

CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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Our Mission: To develop and enlighten the mind, encourage compassion and integrity, and promote responsible citizenship.



Upcoming Events

February

- 1, Chick-fil-a Night, 5-8pm
- 2, PTA Meeting, 10am, Lounge
- 6-10, New Kindergarten Registration
- 13, Minimal Day, **Short School Day**
- 20, Presidents' Day, **No School**
- 24, 5th Girls' Maturation, 1-1:45pm



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Our theme for the month of January has been fairness. In helping our students to develop into responsible citizens, we have taught them what fairness means and why it is important.

I always approach this topic with a sense of trepidation. On the one hand, we want children to know that it is important to treat others fairly, but on the other hand, we also want our children to be able to deal with the fact life sometimes isn't fair. How do we teach fairness in an unfair world?

For me, it helps to remember two things: First, we always have choices. I wish all children had the attitude of: No matter what happens to me, I can choose to treat others right. Second, a sense of gratitude for what we have is key to living happily.

I want to share a pledge that some of the students at our school have taken. This was put together by Kay Beck, our Character Development Team Chairperson:

"I believe that every person has worth as an individual. I believe that every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of race, color, intelligence, religion, and social status. I believe that every thought and every act of prejudice is harmful; if it is my thought or act, then it is harmful to me as well as to others. Therefore, from this day forward I will strive daily to eliminate prejudice from my thoughts and actions. I will discourage prejudice by others at every opportunity. I will treat all people with dignity and respect; and I will strive daily to honor this pledge, knowing that Cedar Ridge Elementary and the world will be a better place because of my effort."

Please continue to encourage your children to treat others fairly. I appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
Jeremy Brunner
Principal

Stay Informed!
Check out the school's new website:
cedarridge.alpineschools.org

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Gifted and Talented Update

The ASD is trying to establish criteria for our A.L.L. classes that ensures that all students in those classes are properly placed. There will be one more round of testing on Feb. 4th. After all testing is done, students will be ranked to determine which students meet the criteria.

We anticipate that these decisions will not be complete until the end of February. We hope this will create a better educational environment for all students, in and out of the A.L.L. program.

Google Challenge

Does your child love to draw? Google is holding its annual doodle art contest and your child is invited to participate!

The theme for this year's contest is "If I could travel in time, I'd visit...". That could mean visiting a past, present or future setting—whether it's traveling back in time to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, to the future to witness everyday space travel, or to just a few moments ago to relive a poignant experience.

Have your child draw his or her rendition of the Google logo and you may see it on the ultimate gallery: the Google homepage. The winning doodler will also take home a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology grant for the school! The deadline is March 23, 2012.

Go to www.google.com/doodle4google.com for more information. (See http://www.google.com/doodle4google/winners_state.html for examples of past winners.)

Special Education Parent Nights

The ASD Special Education Department invites all who are interested to attend our monthly parent night on 2/23/12 from 6:30-7:30 at Shelley Elementary School (602 N. 200 W. American Fork).

Jennifer Fletcher and Jannica Dale, district trainers, consultants, and teachers of small-group classes for students with Autism, will be sharing information about behavioral interventions at home and ways to communicate with schools in order to help students succeed.

Although the focus will be on Autism, all interested parents are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served. Please also save the date for March 29th.

Put the Fun Back Into Parenting!!

- Become a Love and Logic Parent®
- Improve communication skills
- Help children solve their problems
- Teach children to be respectful, responsible, and fun to be around
- Let empathy and consequences to the teacher

March 28, April 4, 18, 25, and May 2
Wednesday from 7-9pm in the
Cedar Ridge Elementary Media Center

To register, call Cedar Ridge Elementary
801-785-8726

Registration Form (Return to Cedar Ridge
Elementary front office)
Registration \$25
Workbooks and materials, \$8
(checks to Cedar Ridge Elementary)

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