

Wasatch Elementary

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Principal's Message

Safety is a great priority for us here at Wasatch. Each month we conduct safety drills such as fire, intruder and earthquake. If there were ever an actual emergency that required us to evacuate our building, kindergarten and first graders go out to 1st Ave. and along S Street while all second through sixth graders go out to our big playground. If a greater evacuation was required, we would head over to Reservoir Park, which is located at 42 University Street or Bryant Middle school, which is located at 40 S. 800 E.

Another issue I would like to bring to everyone's attention is parking. Please be sure you pay close attention to the signs around our building. We want to be sure no one is parking in our bus loading zone, blocking the driveways of our neighbors or parking in the drop-off/pick-up zones. **I want to also reiterate that the parking lot is for faculty and staff only.** This parking lot is not for dropping-off or picking-up children. I appreciate all of your efforts in assisting us with this issue!

Lastly, in an attempt to limit distractions to the learning in our classrooms, I ask that you make every effort to make plans for your child prior to the start of the day. We will no longer send calls down to classrooms. If there is a need to get a message to your child, call the front office and we'll be sure to address your need. Again, I greatly appreciate your support with this change.

Everyone at Wasatch is thankful for all you do to help us create a safe place for learning and having fun!

Upcoming Events

September 4

NO SCHOOL

September 8

PTA Meeting @ 11 a.m. in the library

September 21

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

September 22

PTA Fall Fundraiser Kickoff

September 28

SAFE Neighborhoods Presentation @ 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

September 29

NO SCHOOL

October 3

Picture Day

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. We hope you were all able to attend Back to School Night. We also hope you are continuing to absorb all of the new information and acclimating back into the school routine.

I'm Christine Lipson and I'm excited to be your new PTA President. I joined the PTA a few years ago because I wanted to be more involved in the school, and the PTA seemed like an obvious way to do so and a way to give back to the community. I have 2nd and 4th graders at Wasatch, and I'm a nurse at Primary Children's Hospital. Meghan Looper has first and fourth grade students. She joined PTA so she could be informed and contribute to her children's school experience. You will also see Meghan around as an aide helping out in 3rd-6th grade classrooms!

The PTA at Wasatch focuses on three main things:

Community Building

We host many events and welcome students, families, neighbors etc.-and strive to make all members of the community welcome at Wasatch.

Fundraising

We raise money to fund our arts specialists at Wasatch. Wasatch is a Beverly Taylor Sorensen grant recipient and we are committed to raise additional funding so each and every student at Wasatch can enjoy dance, music, drama and the visual arts.

Teacher Support & Student Enrichment

We support our teacher's professional growth and development since our teachers strive to improve themselves, and they are always looking for ways to connect with each and every student. We also support classroom and school enrichment. For example, last year we helped to fund our new buddy benches, calming sensory boxes for 1st grade classrooms, buses for field trips, school wide assemblies and teacher/librarian professional development.

PTA meetings are typically on the 1st Friday of every month at 11am-1250pm in the library. This month it is on September 8th. We welcome everyone. The meeting minutes are posted on the school website. We also welcome you to join us at various events throughout the year and to contribute whatever you can during the fall and spring fundraisers ---we aim for 100% participation and the money goes toward creating a culture of inclusion and integrating the fine arts into everyday education.

Rally Me Fundraiser

We will kick off one of our two main fundraisers of the year on September 22nd, "Rally for Wasatch Arts." It costs \$60,000 a year to fund our Arts program, and our fall fundraiser uses the power of crowd-funding- a lot of people giving to make a big impact-to keep our Arts Program thriving. There are no packets, no selling, and no plastic trinkets - simply giving. Anyone, anywhere can give. We're looking forward to another fantastic year with a school wide celebration after the fundraiser concludes. If you would like to help in the planning or have any questions, you can email wasatchptafundraising@gmail.com.

Please do not hesitate to reach out 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,
PTA President Christine Lipson
(christinelipson@gmail.com)
PTA Vice President Meghan Looper
(meghan.elizabeth@gmail.com)

Council Corner Updates from Your Wasatch SCC

It is not too late to fill out your candidacy form to become an elected member on the Wasatch School Community Council. We are looking for 5 new members this year. Candidacy forms came home in the STAR folders on August 28th, and are not due to the school office until September 7th. There are extra candidacy forms in the office if needed. If we have more than 5 candidates, voting ballots will be sent home on September 11th.

Our first SCC meeting is on Thursday, September 21st at 3:15 in the school library. We will be announcing the newly elected members, electing a chair, co-chair and secretary, as well as reviewing our approved 2017-18 LAND Trust and SIP plans. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Last year, we began addressing the implementation of the SAFE (Schools Aid Families in Emergencies) Neighborhood Program. The last few years, the Salt Lake Department of Emergency Management has been constructing a program to help communities like ours recover more quickly in the aftermath of a catastrophic event in our state. Elementary schools throughout the county will be the main hubs for public information, family reunification, neighborhood search and rescue, medical treatment, transportation and coordination with the City. Wasatch is one of these schools. One of our Wasatch parents, Jenn Hein, has been spearheading this project. She is looking for parents who are interested in further developing this program and getting involved in the training. If this is a topic that interests you, you can email her at Jennhein1@gmail.com. In addition, we are looking forward to a SAFE Neighborhoods Presentation at our school on Thursday, September 28th.

Please join us for our first SCC meeting of the 2017-18 year on September 21st. I invite you to get involved and/or contact me or anyone in the council if you have any questions, would like more information about the SCC, or have an issue that you would like us to address. You can access SCC member contact information from the Wasatch Elementary home page under the community tab.

Tracie Sexton, Wasatch SCC Chair
(801-558-8251; tedtracie@msn.com)

Art Attack

We have a great year of art ahead of us this year. Our theme for the 2017-2018 school year is **Imagination: Drama and Film**. We would like to share each month the focus Wasatch will have on the arts. This semester Penny Caywood, our **Drama Specialist**, and Jean Gardner, our **Dance Specialist** are working with Mr. Grandy(1st Grade), Mr. Coleman(2nd Grade), Ms. Wiscomb (3rd Grade), Ms. Farrell (4th Grade), and Mr. Haslam(5th Grade). Each of these classes will perform for the school in November during our Town Meetings.

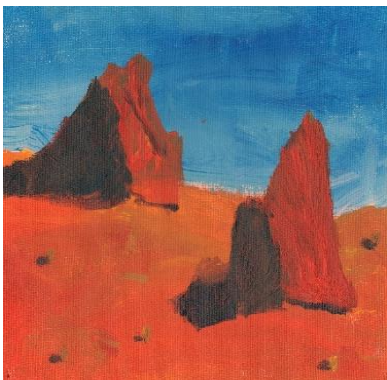
Marie Smith, our **Music Specialist**, is working with all of our students teaching principles of music. She is also teaching all of our students a song that can be sung at the **Avenues Street Fair Children's Parade**. This was a huge hit last year with our families at Wasatch.

Students this year are invited to meet at the corner of 8th Avenue and "M" Street, at 8:45. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 9th and travel on 8th Avenue to "H" Street. Students are encouraged to come and sing the song we have learned together.

Our **Visual Art Specialist**, Julie Lewis is beginning our first class auction pieces during the month of September. The three 4th Grade classes will be creating their auction items. These pieces are created by the students and are auctioned to families at our Arts Showcase in May.

Students will also be working on artwork for our **Student Art Cards**. These will be available to order at the beginning of November. Every student will have an art piece made into an Art Card, these are great for the holidays, thank you cards, and note cards.

Wasatch will be focusing on the **Seven Elements of Art**. During the month of September, we will focus on the element of **line**. Our classes will be discussing and creating a piece of artwork that will incorporate the element of line. It would be a wonderful opportunity for you to help your student see the element of line in artwork, pictures, nature, around town, or in your home.



Congratulations Ms. Wedick

Ms. Wedick, one of our fantastic third grade teachers, was awarded the KSL Newsradio and Zions Bank, Teacher Feature Utah Teacher of the Week 2017-2018! Congratulations Ms. Wedick!



Eureka Homework Helpers

You might run into a problem with the code for the Homework Helpers for Eureka Math. There was an error on the original parent letter.

The code is **HWH14WB**. In the original letter, it was missing the B.