

Arcadia Principal's May/June 2023 Newsletter



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Dear Arcadia Family,

It seems as if the year has flown by. Everyone is excited for summer and we're giving formalized end of year tests and planning fun activities to wrap up our hard work. The following items are what will be happening at Arcadia in the months of May and June.

Culture Night

Culture Night is on May 18th. A pizza dinner will be served from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. The choir and band will serenade families during dinner. Families will then be invited to explore the presentations given by parents and students in classrooms throughout the school. Select parents have received invitations to present. If you would like to present and did not receive an invitation from me, please call or email me. I would love for anyone willing to present to have the opportunity! Posters will go up around the school soon and flyers will be sent home via paper and email.



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Resilient You Community Concert



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Arcadia Elementary has been chosen to be a model school for the state's Resilient You Program. Governor Cox has declared May Resilient Utah Month. **On May 24th, Arcadia students and staff will present a community concert at Taylorsville High School at 7:00 p.m.** to sing the songs associated with the program and hear inspirational stories from its creator Steve James and his wife between musical numbers. Please invite your extended

family members, friends and neighbors to attend this important event. Everyone is welcome! Check out the songs and parent resources on the [Resilient You website](#) to preview what the concert is about.

Staffing Needs for 2023-24

The following positions will be available for the 2023-24 school year. Most jobs will be posted by June 1, 2023.

- **Principal's Secretary** (Job will be posted on May 1, 2023).
- **Kindergarten Aide** – 29 hours a week.
- **Upper Grade Special Education Resource Aide** – 29 hours a week.
- **Special Education Self Contained Aide** – 29 hours a week.
- **Lunch Playground Aide** – 10 hours a week. (May be combined with another position to total 29 hours a week.)
- **Progress Monitoring Testing Aide** – 19 hours a week. (May be combined with another position to total 29 hours a week.)
- **Upper Grade Classroom Aide** – 29 hours a week.
- **Evening Sweepers** – 10 to 15 hours a week after school.
- **Volunteers** – No hour limit. This is for volunteers who would be with students alone in the classroom or on field trips. (Requires a fee, fingerprinting and background check.)

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these positions, please look for the postings on the district website. You will need to fill out an application, upload the required documents and inform me via email you have applied. I usually don't post volunteer jobs unless requested by a parent or patron. Postings are on the website for one week. I then look at the postings and

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contact applicants to interview for the position. **Please feel free to post these positions on your own social media accounts.**

Summer Feeding Programs

Unfortunately, Arcadia Elementary is **not** a [Seamless Summer Serving](#) Location for students to access breakfast and lunch throughout June and July. Please click on the link above to access the district's Nutrition Services site. There, you can access a schedule of the serving locations and times.

Summer Pandemic Grocery Benefits

This summer the USDA is offering the **last Pandemic EBT (PEBT) funding** to assist families in purchasing groceries for their students. Families will qualify for the one-time payment of \$120.00 per eligible student this summer if they qualify for [free/reduced meal benefits](#). All information about this last round of summer pandemic funding is posted on the [district website](#). Pertinent information about the program was sent in an email and text message district-wide to parents and families on April 15, 2023.

Preschool for 2023-24

Arcadia houses a preschool in our building. Parents interested in enrolling their child in preschool need to fill out a registration form on the district's [Preschool Services website](#). Registration information and directions are located on the same page. Tuition assistance is currently available. You may submit a tuition assistance application after you have fully completed your child's registration.



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Learning Websites for Kids

10 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES {FOR KIDS}

Here's a list of some fun, educational, and safe websites for your child to visit and explore on those hot summer days!

Switcheroo Zoo www.switcheroozoo.com Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals!	Fun Brain www.funbrain.com Play games while practicing math and reading skills.
Nat Geo for Kids www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Learn all about geography and fascinating animals.	PBS Kids www.pbskids.org Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!
Into the Book www.readingecb.org Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies.	Star Fall www.starfall.com Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories.
Seussville www.seussville.com Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends.	Storyline Online www.storylineonline.net Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!
ABC YA www.abcy.com Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!	Highlights Kids www.highlightskids.com Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!

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Waterford Upstart Summer Program



The Granite School District has obtained site licenses for students to access the Waterford Upstart Summer Program that was offered at our school a couple of years ago. The program is meant to help students in grades K-3 fill in learning gaps they may have due to the pandemic or extenuating circumstances. Please see the information below for more information on how to sign up for the program. K-3 students will be given a paper copy of the flyer to bring home on April 3rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for younger students to prepare for the next grade and work towards proficiency in Reading, Math and Science.

Waterford | **UPSTART**
SUMMER
LEARNING
PATH

Granite
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amazing At-Home Summer Learning Opportunity!

Granite School District has partnered with Waterford.org to give your family access to Waterford Upstart Summer Learning Path over the summer.

Summer Learning Path gives children in K-3 a boost in **reading, math, and science**. The program is proven to accelerate student learning.



97%

**of families recommend
Waterford Upstart!**

What Do You Get?



On-demand program your child uses at home less than 30 minutes each day



High-quality learning resources for offline practice



Family-focused guidance and tools to help you support your child's learning

Why Should You Sign Up?



Early education **matters** for your child.



We're **here to support you** with guidance and feedback.



It doesn't cost anything, but **it's worth everything!**



Get started today!

Visit tinyurl.com/GraniteSummer
Or scan this QR code to sign up
888-982-9898

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Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is May 8-12, 2023. Our teachers work very hard to help their students learn what they need to be successful in Junior High, High School, College and in life! Please let your child's teacher know that you appreciate all they do to help your child grow and develop into a productive and active citizen. A nice note or email from you will be much appreciated.

School Nurse Appreciation Day



School Nurse Appreciation Day is on May 10th. For those of you who may not know, our school nurse is Jackie Candilora. I have worked with Jackie for many years. She is a wonderful school nurse and is very knowledgeable on many health related issues. Jackie is assigned to many schools and is very organized and accommodating if we need her services. The staff and I appreciate her so much and all she does for the students in the schools with which she works. You can contact her at jcandilora@graniteschools.org. I'm sure a few grateful words from you would brighten her day.

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Employee Spotlight

My last employee spotlight of the year is my wonderful retiring secretary, Debbie Richardson. Debbie has been such a support to me, the teachers and staff and students for many years. Debbie has been the principal's secretary for a very long time. It will be difficult to replace her experience and friendly demeanor. Debbie is a wonderful human being. I and the staff wish her well with her retirement. I have been told she will be busy watching grandbabies and doing fun activities with her husband and family. **Thank you, Debbie, for everything!**



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Other Departing Employees

I would like to **express my appreciation** for the following departing employees. Each of them has contributed much to our school culture and environment. They will be missed. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

- **Mrs. Bethani Rose** – Half Day Kindergarten Teacher
- **Mrs. Hillary Herbopelis** – 1st Grade Teacher
- **Ms. Tina Tuifua** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Ms. Lorie Turner** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Mrs. Madisen Rose** – 4th Grade Teacher
- **Mr. Sam Minshew** – Upper Resource Aide
- **Mrs. Carol Armstrong** – ESL Aide & Lunch Playground Duty

May/June Assemblies & Activities

The following assemblies and activities will occur in the month of April:

- 5/4/23 – **Mobile Food Pantry** at 3:20 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- 5/11/23 – **School Talent Show Assembly** (For students only).
- 5/11/23 – **Monthly PTA Meeting** in the library at 3:30 p.m.
- 5/17/23 – **Police Canine Visit** for 5th Grade Students Only.
- 5/18/23 – The May **Community Council Meeting** has been cancelled.
- **5/18/23 – Arcadia Culture Night. Dinner from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Presentations and performances from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 5/18/23 – **5th Grade Field Trip to the Bees Baseball Game.** They will perform with other model schools from the Resilient You Program.
- 5/22/23 – RISE Testing Golden Ticket Incentive Program **Drawing.**
- 5/22/23 – RISE Testing Golden Ticket **Movie Party** at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.
- 5/22/23 – **Magic Show on Kindness Assembly** at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.
- 5/23/23 – 1st Grade Field Trip to **The Clark Planetarium.**
- 5/23/23 – The **School Science Fair** Presentations will be from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the gym. Upper grade students will present and lower grade students will view the presentations. Presentations will be judged and the top three winners will receive a ribbon and certificate.
- 5/23/23 – 5th Grade Special Education Students will go on a **field trip to Bennion Junior High** to tour the school and meet the resource teachers there.

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- 5/23/23 – Mrs. Godfrey's **3rd Grade Class Opera Performance** for Parents in the gym at 9:30 a.m.
- 5/24/23 – 3rd Grade Field Trip to **The Clark Planetarium**.
- **5/24/23 – The Resilient You Community Concert will be at Taylorsville High School in the auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m. Please come and support the school in this effort!**
- 5/25/23 – Mrs. Godfrey's **3rd Grade Class Opera Performance** assembly for students at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.
- 5/25/23 – RISE Testing Golden Ticket Incentive Program **Popcorn Party** in room 12 at 2:00 p.m.
- 5/29/23 – **Memorial Day** (No School).
- 5/30/23 – **BUG Lunch** for half-day kindergarten students from 11:15 to 11:40 a.m. in room 1.
- 5/30/23 – 5th Grade Field Trip to **Classic Skating**.
- 5/30/23 – **Kindergarten Field Day** (Volunteers Needed!)
- 5/30/23 – RISE Testing Golden Ticket Incentive Program **Dance Party** at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.
- 5/31/23 – Kindergarten Field Trip to **Discovery Gateway**.
- 5/31/23 – **Quarterly Principal's Party** at 2:30 p.m. in the gym.
- 6/1/23 – **Field Day** (Volunteers Needed!) If we don't get enough parent volunteers, we may combine Field Day with the beach party activity on the last day of school.
- 6/1/23 – **5th Grade Promotion Ceremony** at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. **The mayor of Taylorsville City and three sterling scholars** from Taylorsville High who went to Arcadia will speak. The choir and band will perform. Students will receive awards and certificates.
- 6/1/23 – **Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony** at 10:30 a.m. in the gym.
- 6/1/23 – After School Clubs (Band, Choir & Lego League) **End of Year Party** at 3:30 p.m. in the gym.
- 6/2/23 – **Last Day of School / End of Term**.
- 6/2/23 – **Whole School Lunch** on the front lawn starting at 11:15 a.m.
- 6/2/23 – **Beach Party PBIS Celebration** in back of the school from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Students will be invited to wear their swimsuits to school and bring a beach towel. We will have beachballs, otter pops, water balloons and students will be allowed to run through the sprinklers on the field before going home for the summer.

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Coming Up in August!

- August 1st – **Kindergarten Orientation** in the gym. More information will be sent in the summer.
- August 2nd through 4th – New Kindergarteners **KEEP Benchmark Testing**. Please contact the school secretary in late July if you have not received a message to schedule an appointment.
- August 14th – **First Day of School** for 2023-24!
- August 17th – **First Day of Kindergarten** for 2023-24!

Parent Resources

[Utah Parent Center](#)

[UEN Parent & Caregiver Resources](#)

[Utah PTA Parent Resources](#)

[Tips for Effective Parenting](#)

[988 Suicide Prevention Hotline](#)

[University of Utah Center for Child
Care & Family Resources](#)

[Workforce Services Parent Resources](#)

[ParentsEmpowered.org](#)

[Utah 211](#)

Thank you for your support and help this year. I'm looking forward to the summer and will be busy planning for next year. I hope you and your family have fun and are able to rest and relax a bit in June and July. See you on August 14th if not sooner.

All the best,

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