

Wasatch Elementary

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Math Message

Teachers and students at Wasatch are jumping into our new math program, Eureka Math. The curriculum goes beyond facts and formulas, teaching students to think about math conceptually and preparing them to solve complex problems. This helps children become not merely literate, but *fluent* in mathematics. Fluency in math means more than just being fast; fluency is being able to think about numbers in all different ways. In today's world, our children will be faced with challenges that will require strong problem-solving skills. We must prepare our children to be thinkers and problem-solvers, and to deeply understand mathematics.

Eureka Math is designed to build children's math understanding through multiple models and strategies, through real-world situations, and through a deep understanding of numbers. What your child is doing in math may not be familiar, but be assured there is a good reason for encouraging different strategies. Please visit the Eureka Math Parent Page at <https://greatminds.org/math/parents> to explore the Eureka Math resources Great Minds has to offer. If you haven't already, please create a free account so you can access the FREE Homework Helper eBooks. (Click on My Dashboard, enter the Product Key **HWH14WB**.) The Homework Helpers are designed to support parents in helping their children with Eureka Math homework. Students are asked to work their hardest for 10-15 minutes on homework, even if they don't complete the homework page.

With your support, we will be well on our way to fostering a love of math in our children, and developing mathematicians that can solve complex problems.

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Upcoming Events

October 3

Picture Day

October 5

Community Engagement Breakfast @ 8 a.m.

October 6

PTA Meeting @ 11 a.m. in the library

October 12

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

October 13

End of PTA Fall Fundraiser

October 19 - 23

NO SCHOOL

October 27

PTA Halloween Carnival from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

October 30

Story Cupboard Book Fair Begins

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.

What a great start to the year! The beginning of the school year always starts out so busy. Thank you to everyone for contributing to the success of our school in your own way by showing up to our first PTA meeting, choosing to hold a position on our SCC, chaperoning field trips, volunteering to be room parents, helping out the teachers, and supporting our Arts Program by donating to our fall fundraiser.

Arts Program Fall Fundraiser

- The RallyMe online fundraising campaign kickoff on September 22nd was a huge success! Let's keep the momentum through October 13th!
- Our goal is to raise at least \$40,000 (and more!) to support our Arts-Integrated Education.
- We want to thank you all for participating; please continue to forward the donation link to family, friends, neighbors and supporters!
- A celebration will be scheduled in November to reward our students for a successful fundraiser.
- Will you be a Matching Funder? Would your business, group or family be interested in being a matching funder for our RallyMe online fundraiser? People are 40% more likely to give if they know their donation will be doubled. Matches start at \$500 - email wasatchpta fundraising@gmail.com.
- Thank you to Whitney Childers and Valerie Stormont for their efforts and commitment to make this fundraiser a successful one!

Community Building Events & Key Upcoming Dates

- Next PTA meeting - Friday, October 6th.
- Art Cards - Information coming the end of October
- Halloween Carnival - Kids dress up in their costumes and participate in fun games and activities.
- Story Cupboard Book Fair - Profits from the book fair are used to purchase books and other materials for the classrooms.
- Volunteer Opportunities - We need volunteers to staff all of these events. Please contact Augusta Comey at augustacomey@yahoo.com if you can help.

Teacher Support/Student Enrichment

- In the month of September, we were able to fund 4th grade science curriculum booklets and a Teacher Professional Development Writing Workshop for *every* teacher at Wasatch.
- Thank you for supporting the PTA so that we can continue to support our teachers and students.

Thank you again for all that you do to make Wasatch an amazing school and community. Hope to see you at the upcoming community events.

Best,
Christine Lipson, PTA President
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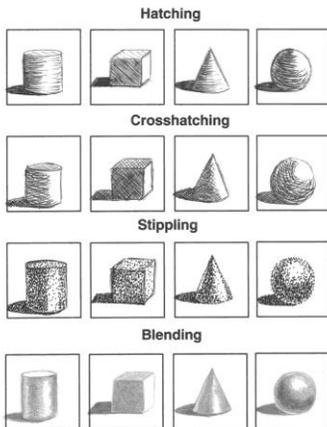
Meghan Looper, PTA Vice President
Meghan.Elizabeth@gmail.com

Your Wasatch School Community Council has met for the first time this year. We are busy and enthusiastic about the coming months. Part of this excitement is due to recent opportunities we have had to participate in School Community Council learning communities, which has been sponsored by our school district. The goal of these meetings is to learn how to improve family engagement and participation on our SCC. We want to create an SCC at Wasatch that is more diverse, represents our entire school community and engages families in meaningful leadership opportunities. Because of this, the SCC at Wasatch opted to not hold an election this year. Instead, we allowed all interested parents to begin a 2 year term on the SCC. This has increased our parent council size to 12. In addition, we are leaving the council size open for any additional members to join if they feel underrepresented. We would like to welcome the following new members to the SCC: Brandon Bennett, Betsy Kleba, Caryn Fletcher, Amy Perry, Katherine Duncan and Heather Armstrong. The Council appointed Tracie Sexton to serve as Chair, Betsy Kleba as Vice Chair and Julia Lyon as Secretary. Contact information for all Council members will be posted on our school website along with our meeting schedule. Have a question or concern? Contact any council member if you would like to add an item to our monthly agendas. In addition, come to our first SCC/PTA/Administration Community Engagement Breakfast on Thursday, October 5th at 8:00 AM. This is a great way to socialize, meet parents and voice any concerns or questions with the SCC, PTA, and the Principal. Plus, we will be serving bagels, fresh fruit, coffee and juice! Lastly, we are incredibly grateful for the time and service provided by Brian Bevan and his group of Cub Scouts in tackling the inventory and restocking of our classroom emergency backpacks. This is a big job, and thanks to their effort, it was a very manageable task. We hope to see you at the next SCC meeting on Thursday, October 12th at 3:15 PM in the library!

Tracie Sexton
SCC Chair

Art Attack

This month our school is focusing on shape and form in art. Spend time with your student talking about Geometric shapes (cylinder, cone, sphere, cube), organic or free form shapes (clouds, leaves), large or small, 2-diminsional or 3-diminsional. Look for things in the community that will inspire discussion about our theme for October.



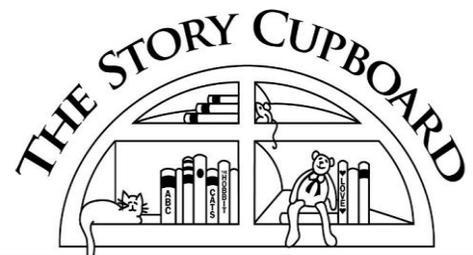
Shape and form also apply to dance, drama and music. See if you can find ways that shape and form influence each of these art forms.

We are sad to announce that our wonderful music teacher, Ms. Marie Smith, has left us to teach full time in Jordan School District. We are in the process of looking for another music specialist.

Book Fair

One of our favorite times of the year is at hand, the Book Fair in the library. It is sponsored by The Story Cupboard. These are high quality books that our students and families will love. The proceeds from the Book Fair provide books for teachers and the library. The fair will begin on Monday, October 30th - Friday, November 3rd. The fair will be open every day after school:

Monday: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.



Battle of the Books

Students in 4-6 grades are invited to participate in a Battle of the Books with other elementary schools in the Salt Lake City School District. Twenty books have been chosen that the students need to read by the end of January. Ten of those books are ones that are also a part of the Bee a Super Reader challenge. This is meant to be a fun reading incentive for our students. They do not have to read every book to participate in this competition.

On Friday, February 9th, Wasatch will hold its own Battle of the Books. The four top winners will then represent Wasatch at the district Battle of the Books on Tuesday, March 6. A time and place for this battle will be announced at a later time.

The information on the twenty books can be found at: Wasatch Homepage: www.wasatch.slcschools.org, Library, scroll down to Battle of the Books and click for information

Wasatch Book Challenge: Bee a Super Reader in 2017-2018

Ms. Bullough is inviting every student to Bee a Super Reader this year. The goal is to induct as many students as possible into the Reader Hall of Fame in the Main Hall. The grade with the most super readers at the end of the year will earn a pizza party. Students in each grade level have been challenged to read a certain number of books for the year to be a Super Reader. An additional challenge is for each student to read books that have been nominated for the Beehive Book Awards.

It is well known that the more a person reads, the better reader they become. It helps to increase vocabulary and knowledge of the world and people around us.

For more information and forms go to: Wasatch Homepage: www.wasatch.slcschools.org, click on Library, scroll down to Bee a Super Reader and click on links.

School Donations for Hurricane Relief

Mr. H's class wanted to help support families in need of help from the disastrous effects of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. They created donation jars for every classroom and raised over \$450 from the Wasatch community. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this cause. Mr. H's class is researching organizations to determine the best one to donate the money to ensure it is used properly.



Hearing screenings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th. Students in K, 2, 5 and anyone new to the school district will be screened. Parents/teachers may also request a screening for a student if there are concerns by contacting Kim Payne, Wasatch Speech/Language Pathologist, at kim.payne@slcschools.org.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Wasatch had our first Brown Bag Lunch Series with Burger Cat. On Monday, September 11th, the lunchroom was transformed by live jazz music provided by one of our Wasatch families. The drummer, Helena, a 5th grade student, on piano is her father, David Payne, who teaches music to our 4th grade students and her mother, Leena, was the guitarist. A big thanks to their willingness to make lunch a brighter, happier place with music.



Extended Learning Program (ELP) Middle School Assessment Information

The Salt Lake City School District Extended Learning Program (ELP) provides specialized educational services for identified gifted and high ability 7th and 8th grade middle school students. ELP services are available at all district middle schools with more extensive services provided through ELP Magnet Programs at Clayton, Hillside, and Glendale Middle Schools, and West High School.

As part of the eligibility process for the 2018-2019 school year, gifted and high ability 6th and 7th grade students may participate in the middle school testing which includes an online CogAT, an abilities assessment, and out-of-level IOWA reading and math assessments. The assessments will be given at our school during the November 2 – December 8 testing window. The dates for testing will be chosen by the administration and proctors at our school. Check our website for those dates. Students who live outside district boundaries may call the ELP office for a testing appointment. This testing will be scheduled on November 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, and 17, 2017.

Parents must submit registration and disclosure statement forms to the district ELP office between September 26 and November 1, 2017. Registration and disclosure forms are available on the district website:

<http://www.slcschools.org/departments/curriculum/extended-learning-program>, or contact Amy Burris, ELP Administrative Assistant, at the district ELP Office at 801-578-8573.

Parent information meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 24, 2017. They will begin at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building, 440 E. 100 S., Rooms 112-114.

Students who are currently in middle school Magnet ELP do not need to retest.