malia Nielson, Leigh Olsen3<sup>rd</sup> Jose Tinajero, Oscar Dominguez3<sup>rd</sup> Alexa Perez, Paola Quijas**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**1<sup>st</sup> Ramon Martinez, Tia Mullen2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Fortin, Kylee Gibb3<sup>rd</sup> Emmanuel Cruz, Kia Villaverde**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**1<sup>st</sup> Ty Mullen, Emily Greer2<sup>nd</sup> McKade Jordan, Ashlyn Anderson3<sup>rd</sup> Yojhan Serrano, Adriana Lopez**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**1<sup>st</sup> Easton Abbott, Jade Askerlund2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Jarvis, Grace Webb3<sup>rd</sup> Kayden Hofler, Abi Fisher**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**1<sup>st</sup> Jaden Brunger, Ainsleigh Peacock2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Harris, Allysa Gurr3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Zavala, Ava Pinegar**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Mace, Tori Hollinghead2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Walker, Sarah Millett3<sup>rd</sup> Dustin Braithwaite, Madi Halladay**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**1<sup>st</sup> William Ramirez, Nadia Britter2<sup>nd</sup> Arturo Benitez, Dylan Olsen3<sup>rd</sup> Easton Wilkey, Alycia Estrada

(Pictures on the following page)

**Strengthening Families Program:** A couple Windsor families have the opportunity to participate in the “Strengthening Families Program”, hosted in our area through Utah Valley University and Dr. Grant Richards. This program is a research based, skill training program for the entire family developed by Dr. Karol Kumpfer and Associates based on multiple existing, scientific-based, prevention programs.

The Strengthening Families Program teaches families how to create strong bonds of love and respect through: increasing quality time together, improving parenting skills, learning effective communication techniques, stress management techniques, coping techniques for anger and criticism, holding effective family councils, goal setting for families and individuals. The program has many proven, positive results including: improved school performance, significant reductions in problem behaviors in children, reduced delinquency and reduced alcohol and drug use in teens.

- a. **The Strengthening Families Program requires a commitment of 2 ½ hours each week for 10 weeks, beginning January 23, 2014.**

Each training is divided into the following skill sets:

- i. Family Dinner (30 minutes): Families will eat together and practice communication skills with facilitators. **Windsor’s PTA will need help cooking the family dinners. Simple recipes and food will be brought to volunteer homes for preparation.** Meals will be taken to Timpanogos High School Cafeteria by 5:00 on the appropriate day.
  - ii. Individual Classes (1 hour): Parents and children divide into separate groups to learn age-appropriate skills.
    1. Parents are taught to increase quality time with children, notice and reinforce good behaviors, manage stress, give clear directions, make family goals and contracts for change, hold effective family meetings and learn effective discipline techniques.
    2. Children are taught communication skills, peer resistance, how to recognize feelings, problem solving, dealing with anger and criticism, consequences of substance abuse and good social skills
  - iii. Family Classes (1 hour): Parents and children come back together to practice new skills learned in their individual groups such as communication, problem solving, discipline and family meetings.
- b. *Spanish Speaking classes are available.*
- c. This program will begin in the spring and run weekly from the 23rd for 10 consecutive weeks from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Additional scheduling details will be forthcoming for participants.
- d. Questions: Dr. Grant Richards [\(801\) 863-8316](tel:8018638316), Roberta Johnson [\(801\) 360-6634](tel:8013606634) and via e-mail at: [utahsfp@gmail.com](mailto:utahsfp@gmail.com)
- e. Please contact Mr. Jensen if you are interested in participating.

