

PRINCIPAL GRAHAM'S JANUARY NEWSLETTER

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. We're excited to return to learning. I would like to thank everyone who helped while I was out recuperating from surgery.



LEARNING IS OUR FOCUS!

We have been learning many things this year! The following are pictures of Ms. Dee's Second Grade class learning with manipulatives.

CHARTER SCHOOLS VS. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Differences Between Public and Charter Schools in Utah

SOMETIMES, PARENTS EXPRESS TO ME THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING SENDING THEIR CHILD TO A CHARTER SCHOOL IN THE BELIEF A CHARTER SCHOOL IS BETTER THAN A PUBLIC SCHOOL. I HAVE INCLUDED INFORMATION BELOW ON THIS ISSUE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION...





Having hired many teachers over the years, I have consistently noticed that many teachers hired by charter schools are failed public school teachers. Public school teachers in Utah generally have more consistent and standardized salary structures compared to charter school teachers. This is due to public school teacher salaries being determined by state or district-wide salary schedules, while charter school teacher salaries may vary based on the individual charter school's budget and policies.



In Utah, there are notable differences between public and charter schools. Public schools are funded and operated by the state or local government, while charter schools are publicly funded but operated independently. Public schools are held accountable to state and federal regulations, while charter schools have more flexibility in their curriculum and operations. Additionally, public schools are open to all students within a designated district, while charter schools often have specific enrollment requirements or preferences. It is frustrating to principals to receive a student kicked out of a charter school yet the charter school keeps the funding attached to that student.

Public schools in Utah offer several advantages over charter schools. They are often more established and have a longer track record of academic performance. Public schools generally have more extensive resources, including access to a wider range of extracurricular activities, sports programs, and support services for students with diverse needs. Furthermore, public schools are typically more integrated into the local community and may have stronger ties to local resources and organizations.



While both public and charter schools in Utah play an important role in the education system, public schools have distinct advantages in terms of resources, stability, teacher pay, and community integration. These factors contribute to the overall quality and support available in public schools, making them a preferred choice for many families in Utah.



Just something to think about if you ever wonder if you should enroll your student in a charter school.



PRINCIPAL'S PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

GIVE YOUR CHILD ATTENTION

CHILDREN SEEK OUT ATTENTION IN ACCEPTABLE AND NOT SO ACCEPTABLE WAYS. BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THEM WHEN THEY SEEK APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO MINIMIZE UNACCEPTABLE ATTENTION SEEKING BEHAVIORS. SETTING EXPECTATIONS AND BOUNDARIES ABOUT HOW YOU WILL GIVE YOUR CHILD ATTENTION IS CRUCIAL AND WILL LET YOUR CHILD KNOW HOW TO SEEK ATTENTION IN POSITIVE AND ACCEPTABLE WAYS.

employee spotlight

MARTHA TUILOMA (TUA)

THIS MONTH, I WOULD LIKE TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE UNWAVERING STRENGTH AND REMARKABLE CHARACTER OF MARTHA TUA. DURING HER TIME WITH US, SHE HAS EXEMPLIFIED THE TRUE MEANING OF DEPENDABILITY, LOYALTY, KINDNESS, AND SELFLESSNESS.

MARTHA HAS SHOWN REMARKABLE RESILIENCE AND FORTITUDE, ALWAYS MAINTAINING A POSITIVE AND COMPASSIONATE SPIRIT WHILE GOING THROUGH SEVERAL CHALLENGES OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. SHE HAS BEEN A PILLAR OF SUPPORT FOR COLLEAGUES, OFFERING UNWAVERING KINDNESS AND EMPATHY TO THOSE IN NEED. HER STEADFAST DEDICATION TO HER WORK AND THE STUDENTS SHE WORKS WITH HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO MARTHA FOR HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS, UNWAVERING KINDNESS, AND ENDURING SPIRIT. MARTHA IS A TRUE TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF RESILIENCE, EMPATHY, AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION.





WHEN TO STAY HOME

ATTACHED IS AN INFOGRAPHIC ABOUT WHEN TO STAY HOME. PLEASE READ IT AND BE AWARE. THANKS!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & IMPORTANT DATES!



JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH!

JAN 3RD - MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

JAN 8TH - WIDA TESTING FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

JAN 9TH - LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY!

JAN 10TH - BENNION JR. HIGH 5TH GRADE PREVIEW FIELD TRIP

JAN 15TH - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (NO SCHOOL)

JAN 23RD - KINDERGARTEN WIDA TESTING

JAN 24TH - LOCKDOWN DRILL @ 9:30 A.M.

JAN 25TH - COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING IN THE LIBRARY AT 3:45 P.M.

JAN 26TH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (OBSERVED)

JAN 30TH - **MATH NIGHT!**



COMING UP NEXT MONTH

FEB 1ST - SPRING FUNDRAISER BEGINS
FEB 1ST - MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
FEB 7TH & 8TH - SEPS (PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES)
FEB 9TH - NO SCHOOL
FEB 15TH - EARLY OUT DAY
FEB 16TH - STUDENT NON ATTENDANCE DAY (NO SCHOOL)
FEB 19TH - PRESIDENT'S DAY (NO SCHOOL)
FEB 29TH - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO READ WITH YOUR CHILD AT LEAST 20 MINUTES EVERY DAY. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT READING WITH AND TO YOUR CHILD AND ASKING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS GREATLY IMPROVES LITERACY.

HAVE A GREAT JANUARY!

BEST,

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