



# Farnsworth Newsletter

## January 10, 2014

### **Afterschool Program:**

The current session of Afterschool Program ends on January 15 (there will be no Afterschool on Thursday, January 16 as this is an early day). The next session of Afterschool starts on Tuesday, January 21!

### **Assessments for Gifted and Talented Programming:**

Assessments for Granite District's Gifted and Talented Programming will take place in February. This testing is for students currently in Kindergarten and first grades in order to consider placement in programs for the 2014-2015 school year. If you would like your child tested, please let his/her teacher know.

### **Maturation Program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders:**

The maturation program will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 in the lunchroom/gym. There are excellent district-approved presenters coming and we encourage parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to come and sit with their students. Thanks to the PTA for their help with this!

### **Harmons PTA Day: February 6**

We are excited to participate in the Harmons PTA Day! Please come and let your kids do some fun activities and eat some free treats. And don't forget to shop---Harmons will give our PTA a percentage of all sales between **3:00-8:00**. We will have a table set up---want to help? Our theme is "I Love Reading" and **we need volunteers** to help run our reading/matching game and hand out treats. E-mail us at [ptafarnsworth@gmail.com](mailto:ptafarnsworth@gmail.com) if you can help for an hour or two between 3:00-8:00. Unfortunately, you can't bring your kids with you during your volunteer hours. Spread the word to family and friends to shop at Harmons that afternoon and evening!

### **Cold Weather and Pollution:**

Please make sure students come dressed to go outside during the winter as recess opportunities are important, but we also need students to be safe. We monitor both the temperature and the air quality to determine whether students will go outside at each recess. Based on standards set by the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ), there are days that we will keep all students inside (if particulate matter is above 90 ug/m<sup>3</sup>) and days when we will need to keep "sensitive students" (those with significant or poorly controlled asthma, cystic fibrosis, chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, compromised immune systems, or other respiratory problems) inside (if particulate matter is above 35.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>). Please let the office know if your student qualifies as a "sensitive student".

### **UPCOMING:**

Jan 15: Lunch with Principal  
Jan 16: Early Release Day  
Jan 17: No School for Students – End of Term  
Jan 20: No School – MLK Day