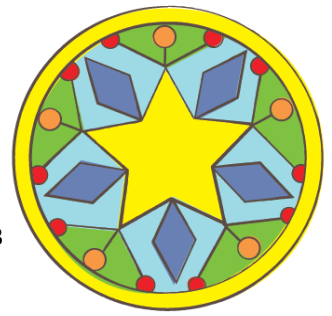


# November 2017 Newsletter



## Wasatch Elementary

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### Principal's Message

- ❖ Cooler temperatures have arrived. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately to be able to enjoy their time outside. Students are expected to be outside unless it is too cold, too wet or air quality is too poor.
- ❖ HB 286 requires schools to provide child sexual abuse prevention and training for students, parents and teachers. Students and teachers have already received their training with Prevent Child Abuse Utah. Parents training is available by visiting [pcau.enspark.com/login/pcau/](http://pcau.enspark.com/login/pcau/).
- ❖ Internet safety is a priority at Wasatch Elementary. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, our students will take part in a very important assembly to learn more about this topic. For several years now, we have partnered with NetSmartz to educate and inform students about ways to be safer on line. To find out more, visit [NetSmartz.org/Parents](http://NetSmartz.org/Parents).
- ❖ We are beginning to collect pictures for our yearbook. We would love your efforts in collecting pictures throughout the year. Please send your pictures to Rachel Preslar at [rachel.preslar@slcschools.org](mailto:rachel.preslar@slcschools.org).

I am pleased to report that based on Utah State Lab test results all SLCS school's drinking water samples tested well below the minimum 15 micro-grams per liter (UG/L). All SLCS schools are listed on the Utah State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website. Anyone can access this list and school results by going to this website. The link below brings you directly to the DEQ webpage.

[https://waterlink.utah.gov/deqWater/public/reports/viewReport.html?reportKey=ddw\\_lead\\_school\\_actions](https://waterlink.utah.gov/deqWater/public/reports/viewReport.html?reportKey=ddw_lead_school_actions)

Greg Libecchi  
Energy and Resource Manager  
Salt Lake City School District

### Upcoming Events

**October 30 – November 3**  
Story Cupboard Book Fair

**November 1 & 2**

SEP Conferences – School dismisses at 12:50 p.m.

**November 3**

PTA Meeting @ 11 a.m. in the library

**November 9**

Community Engagement Breakfast @ 8 a.m.

**November 10**

Veterans Day Performance @ 11 a.m. in the auditorium

**November 15**

Superintendent Breakfast from 7-9 a.m. in the library  
Town Meetings (Grandy, Coleman & Wiscomb) @ 11

**November 16**

Picture Retakes  
SCC @ 3:15 p.m. in the library

**November 17**

Town Meetings (Haslam, Farrell & Tanner) @ 11 a.m.  
Arts Showcase Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.

**November 20**

Report Cards come home

**November 22 – 24**

No School

**November 30**

Kindergarten Tour @ 6:30 p.m.

**December 1**

PTA Meeting @ 11 a.m. in the library

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

On behalf of the entire PTA and Wasatch Elementary School, I want to thank you for your dedication to making our school great.

### Arts Program Fall Fundraiser

- Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
- We surpassed our goal of \$40,000 and raised over \$50,000!!!
- We had over 400 contributions from 25 states.
- Congratulations to 1st grade who won the most number of contributions.
- Congratulations to 5th grade who won the most money raised.
- Special thank you to Whitney Childers and Valerie Stormont who worked so tirelessly to make this fundraiser successful and allow us to continue to fund music, drama, dance and the visual arts for every student at Wasatch.

### Community Building Events and Key Upcoming

#### Dates

- We hope everyone enjoyed the Halloween Carnival. Thank you to all those who volunteered and made this a fun event.
- If you haven't already, please visit the Story Cupboard Book Fair in the library this week.
- Art Cards: We can't wait to see our children's art cards; it is always a favorite gift for the holidays!
- Next PTA meeting: Friday November 3rd 11-12:50 p.m. in the orchestra room.

### Teacher Support/Student Enrichment

- In the month of October, we were able to help pay for the 1st grade field trip to Kingsbury Hall for a play.
- Thank you for helping in your child's classrooms...the teachers and the kids are grateful for it!
- Thank you for supporting the PTA so we can continue to support our teachers and students.

Many thanks for all of your time, money, and involvement!

Christine Lipson, PTA President  
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Meghan Looper, PTA Vice President  
[Meghan.Elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:Meghan.Elizabeth@gmail.com)

## Council Corner Updates from Your Wasatch SCC

In October the Wasatch School Community Council (SCC) reviewed our School Emergency Plan. Most policies and procedures are uniformly provided by the Salt Lake City School District but there is information to share that is unique to our school. For example, if our students were evacuated off-site in an emergency, do you know where and how you may be reunited with your children? If you missed our meeting, here are some quick facts:

- Wasatch's primary on-site evacuation locations are 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and "S" Street for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders evacuate to the big playground.
- Our secondary near-site evacuation location is Reservoir Park located at 1300 E. and S. Temple.
- Our off-site evacuation location is Bryant Middle School located at 40 S. and 800 E.

Our students have already participated in an evacuation drill this year. Mrs. Candler states that the students and faculty handled the drills seamlessly and were out of the building in approximately 30 seconds!

After having our SAFE (Schools Aid Families in Emergencies; [www.safeutah.org](http://www.safeutah.org)) presentation in September, John Flynt, the Preparedness Coordinator of SLC Emergency Management, offered to provide our school community with CERT Training. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact our area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced. Mr. Flynt will provide this training if we can get 20 people to sign up. This is open to anyone in the community: family, friends, and coworkers. This is a 7 week course which is held once a week in the evening for 3 hours (21 hours total). We are aiming to initiate this training in January. If you or anyone you know interested, please contact me (801-558-8251/[tedtracie@msn.com](mailto:tedtracie@msn.com)). I really think the more people we have trained in our community, the better prepared we will be in a disaster. FYI: Utah has a major earthquake every 350-400 years. It has been 350 years since the last one! For more information on the CERT program, visit [www.bereadyslc.com](http://www.bereadyslc.com).

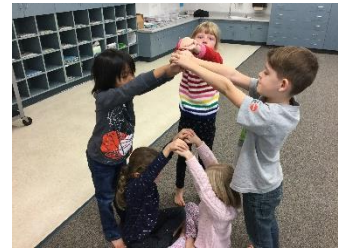
Tracie Sexton  
SCC Chair

## **First, Second and Third grade Town Meetings of Drama, Dance and Song! Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

### **Mr. Grandy, Come Home!**

Help! Our teacher is gone and you can help us find him! Mr. Grandy has left clues for us at American landmarks like the Lincoln Memorial, the Liberty Bell and Mount Rushmore. We will use different kinds of transportation—trains, race cars, and hot air balloons—to travel across the USA in search of our teacher. Come see if we find Mr. Grandy!

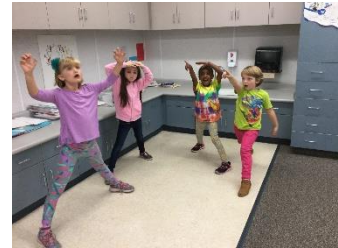
--Presented by Mr. Grandy's first grade class.



### **Whether the Weather**

The weather is wacky in our Town Meeting! You will live through shocking thunderstorms, spitting tornados, swooping floods and more! We will take you live to see our changing T.V. weather forecasts. Come prepared for every kind of weather!

--Presented by Mr. Coleman's second grade class.



### **Fun with Fables**

Based on the book, "Squids Will Be Squids" by Jon Scieszka

Come watch us dance, act and sing fables with a twist! You might encounter a cabbage, elephant, leaf, bacteria, grasshopper, squid and many more characters! Let's see what lessons they can teach us. (P.S. You may hear a very serious song about a hamster.)

-- Presented by Ms. Wiscomb's third grade class.



## **Fourth and Fifth grade Town Meetings of Drama, Dance and Song! Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

### **She Persisted**

In our Town Meeting, we teach through dance and drama, about women's rights and about women who have persisted to accomplish great things throughout history. We dance how women—such as Harriet Tubman, Nellie Bly, Dolores Huerta and more—have switched the rules that men have laid out for them. We recite the quotes of these women and create tableaux representing a big event in each woman's life. We also sing an inspiring song for all of us and do parts of it in sign language to honor Hellen Keller. Come and enjoy our performance!

--Presented by Mr. Haslam's fifth grade class.

Written by Miles, Tegan, Dworkin and Magleby



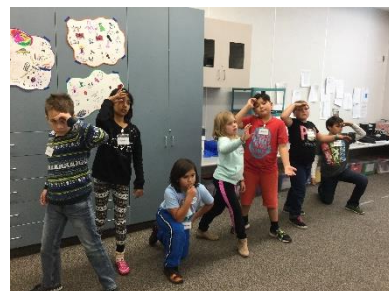
### **Stepping Stones**

Based on the book, "Stepping Stones—A Refugee Family's Journey" by Margriet Ruurs and Nizar Badr

How would you feel leaving everything you loved behind in search of a new, safe home in another country? We will tell a story through drama, dance and song of people going through this every day. They walk for weeks and weeks with only their clothes, a little food and water. They cross oceans with the hope of ending up in a welcoming and free land. Come see our performance and you will be surprised!

-- Presented by Ms. Farrell's fourth grade class.

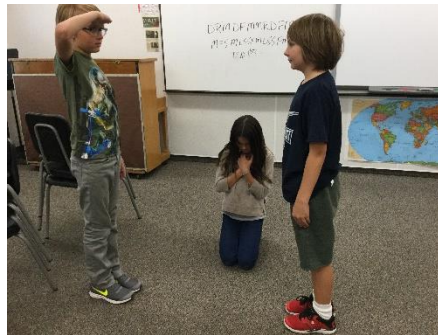
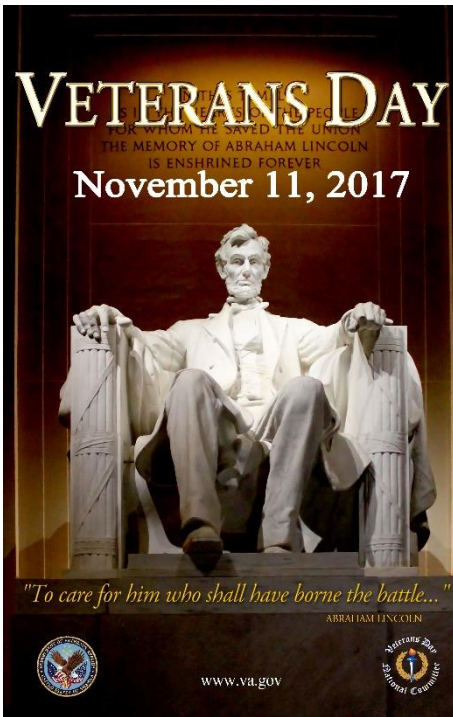
Written by Berkeley, Oakley and Alex



## FOR SPEECH THERAPY STUDENTS

Mrs. Payne (our Speech/Language Pathologist) is currently scheduling conferences for her speech therapy students. She will be available during SEP conference week on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 1 pm until 7 pm. Please email her directly at [kim.payne@slcschools.org](mailto:kim.payne@slcschools.org) if you would like to have a conference with her. Thank you.

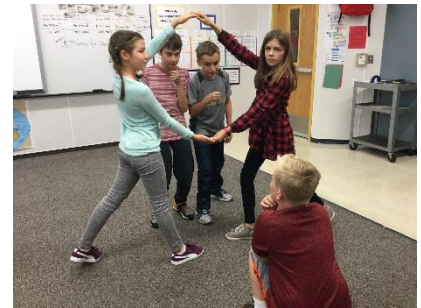
Hello, my name is William Hughes. I am a former Wasatch Elementary student and currently attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELP Program at West High School. In my Utah Studies class, I am doing a Better Utah project through Best Friends Animal Shelter. My partner and I are looking for donations of supplies for the cats and dogs currently living at Best Friends Animal Shelter. Miscellaneous supplies include beds, food, blankets, leashes, toys, towels etc. Beginning Nov. 1, there will be a box next to the main office for donations. Thanks for helping!



"Please join Wasatch Elementary 6th Graders for our annual Veterans Day Town Meeting on November 10th, 2017. There will be a school performance at 9:00 a.m. and a community performance at 11:00 a.m. in the Wasatch auditorium.

We invite veterans, your families, and our community members to attend this special tribute our service men and women.

This performance will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. – so please arrive early."



The overcast skies were gray with low-hanging clouds as the school bus traversed the seven-mile causeway out to Antelope Island. Students hummed with anticipation, focused on Farmington Bay and why the south side of the lake looked different from the north.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> and in support of new Science with Engineering Education (SEEd) standards, Wasatch sixth graders visited Great Salt Lake to learn more about Utah's unique ecosystem. Charged with explaining the phenomenon of a seasonal color change at the lake, student scientists spent three hours investigating at Bridger Bay. While on shore, students made observations, recorded measurements and collected their own Winogradsky column, an ecosystem in a jar. Student Malakai Ablla concurred, "The field trip was super fun and we got to use cool new science tools." Student Johanthan Kossin reported, "If you don't mind the cold, it was fun, especially measuring the salinity."

Although the cold and windy conditions put even the most prepared student to the test, sixth grader Quinn Faler agreed, "Before I left, I thought any weather would be worth it to see brine shrimp. It was!" Undoubtedly the most popular part of the day was bringing home an ecosystem in a jar. Students continue to report that their experiments are thriving. "It was a really interesting trip. I am so excited to watch my brine shrimp grow up from eggs to adults." said Sofia Moretti. These small souvenirs afford students the ability to study stability and change, a crosscutting concept, in the 3D approach to science teaching.

While we will hope for better weather next year, there is no doubt that our first 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip was a salty success.

-Mrs. Barnette