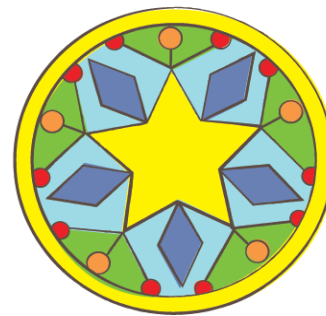


## Wasatch Elementary

30 R Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103  
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### A Message From Our PTA

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by and that 2020 is almost here. December has been such a busy month, and we hope that you are able to enjoy some downtime over the winter break.

The topic of conversation at our last several PTA meetings has been about volunteerism. Unfortunately, our schools are underfunded, which means that Wasatch relies on volunteers to fill in some of those gaps. As a community we all pitch in whether financially by raising money for programming, teacher grants or field trips expenses or by giving our time to the school at events, in the classroom, or bringing a meal during parent teacher conferences. We all chip in in the way that works best for our families. But the bottom line is that we can't continue to do the events we do without participation from volunteers.

The next month will be pretty quiet on the volunteer front, but those volunteer opportunities will start popping up again in February, and there will be opportunities throughout the rest of the school year. We'd also love to see you at a PTA, SCC meeting, or an Arts Showcase meeting. All three give you the opportunity to learn more about what is going on at Wasatch - for example at our last PTA meeting Ms. Candler told us how the school is looking at ways to make sure our kids are still getting some active movement on indoor recess days. We try not to talk at you, but to have meaningful conversations about things going on at Wasatch. We'd also love your feedback. If you haven't already, please take two minutes and complete [this survey](#).

Once again, thanks for all you do for our school and our kids and we hope to see you at our next PTA or Arts Showcase Meeting.  
PTA Meeting, January 10, 2020, 11:00 am - Library  
Arts Showcase Meeting, January 24, 2020 - 11:30 am - Conference Room

Best,  
Valerie Stormont, PTA President  
[vstormont@gmail.com](mailto:vstormont@gmail.com)

Meghan Looper, Vice President  
[meghan.elizabethc@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.elizabethc@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

#### January 6

School Resumes

#### January 9

Bryant Middle School Information Night  
6:00 pm in our auditorium

#### January 10

PTA Meeting – 11:00am in the Library

#### January 20

No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### January 23

SCC Meeting – 3:15pm in the Library

#### January 24

Arts Showcase Meeting – 11:30am in the Conference Room

#### January 28

Kindergarten Tour – 10:00am

#### January 31

Non-Student 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.

Mrs. Vasquez's and Ms. Thorn's classes visited Salt Lake Acting Company's production of "Pete the Cat" in December. The children LOVED the show and made great comparisons and connections to the stories they read in class. A HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTA for supporting our adventure!



**AVENUES COMMUNITY  
EMERGENCY PERPAREDNESS FAIR**

WASATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
30 N R Street, Salt Lake City

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020  
10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**FREE - ALL ARE INVITED!**

Brought to you by:  
Greater Avenues Community Council • Ensign Stake • Emigration Stake  
Salt Lake City School District • Salt Lake City Corporation  
Utah Division of Emergency Management

Scheduled Presenters and Vendors:  
Salt Lake City Office of Emergency Management • Be Ready Utah  
Marilyn Hoff - The Earthquake Lady • American Red Cross  
CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

96-Hour Kits and other preparedness gear will be available for purchase!

**#preparednotscared #96hourkitforall**

**Save  
the  
Date!**

# Fathering with Love and Logic

## Parenting Workshop

Replace children's misbehavior with cooperation

Increase the odds that your children will make good choices even when parents are not around; even in the face of peer pressure



Presented by **Richard O'Keef**, author of the book 3-Step Parenting  
Provided by Utah State University

**Cost:** Free

**Date:** Every Wednesday for 5 weeks beginning January 8, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Wasatch Elementary School Library, 30 R St, SLC

**Register at:** [healthyrelationshipsutah.org/counties/salt-lake](https://healthyrelationshipsutah.org/counties/salt-lake)

or email: [richard.okeef@usu.edu](mailto:richard.okeef@usu.edu)

## A Holiday Visit to Zion's Bank

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir, led by Penny Caywood, had a wonderful visit to two Zion's Bank branches on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They sang and danced for bank employees and guests as well as decorated several Christmas trees with ornaments made by all the students at Wasatch. Zion's Bank generously donated \$350 to our Arts Program at Wasatch. Thank you to Ms. Caywood for putting together a wonderful group of songs and thank you to Ms. Julie Lewis, our art teacher, as well as each classroom teacher, for helping students to create the ornaments.





### **Outdoor Air Quality Information**

Dear Parents:

In recent years we have seen inversions, fires and other factors affect our outdoor air quality. There is concern about the effects of poor air quality on children's health and their ability to breathe easily. Because of this, our school has adopted an outdoor air quality policy.

#### **What will the school do?**

We will check the Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) levels. This information will guide our outdoor physical activities.

1. When the PM<sub>2.5</sub> level is between 35.5-55.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, we will let "sensitive" students and students experiencing respiratory symptoms, such as with a cold or allergies, stay indoors.
2. When the PM<sub>2.5</sub> level is above 55.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, outdoor recess will be cancelled for all children and alternative play/exercise opportunities will be offered indoors. Principals or their designees may exercise their discretion and allow affected students to stay indoors at lower PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels.

#### **What should parents do?**

1. Parents, with advice from your health care provider, need to contact the school secretary or nurse if your child is "sensitive" to poor air quality.
2. Sensitive children may include those with significant or poorly controlled asthma, cystic fibrosis, chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, compromised immune systems, or other respiratory problems.

#### **For your information:**

1. The daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> level is located at [www.airquality.utah.gov](http://www.airquality.utah.gov).
2. Additional information on air quality guidance is located at [www.health.utah.gov/asthma](http://www.health.utah.gov/asthma).

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy school environment for your child. Please contact the school if you have questions about this issue.

Sincerely,

Deborah Candler

Principal's Name

12/15/2019

Date