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President's Message

Hidey Ho Eagles!

We kicked off March with a bang! Thanks to all of you for supporting Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash! We brought in three hundred eighty eight dollars that we gave to Mr. Pratt. Hopefully that will be enough to buy back some of the equipment that was stolen! There were a lot of people there so thanks for making it a success! Thanks to the committee for making it possible, Heidi Sobisky, Ali Conger, K.C. Lemon, Linda Pattberg and Cindi Pearce. Our parent teacher conferences went off well and thanks to Dana Wright and Jen Stringham our teachers were once again well fed! Dana hit the phones and the pavement and was able to get the meal donated by different restaurants, YAY DANA!

The choir kids had a lovely program at the tabernacle this month. The students made Edgemont proud at this district wide sing off! The Robotics Eagles presented their robot at BYU this month and again showed everyone our Eagle Pride! I listen to the announcements in the morning and our kids have read so many minutes. I can't at this point fully recall the amount, which is a little embarrassing, but I was wowed. The class that I was in when they announced another classes winning numbers was pretty upset that their class hadn't beaten them! They said "We are going to get it next time."

Thanks to our president elect's vision of an updated school we have a freshly painted entry way that we hope to expand to the rest of the school! Dina Driggs got with Lisa Twitchell and a team of helpful parents and got the job done in one night. I had never painted before in my life. You never know what new and exciting situations you can find yourself in! Thanks to all of those parents who participated our school really does look great. I love you guys, I love your kids and I love this school!

Love, Diana Bryson

Important Information

Lunchroom News

The year is coming to a close. NO CHARGING is allowed beginning the first day of April. Please be sure to check your student's lunch account with Mrs. Livsey. We now have online payments available for your convenience. You can pay online through the Nutrition Dept. by visiting www.provo.edu Thank you Ms. Robinson

YEARBOOKS

This is your last chance to get the yearbook for \$15. The deadline is April 10th. After the 10th the price will go up to \$20. So order your yearbooks NOW! If you need an order form, check in the office of contact Linda Pattberg (linda.pattberg@gmail.com, 801-224-5515).

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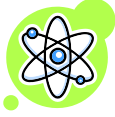
What's Happening

News Bites...

Students of the Month!

Teacher	Student
Ellis	Ethan Sabater
Clark	Alex Molina
Garner	Jane Sandberg
Hale	Nicholas Warner
Cummings	Avery Davis
Hamblin	Foliaki Fonua
Conrad	Keith Rosa (Kate)
Dayton	Morgan Vigoran
Quinn	Daia Woods
Bishop	Brittney Conger
Hoehne	Georgia Bear
Doman	Noah Anderberg
Wall	Tabby Grow
Porter	Mannon Christianson
Rigby/Hanks	Miles Clark
Jennings	Cami Adams
Barth	Hana Suyama
King	Jared Tanner

Michelle and Samuel Finch participated in the Regional Science fair. They received the Grand Prize. They have the opportunity to send work on to Washington DC and possibly New York for the National Science Fair.



BYU football players read to some classes to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. It was a neat opportunity for the kids to see someone they look up to read.

Mrs. Doman's class received an awesome grant for math manipulatives.

2nd graders will be going on a field-trip to Harward Farm on Thursday, April 9th. They will be learning about the importance of agriculture in providing the food and fiber that is a part of our everyday lives.



Easter Basket Auction, (lots more than jelly beans and chocolate eggs) a fun annual event held in the Provo Library Ballroom on Thursday, April 9, 2009. The Easter Baskets contain everything from sports passes to days at a local spa. The baskets are offered at a variety of prices during the silent auction from 6:30-7:30pm.

Other grand items, like art pieces and week long vacations will be auctioned off by a live auctioneer from 7:30-8:30pm. Live entertainment and luscious treats add to the fun atmosphere.

This event is sponsored by The Provo School District Foundation and helps fund the district's after school programs. The baskets are donated by individuals, businesses, and community groups.

If you wish to donate a basket or other large items please contact the Provo School District Office at 374-4802, ask for Cathy Bledsoe.



Edgemont Extravaganza April 24!



Thank you!
Thanks to all the parents and students who came and helped spruce up Edgemont's entryway. The flowers, paint and clean area have added a great deal to our school and is bound to make a great first impression on those coming to our school for the first time for the French immersion meeting. Thank you to all who put in their time, sweat and talents. I truly appreciate all you support!

Kindergarten Sees Unprecedented Scores With BYU Literacy Program

Edgemont kindergarten classes see nearly 100 percent of their students at or above reading level with the help of an innovative program created at Brigham Young University.



"SEEL not only exposes children to letters and patterns at the sound a print levels, it provides them with multiple opportunities for playful engagement," Hill said. "Activities are designed to stimulate an emotional connection that gives students the ability to remember and apply skills, setting SEEL apart from the other literacy programs available."

Kindergarten Registration will be April 10th 1:30-2:30 or 3:00 -4:00. All parents are to bring their child with them for an initial assessment that day.

Principal's Corner



Making School a Priority (Even Though Spring Is Here)

Dear Parents,

With Spring nearly upon us, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to keep school a top priority for your children? Keep these simple ideas in mind—they're useful at any time of the year.

Make Attendance Job #1. Let your children know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after or before school hours. If possible, take family vacations during school breaks. Tip: Give rewards for perfect attendance each month. Try a "Job Well Done" certificate or a coupon good for a night of bowling or a movie.

Show You Care. Want your children to know that you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects at the dinner table each night. Attend as many school events as you can. If homework and after-school activities conflict, speak up: "I know you have a baseball practice this evening, but homework comes first. After you finish, I'll take you to the practice." Children often adopt the priorities they sense their parents have.

Teach Your Child to Persevere When Faced with Challenges. If your child has a goal he wants to reach, like earning a top mark on a project, achieving it will probably take hard work. And there may be times your child feels like giving up. It's important to teach him to persevere, even when things are difficult. This can be done by discussing past successes (often one success builds on a previous challenge, so remind them of some they've already faced), choose realistic short term objectives (make it something you know he can achieve), listen for their ideas and help them make a step-by-step plan, and be their cheerleader by saying things like, "You're sticking with this. I'm really impressed!" Then, even if your child misses the mark, be sure to praise his efforts. Trying hard and learning from mistakes is a major accomplishment!

Keep It Upbeat. Try to set a positive example for your children, even when your own day has been difficult. Instead of saying, "I had a hard day at work. I'll never get my project done," try, "Work was hard today, but I made some progress on my project." If you show a positive attitude about your work, your youngsters may feel better about their own.

I know our teachers will appreciate anything you can do at home to help keep the students focused as Spring temperatures start to warm up. By working together, we can make this last quarter our most productive one of the year! Thanks for all you do to support us!

Sincerely,

Dennis Pratt



More News...

Edgemont Elementary School is Offering a French / English Dual Immersion Program to begin with 1st Graders in 2009-2010



We are pleased to announce that beginning Fall 2009 Edgemont Elementary will offer a French/English dual Immersion program as an option for all first grade students.

This opportunity comes to Edgemont by way of invitation from the Utah State Office of Education who is consulting with Dr. Mimi Met, Director of the National Foreign Language Center. Edgemont will begin French immersion in first grade and students will need to make a six year commitment to the program, so they will receive immersion instruction through sixth grade. Students will spend half their day learning in French only and the other half learning in English only with two separate teachers. We will provide integrated, thematic instruction in the subjects of math, science, social studies, music, physical education, and art. French will be the medium for content instruction rather than the subject of instruction.

More than forty years of research consistently immersion programs to help students attain high levels of second language proficiency. No other type of instruction, short of living in a second-language environment, is as successful. Young children especially thrive in this type of instructional environment. Dual language immersion offers a rich bilingual experience for young learners when their minds are developmentally best able to acquire a second language.

If you are interested, you can obtain more information on the district's website (www.provo.edu) or our own website (www.edgemont.provo.edu). Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), research and other articles on Dual Immersion Programs, as well as Applications & Parent Commitment forms are all online for your convenience.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

2	Bailey Mortensen
3	Bethany Dow
4	Quinton Carlisle
4	Audrey Macfarlane
6	Kendra Crwaford
8	Alyssa Akagi
10	Cannon Hughes
11	Kathryn Green
11	Andrew Merrill

11	Max Rammell
11	Chanel Ross
12	Tabitha Grow
12	Jefferson Oldroyd
15	Rachel Gouff
15	Luisa Uata
16	Rylee Moulton
17	Mya Cambray
18	Arcadia Leany
20	Kalyana Lambson
21	Yejin Bann
21	Jackson Pitts
23	Cambria Adams

23	Samuel Finch
23	Halle Pearce
24	Georgia Bear
25	Brynley Arnold
25	Miles Clark
25	Braden Mandez
25	Alex Molina
26	Mason McCloud
26	Eliza Nixon
26	Michael Spencer
28	Megan Gee
28	Allison Medina
28	David Wilson
29	Truman Bryson

Important Dates

April

10	Kindergarten Registration (1:30-2:30 & 3:00-4:00)
15-17	Spring Break (No School)
24	PTA Extravaganza 5-7:30
27-1	School Service Days

May

1	5K Run
	1/2 Day of School Early Out at 1:30 (Teacher Inservice)
4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week

