

Arcadia Principal's March 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Arcadia Family,

For March, there are many things happening at Arcadia that are exciting and stimulating for students. Below, I have listed many of these activities and opportunities to help keep you abreast of everything we are doing.



We are also preparing for end of year testing. I would like to remind you and your child of the following:

- **Attendance is very important during the next few months!**



For students to do well on their tests, they need to be at school regularly so they can learn what they need to and be able to take the tests when they are scheduled. In last months' newsletter, I included this year's testing schedule so you will know when to schedule appointments and activities for your children.

- **Tips for Doing Your Personal Best on the RISE Test:**
 - Come to school regularly and be rested, relaxed, and ready to test.
 - Believe in yourself. **Think positive thoughts.**
 - Stay focused. Take a quick break if you need to.
 - Take deep breaths to relax.
 - Use strategies your teacher has taught you to figure out each answer.
 - Take your time. **Don't give up!**
 - **Give every question your BEST effort.**
 - Remember your goals – and work towards them.



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Kindergarten Registration & Orientation

Kindergarten registration is on **March 3rd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** We will only have parents fill out registration cards and receive paper information during this time. Kindergarten Orientation will be tentatively scheduled for August 16th (the day before Kindergarten begins). During Kindergarten Orientation, the teachers will present, our school nurse will speak, we will inform parents about PTA and Community Council opportunities and students and parents will go to the classroom to hear their teacher read them a short story. If you know of parents who will have a kindergartener next year, please let them know about Kindergarten Registration and Orientation. We would like to know early how many kindergarteners we will have so we can adjust staffing accordingly.



PTA/Community Council Digital Citizenship Initiative



A virtual assembly was presented to all students on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, to **provide the necessary student training on media and Internet safety.** The training was also for teaching students and parents about smart uses of technology (digital citizenship). The assembly was in partnership with NetSmartz which is an organization affiliated with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

To better help parent and their children communicate about Internet and screen use, Arcadia's School Community Council and PTA have partnered together to bring resources to you. The PTA sent home an Internet Safety Pledge and Family Screen-time Contract that were provided to each student at Arcadia to help begin, and continue, these parent/child discussions. It is our hope that you will sit down with your child and discuss ways to which they can **be safe and stay alert while using media and navigating the Internet.** It is also our hope you will discuss together

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as a family how you can support safe, balanced, and wise media and Internet usage. You can find more resources on safe and smart media/Internet practices by going to the district's [Digital Citizenship Resources](#).

Spring Picture Day



Spring Picture Day is on the 14th. If your child did not have his/her picture taken in the fall and you would like their picture taken, please look for the picture order form that will come home from your child's teacher. You may also contact [Bell Photography](#) for more information or to pay online.

Arcadia Art Night!



Art Night will be on March 15th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Williams has been working with students all year to prepare for this night. Parents and students will do an "Art Walk" around the school, and we will have fun activities for

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families to do throughout the evening in the gym. We will send more information to you as the event nears.

March Assemblies & Activities



The first assembly of the month is on March 1st. The young artists from the **Utah Opera** will perform for the student body "Who Wants to be an Opera Star." On March 6th, the Arcadia Community Council has arranged for an assembly to educate students on **safe walking routes**. Our half-day kindergartners seldom get to celebrate with the other

students or be recognized for their good work and behavior because they go home in the middle of the day. Most of our activities and celebrations take place after they go home. I wanted to celebrate them so we will have **BUG (Being Unusually Good) Lunch on the 22nd from 11:15 – 11:40 p.m.** The students will receive a certificate and we will have pizza and cookies. Ms. Snell, Mrs. Rose and I will wear antennas and Mrs. Rose will have her students make them to wear on their heads as well. **The Quarterly Principal's Party** will be later the same day for students who have received purple tickets for following the school rules.

March Mobile Food Bank

The Mobile Food Bank will be on March 9th at 3:20 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please remind your students that they need to gather with their brothers and sisters in the library hall so they can **enter as a family unit.**

Bus students will be called to the cafeteria 10 minutes before the dismissal bell rings. Parents are encouraged to come at 3:20 p.m. to help their children carry bags of food to your car.



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If you need food throughout the month, you can contact the [Utah Food Bank](#) or the [Murray Park Church of Christ Food Pantry](#) to make arrangements for your family's needs.

PTA Monthly Meetings



Every month, the PTA meets in the library at 3:30 p.m. **This meeting is children friendly.** **This month's meeting will be on the 9th.** All PTA members are invited to attend the meeting. We go over agenda items, discuss school initiatives and volunteer and school service opportunities.

If you would like to know more about Arcadia's PTA or would like to join, please visit our [PTA's school webpage](#).

Community Council Update

This month, **Community Council will be on the 16th** and will be evaluating this year's Land Trust goals. We will discuss next year's plan and the council will also emphasize safe walking routes and follow up with parents on digital citizenship.

We continue to lack 3-4 new members on the council.

I know I harp on this in every newsletter, but we really do need parents to sign up to be on the council and attend the monthly meetings. If you're interested, [please email me](#).



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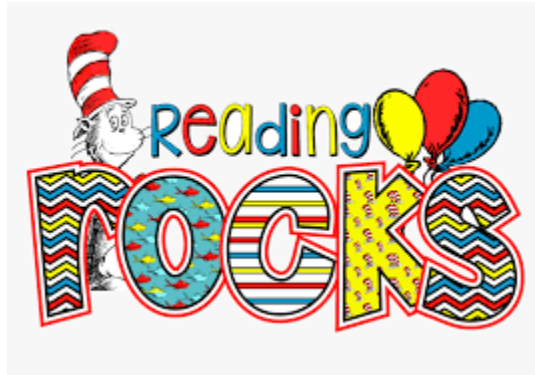
Spring Break



Spring Break will be from March 27th through the 31st. If you are going on vacation or your student will be away longer than one week, please contact the office to fill out a vacation form. Parents are required to coordinate with teachers on work that needs to be made up. Over the years, I have noticed that not many students do school work while on vacation. I

encourage families to enjoy their vacation time and to plan on making up the work when they return. If you have a question about this, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss your plans and any concerns you may have.

Read Across America Week



The PTA is hosting **Read Across America during the week of February 27th – March 3rd**. It is held in honor of Dr. Theodore Seuss who has propelled the joy of reading for many individuals. We are honored to have community officials come read to each classroom on Monday, February 27th and Wednesday, March 1st. These officials come from Taylorsville City, as well as Granite School District. Thanks to our PTA members who helped with the contacting!

As part of sharing this exciting literacy week, a PTA member has graciously helped create some themed dress up days. Feel free to have your students dress up for each of these themed days to add in the excitement of this literacy week.

We would also like to encourage you to sit down and explore the world of reading with your children this week. Find a topic which they are interested in and read about!

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Read Across America Week -Themes and Dress-up

Day	Monday (2/27)	Tuesday (2/28)	Wednesday (3/1)	Thursday (3/2)	Friday (3/3)
Theme	Crazy for Reading	Acadia Kids Love Reading	Hats off to Reading	Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss	Freedom to Read
Dress up	Crazy sock day	Dress up in school colors (red and purple)	Wear a crazy hat, or crazy hair	Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character	All American: wear Red, White, and Blue colors

Our Legislators

I thought that you may want a list of legislators who represent the Arcadia community. Lately, there has been legislation impacting public education. I encourage you to contact your legislators to let them know what you think and how they can advocate for your children and for our school.

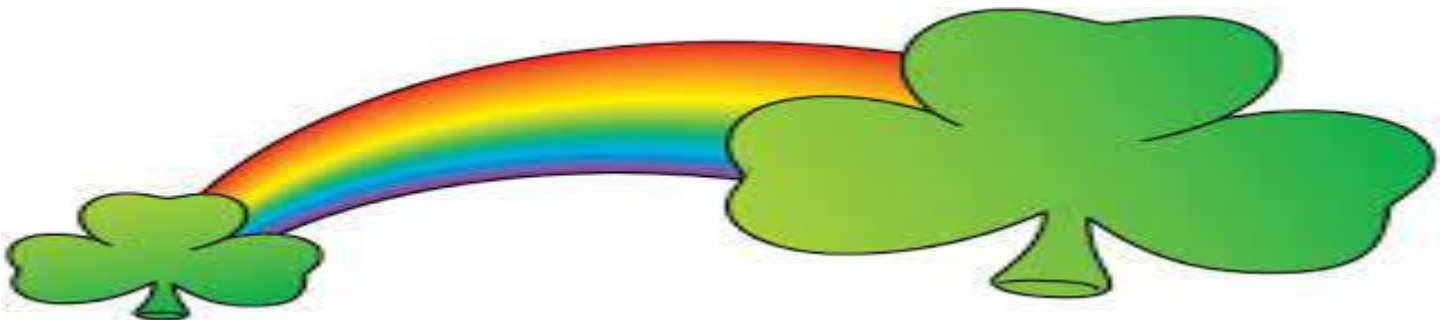


Senator – Wayne Harper

Representative – Jim Dunnigan

Federal – Burgess Owens

GSD Board Member – Nicole McDermott



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Granite School District Board Members & Administration Information



In case you are unfamiliar with the Granite School District's Board Members, I have included who they are and their information below. **The board member who oversees Arcadia is Nicole McDermott.** Below is a list of Board of Education and Administration members for 2022-23:

GSD Board Members 2022-23

Nicole McDermott (Precinct IV), President – nmcdermott@graniteschools.org
Kris Nguyen (Precinct VII), Vice President – knguyen1@graniteschools.org
Connie Burgess (Precinct III), Member – ccburgess@graniteschools.org
Kim Chandler (Precinct V), Member – kchandler@graniteschools.org
Julie Jackson (Precinct I), Member – jajackson1@graniteschools.org
Clarke Nelson (Precinct II), Member – cbnelson@graniteschools.org
Karyn Winder (Precinct VI), Member – kwinder@graniteschools.org

GSD Administration 2022-23

Dr. Richard Nye – Superintendent
Ben Horsley – Chief of Staff
Todd Hauber – Business Administrator/Treasurer
Donald Adams – Assistant Superintendent, Support Services
Rick Anthony – Assistant Superintendent, Educator Support & Development
Leslie Bell – Assistant Superintendent, Student Learning & Support
John Welburn – Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership & Improvement
Jon Adams – Elementary Director over Arcadia Elementary School

Employee Spotlight

I want to **celebrate and honor** one of our staff members who consistently goes the extra mile and cares a lot about Arcadia and the community. **Mrs. Caryn Johnson** is an instructional coach who helps new teachers learn best teaching practices and mentors them on the profession and how to be successful educators. Mrs. Johnson gets along with everyone and is an example of someone

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who is kind and supportive. She has also graciously agreed to direct our after-school choir and has done a great job! Personally, I enjoy working with Mrs. Johnson and thank her for everything she does to improve the school, student achievement and for her hard work and positive attitude.

MRS. JOHNSON



HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED

Skyline High School

COLLEGES ATTENDED

Dixie College, University of



Utah, Lesley University

FAVORITE COLOR

Blue



INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

My favorite thing to do growing up was going boating at Lake Powell and having birthday swimming parties at my grandma's pool. I love hiking and being in the outdoors. I love the arts: music, dancing, and theatre. I especially love spending time with my family.



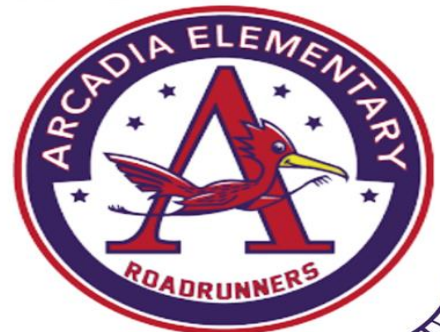
FAVORITE FOOD



Filet Mignon
or Sushi

FAVORITE BOOK

The Truth as Told
by Mason Buttle



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March Dates to Remember

- March 16th – Early Out Day
- March 17th – No School (Teacher Preparation Day)
- March 23rd – End of 3rd Term
- March 23rd – Early Out Day
- March 24th – No School



Coming Up in April!

- April 3rd – Beginning of 4th Term
- April 3rd – RISE Testing Window Begins
- April 4th – Plan B Theater Assembly
- April 6th – Ballet West Field Trip for 1st & 5th Grades
- April 6th – Mobile Food Bank
- April 7th – Junior Achievement Presentations in Wimberly, Peterson, Potter, Morgan & Tea's Classes
- April 10th – Arcadia Science Fair
- April 12th – Magic Show on Kindness Assembly
- April 13th – Community Council
- April 17th – RISE Testing Begins
- April 20th – The Great Utah Shakeout! (Earthquake/Fire Drill)
- April 20th – Monthly PTA Meeting

As always, I really appreciate your help and support. **We are doing great things at Arcadia** and could not do it without the many hands that lift the heavy load.

All the best,

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Arcadia Elementary



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