

Our School Mission

Our mission is to prepare students for life-long learning and responsible citizenship by uniting family, school and community to promote academic and character growth.

"Tomorrow's Success Begins Today!"

Mr. Duncan's Message:

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" –

Joseph Addison Reading must begin at an early age. Here are a few tips for reading with a beginning reader:

1. Time- Reading is a skill that improves with practice. Give your child time to read. A beginning reader needs to be reading at least 20 minutes per day at home. Books read at home should be enjoyable and relatively easy.
2. Reread- Have your child reread the same books. Rereading books over and over will lead to greater fluency.
3. Assist- Encourage your child to sound out difficult words by looking at the beginning sound. If the word is too difficult or cannot be sounded out, simply supply the word and move on.

4. Take Turns Reading- Children need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like. Read a passage and then have your child read the same passage with the same expression.

Academically, the most important thing you can do at home is to make reading a habit in the lives of your children.

Please let the school know if you need more books to read in your home.

Dates to Remember:

March

4-7 Book Fair

4- PTA Board Meeting 1:30

5- SEP Conferences

12-6th grade Medieval Banquet and Talent Show

18-Kindergarten Registration

21- No School

20-Croc Walk

24-28 Literacy Week

26-6th grade Orientation at SJHS and MJHS

27-6th grade and kindergarten graduation picture day

Book Give Away for Literacy Week

28- Movie Night/Croc Walk After Party 6-8pm

6th grade maturation

Box Tops: Thank you for participating in this year's Box Tops. We do not have another collection this school year. Next month we will announce the winner of the classes that won a party. Please keep collecting your box tops for next year.

Book Fair: Come Celebrate at our Book Fair

La Grande Fiesta! March 4th - 7th, Daily 8:30am to 4:00pm

Open until 9:00pm on Wednesday the 5th! Don't forget our Grand Event everyday 11:00am to 1:00pm during your students lunchtime. Check with your student! Invite Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts, Anyone Grand in your life! Bring a lunch to share, then come party at the book fair! Scavenger Hunt, Photo Booth, and Fun! Tuesday March 4th, K- 2nd, Thurs March 6th, 3rd - 4th, Friday March 7th, 5th - 6th, but you can come any day that is convenient for you! The class with the most attending will win a Nacho Party! See you all at the Book Fair!

Croc Walk: Get ready, get set, go! It's our annual PTA fundraiser--the Croc Walk. Our annual walk-a-thon will be held on Thursday, March 20th (grades K-3 10:30-11:30 and grades 4-6 1:00-2:00). Parent volunteers are needed to make this a fun activity for our school. More information will be sent home in the near future. **Dates to Remember:**

March 7: student donations start

March 21-28: donations due

Croc Walk After Party: Come join us for an evening of fun at our Croc Walk After Party!! The party will be held on Friday, March 28th from 6-8pm. The Croc Walk is on Thursday, March 20th (no school Fri Mar 21st), and we'll take a week to gather funds and prepare prizes. At 6pm we will be awarding prizes to all students who helped raise funds for our Croc Walk walk-a-thon. At 6:30 students and their families can rotate between rooms and participate in movie night (Monsters University), a family dance (DJ'd by our own Marcy Harris), or the board game fest! We will also have pizza and breadsticks from the Pizza Factory available for purchase.

Teacher Spotlight: Cheryl Nielson

Mrs. Nielson grew up running down the halls of Cherry Creek. Her dad taught Math here when the school was Springville Middle School. Something here must have worn off on her because she has always known she wanted to be a teacher. She went to BYU for a few years, but decided to study Deaf Education so she transferred to USU. Shortly before she finished at USU, she got married and moved back home to Spanish Fork. She worked for ten years as a manager at Sears in Provo before she FINALLY got to go back to school and get her teaching degree from UVSC (now UVU). She really feels like the luckiest person in the world. Not only does she get to have her dream job, but she is married to her best friend, AND she has three teenagers who call her mom. When she isn't getting ready for class or playing with her family, you can usually find her working in her garden, running with her dog, or catching up on her really long reading list.

Literacy Week: We are excited about our upcoming Literacy Week, March 24-28. We'll be sending a Literacy game home with the students, and a prize will be given to each student who completes the game. On Wednesday the 26th, Title I is sponsoring Reading with Relatives, a light breakfast where students can bring their relatives to the school and read with them. Thursday is our book giveaway, and Friday will end our week of fun with our Croc Walk After Party!