

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

December

- 7, Storytelling Festival (4th-6th, 9:30am; K-3rd, 1-2pm)
- 8, Emergency Preparedness Expo, 11am-4pm
- 20-January 2, Winter Break,

No School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Why show compassion? Each year, our school participates in a Food Drive to benefit the Utah Food Bank. I thought I would take this opportunity to share my thoughts on why I feel like this service opportunity is so important.

One obvious reason is that one in five children in Utah are unsure where their next meal will come from. The Utah Food Bank provides much needed relief to thousands of families and they could use our help collecting enough food to share.

A less obvious reason is that I want to create opportunities for the students at Cedar Ridge Elementary School to become more compassionate. Compassion is one of the stated goals in our mission statement: To develop and enlighten the mind, encourage *compassion* and integrity and promote responsible citizenship.

At this time of year, it is easy for children to focus on what they might be "getting" instead of "giving." By turning their thoughts to people who may be

less fortunate, our students can learn to be mindful of others' needs and choose to make a difference.

We teach many things at Cedar Ridge Elementary. We hope that the students who leave our halls at the end of sixth grade will be excellent readers, writers, mathematicians, artists, and thinkers. But, the most talented individuals will never live up to their fullest potential if they live a life void of compassion. Happiness is a lifelong habit that is fostered through kindness, forgiveness, and *compassion*.

It is my earnest hope that you will take the opportunity to support us in our Food Drive. But, please also take the time to talk to your children about why compassion is so important. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Brunner
Principal

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Accountability

In March 2011, a new accountability system was developed to report how students, teachers and schools in Utah were doing. This new accountability system is called UCAS. UCAS is centered on two components: achievement and growth. More information about UCAS can be found on the accompanying Stakeholders' Report.

Another Top Seller

When we announced our top cookie dough sellers last month, we missed one of our students. Jessica Hardy also received a Chick Fil A lunch and a trip to Build A Bear. We appreciate all she did to help our school.

ALL Testing

Testing for placement in the district's Accelerated Learning Labs (ALL) will take place next month. We will have 5th and 6th grade ALL at Cedar Ridge next year, but students going into 3rd and 4th grades can be placed in an ALL program at another school.

For more information, see: <http://alpineschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ALL-Testing-Flier-12-13.pdf>.

Reflections Winners

We are pleased to announce that we had great participation in the annual PTA Reflections contest. The winners from our school who will compete with students from other schools in our area are:
Visual Arts - Emily Berdan,

Ethan Judd, Kate Blackhurst, Madison Olsen, Finn Davis, Sklyer Colledge, Grace Jensen, Caleb Westover, Kate Larson, Rachel Seamons, and Adam Smith

3D - Ethan Zeabriskie, Claire Oler, Elizabeth Cole, Holly Seaquist, and Eliza Beal

Film - Marissa Goodman and Benjamin Smith

Music - Mickayla Hunter, Joseph Eagar, and Annelise Hunter

Photography - Crozier Zabriskie, Aubrey Westover, Rachel Stewart, Hyrum Hallsted, and Emily Nielsen

Dance - Sierra Young

Way to go students! We're proud of your artistic accomplishments!

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