

# Truman Newsletter



## From the PTA

We are jumping into the new year with an opportunity to serve those around us. We will be doing a Souper Bowl of Caring food drive coming up this February. This is where the PTA and the school combine efforts for a charitable fund raiser. This year we will be doing a food drive, so canned and boxed goods will be collected and then will be donated to a food bank. The best part of this is that the donation is locally and will help people in our area. Please look for more information on exact dates running. Thanks for all you do! The kids did awesome at the December sing-a-long and was so great to see all the support there for them.

Next PTA meeting is January 5th at 9:15am

## From the Principal

First of all, I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday break, spending time with family and friends. Also, I am excited for the New Year and hope that we will see 2017 as a special year here at Truman.

I need to make you aware of a district wide change that will affect all elementary students, including Truman. Granite School District was recently audited by the Utah State School Board. Based on this audit, we have need to make some adjustments to our Elementary Schools Early-out planning day schedule to ensure we have an adequate amount of instructional time. Starting with second semester (January 17th), we will be adding 5 minutes of instructional time to our half day Kindergarten classes, and 10 minutes of instructional time to grades one through six, and the all day Kindergarten classes on the early-out planning days.

This schedule adjustment will ONLY impact Early Out days, which is always the last school day of the week (e.g. usually the Friday however it can be a Thursday if there is no school on Friday). The regular schedule remains unchanged. Please see below for the detailed schedule changes for our school.

	Regular Schedule	Early-Out Schedule
Grade 1-6	9:05 am — 3:45 pm	9:05 am — <b>1:40 pm</b>
K - a.m.	9:05 am — 12:05 pm	9:05 am — <b>11:05 am</b>
K - p.m.	12:45 pm — 3:45 pm	<b>11:40 am</b> — 1:40 pm

The district also created a video to explain the change. You can view it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckPC27DOcf8&feature=youtu.be> or on the school website.

We will be sending additional reminders for the first few weeks of this adjusted schedule in the Weekly Announcements that you receive by phone every Sunday evening and is posted on our website. Please contact the front office at 385-646-5044, if you have any questions. Thanks for your help and support of our great school.

## From the School Community Council

The Truman Community Council will be meeting on Monday, January 9 at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. This meeting will focus on Safe Utilization and Digital Citizenship. The Community Council has a statutory obligation to advise the school on safe technology utilization and to provide for education and awareness on digital citizenship that empowers students to make smart media and online choices and parents to know how to discuss safe technology use with their children. We will discuss internet filtering and how students are kept safe from harmful online content. The public is welcome to attend.

### Important Reminders

- The Parent Portal ([portal/graniteschools.org](http://portal/graniteschools.org)) is available for you to access student grades, lunch balance, attendance, etc.
- Please use the drop-off and parking zones as intended (i.e. park in the parking lot and drop off/pick up in the drop-off zone). This helps us ensure the safety of all students.
- Remind your child that toys stay home or they will be confiscated and will be a parent pick up in the office .
- In order to ensure that only authorized persons have access to your child, we require everyone to show ID in the office.

## Upcoming Events

- PTA Meeting, Jan. 5th (9:15 am) - come be a part of the meeting
- School Community Council Meeting, Jan. 9th (5:00 pm) - all welcome to come as we discuss how to make Truman the school that our students deserve.
- DIBELS (Reading) testing—Jan. 10th through Jan. 20th - please help by making sure your child gets a good night's rest .
- Leadership Day, Jan. 26th—because Truman is a Leader in Me school, we will be demonstrating how our students are becoming leaders. Come join us and see how your child is leading and learning.
- Truman Spirits Awards Ceremony, Jan. 31st, (9:30 am K-2; 10:30 am 3-6) - students who have earned one or more of the four Truman Spirit Awards based on 2nd Term final grades will be recognized. Parent invitations will be sent.

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 9:15 PTA Meeting	6 Early Day	7
8	9 5:00 School Community Council	10 Dress for Success	11	12 Early Day	13 No School—End of 2nd Term	14
15	16 No School—Martin Luther King Day	17 3rd Term begins	18	19	20 Early Day	21
22	23	24	25	26 Leadership Day	27 Early Day	28
29	30	31 Truman Spirit Awards Ceremony				