



## Wasatch Elementary

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### Principal's Message

We are so excited for another great year at Wasatch! This year, we have set three new goals for ourselves and our students. Goals that cannot be achieved without the support of our entire community!

Our first goal is to increase writing across all content areas. To achieve this goal we purchased the Units of Study Writing Program for every teacher. Teachers will also participate in regular professional development to assist them in implementing this new program.

Our second goal is to close the achievement gap for our low income student population. Teachers and staff members will be engaged in a number of professional development opportunities to assist them with this goal.

Our last goal is to expand our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to strengthen our culture of collaboration among all teachers and staff members. Each week grade level teams come together to plan and work with academic coaches and other district personnel to improve the teaching and learning occurring in their classrooms.

Teachers and staff members are committed to educating your children. **We need your commitment:**

- 1. Ensuring your student gets to school on time every day**
- 2. Communicate any concerns or struggles with your child's teacher in a timely manner**
- 3. Reading with your child every day**

Working together, we can achieve great things!

Deborah Candler, Principal

### Upcoming Events

#### August 23

New Parent Breakfast from 8:30-9:30 in our library.

#### August 24

Back to School Night from 5:30-7:00. We begin with introductions and school business at 5:30 in our auditorium followed by two 30 minute rotations to visit classrooms.

#### September 4

NO SCHOOL

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Whitney Banks, Compliance and Investigations, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.

## A Word from our PTA

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Wasatch. If you're new to Wasatch, we welcome your families and can't wait to meet you. I am looking forward to being the PTA President this year with Meghan Looper being the Vice President.

- **New parents:** we would love for you to join us at our **New Parent Breakfast on Wednesday August 23rd** in the library right after drop off. It is a great way to learn the ins and outs of what we do at Wasatch.
- Please join us for **Back to School Night on Thursday, August 24th!** Come to the auditorium at 530pm for Mrs. Candler's messages, and then beginning at 6pm, meet and visit your kids' teachers. You'll learn a lot about our school, and your child's classroom. This is an adults-only evening; please make other arrangements for your children.
- **Fundraiser-** On September 22, we will kick off one of our two main fundraisers. Like last year, we'll be doing a straight donation fundraiser through RallyMe with fun incentives that will involve the whole school. The money we raise funds our arts programs like dance, music and drama. This fantastic program at Wasatch costs approximately \$60,000 a year. Look for information in your child's Star folder about how the RallyMe fund-raiser will work. We want to thank you all in advance for participating.
- **Volunteering** is such an integral piece to the education puzzle so we welcome and encourage you to participate and volunteer in whatever way works for your circumstances. Whether you volunteer in the classroom or at school events or make financial donations to support our programs, it is all greatly appreciated. If your time is limited, focus on helping in the classroom. If work prohibits this, your student's teacher may have other projects. If you are able, volunteer for one of the many upcoming PTA events. You can contact our volunteer coordinator, Augusta Comey ([augustacomey@yahoo.com](mailto:augustacomey@yahoo.com)), to stay on top of volunteer opportunities. Volunteering is also a great way to meet other parents, and students take pride in seeing parents involved at their school. We hope all parents consider donating some of their time to Wasatch.

It takes individuals like you to continue the accomplishments of the past years to keep building a vibrant future! We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our children's education. Please do not hesitate to call or email us with any questions and we would love to see you attend our first **PTA meeting on Friday, September 8th at 11am in the library!**

Best,  
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## Council Corner Updates from Your Wasatch SCC

Your Wasatch School Community Council would like to welcome all students, families and faculty back for the 2017-18 school year. We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer, and are excited to begin developing this year's plans and projects to meet our school's needs.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what the Wasatch Community Council (SCC) is or what we do, here it is in a nutshell. The SCC is a group consisting of parents, school employees, and the principal. Every public school in Utah has an SCC. Our role is to review and propose changes to academic school plans each year including the School Improvement and LAND Trust Plans. School budgets, staffing, student safety, school programs, calendars, and schedules are all discussed in SCC meetings. Parents can also bring issues of concern to the Council.

The Wasatch SCC is looking for 5 new parent members to serve a 2 year term. What is even more exciting is that we are considering expanding our council size (currently 10 parent members) to accommodate all of those who want to become a committed member. The SCC needs parents from all of our student populations to serve and represent parent perspectives on issues brought forth to the council and to determine what is best for our students. There are only two qualifications to serve on the SCC: that your child attends Wasatch and that you are willing and able to regularly attend meetings and participate in discussion. Meetings are usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 3:15 PM in the library. We are also considering having additional informal meetings which will include the SCC, PTA and the principal. These will be designed to capture the voices and concerns of all of the parents at Wasatch.

You can make a BIG difference! How do you participate and get involved? First, by attending our monthly meetings. Second, by reading the minutes posted on-line, in the office and sent by e-mail to the Wasatch Parent Group. Lastly, by becoming a voting member. Elections are coming!

Here's how it will work. We will be sending home a candidacy form in your student's STAR folder. You should expect it the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school. They will also be available at Back to School Night on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Return the form to the office if you are interested in becoming a member. Based on the amount of candidates, we will either hold elections or allow all those interested to become voting members. Election results will be announced at our first meeting on September 21st at 3:15 in the Wasatch Library.

Please contact me or anyone in the council if you would like more information about the SCC. We would be happy to answer any questions you have. You can access SCC member contact information from the Wasatch Elementary home page under the community tab.

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Wasatch SCC Chair