

EAGLE'S NEST

"EXPECT THE BEST"



2nd Quarter Newsletter

November 2015-January 2016

From the Principal's Desk-

Dear Robert Frost Family,

I hope that every Frost Family had an amazing Holiday Season! We are off and running in the new year and 2016 is going to be a great one here at Frost. We are implementing some truly innovative ideas at Frost that are making positive differences for many of our students.

Frost Flex Time is working wonderfully on Fridays. Our teachers in every classroom are dividing students into flexible groups during flex time every Friday for re-teaching and/or enrichment. Positive effects from this new endeavor is being felt throughout the school. Teachers and students are making tremendous gains!

Another new venture at Frost is our Breakfast in the Classroom program. Breakfast is no longer being served before school. It now takes place in the classroom once school begins. Each day breakfast is offered to every student free of charge as part of this federally funded program. Students have the option to participate, and are able to eat a healthy breakfast during their opening classroom activity each morning. We are anticipating that this program will benefit teachers, students and families in many ways. It is crucial that students are on time for school every day so that they can eat breakfast in the classroom and start the day off right, but there is no reason students should be at school before 8:40. Breakfast in the classroom will conclude by 9:20am each day.

We are looking forward to seeing all families at SEP conferences on February 9th and 10th. We will be opening the Online Scheduler two-weeks before conferences begin, January 26th. A phone and email notification will go home to signal the Online Scheduler opening.

Finally, Thank you for supporting all of our students at Frost as we strive to increase student learning in every way that we can. Please help us to remind students that we "Expect the Best" from them at school and in their community each and every day.

Sincerely,
Andy Carbaugh
Principal

Our mission is to support ALL students in becoming confident, responsible life-long learners achieving at high levels in a diverse, ever-changing world.



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Read, Read, Read, Robert Frost Eagles!

Road to Success' Mission: "Motivate Utah elementary and high school students to advance academically by working with schools to reward educational accomplishments."

We will continue to participate in the Road to Success reading program for the 2015/2016 School year.

The Road to Success is paved with a lot of **READING** and **HARD WORK!** Studies show that students who read at least 20 minutes a day are more successful than those who don't.

READERS ARE WINNERS!!

Grade Level News

Kindergarten-

It is crazy to think that we are half way through the year! We have worked so hard and have learned many different things! The rest of the year is going to be exciting with all the new things that we are going to work on. By the end of the year we will know all of our letters and the sounds that they make, we will be able to count to 100, and know over 25 sight words!! Some of the fun things that we have to look forward to are our penguin reports, going to the zoom and learning about space! It is going to be a great year and we are excited to see all the growth in our kindergarten students!



First Grade-

Looking ahead in this next quarter for first grade we have a lot of fun things happening. First off, in February we are going to be having class Valentine's parties. If you are interested in being involved with that, please let one of us know. Along with Valentine's we are going to have SEP conferences, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you! We would also like you to note that during this quarter Mrs. Schroeder will be gone on a 6-week maternity leave. Her long-term sub will be Kay Munger during this time.

In reading this quarter, the students will be learning the rest of the word sounds and spellings. After that, we will start reviewing all the sounds starting with the long vowels. This is also the time of year that we are going to be working on reading fluency. Something that you can do at home to help with this is having your students practice their sight words.

In math, we are going to be doing base-ten, greater than, and less than, and possibly some double-digit addition before the quarter is over. Base-ten is where we focus on place values of numbers (i.e. one, tens, hundreds). Something that is really helpful is encouraging your students to write 72, please make sure they are writing the 7 first and not the 2 so we don't get the number 27 instead.

Thank you for all your help so far this year, and we are looking forward to another great year.



Dates to Remember:

- ⇒ Feb. 4 @ 3pm– PTA Meeting
- ⇒ Feb. 9 & 10 – SEP Conferences
- ⇒ Feb. 12– NO SCHOOL, Teacher Comp. Day
- ⇒ Feb. 15– NO SCHOOL, President’s Day
- ⇒ Feb. 22-26– PTA White Ribbon Week
- ⇒ March 3 @ 3pm– PTA Meeting
- ⇒ March 4– Spring Pictures
- ⇒ March 8– School Spelling Bee
- ⇒ March 17– St. Patrick’s Day
- ⇒ March 22 @ 6:30pm– Art Show
- ⇒ March 24– NO SCHOOL, End of Term



Second Grade-

Second grade is flying by! It’s hard to believe that we are already into the new year. We have seen lots of growth in the first half of the year and want to keep that momentum up.

In math, we are finishing up our subtraction unit. We have been working hard to master regrouping with 2-digit numbers. Next, we are moving on to addition and subtraction with 3-digit numbers. We will be borrowing across zeros. This can be a tricky skill when first learning, but with practice, we expect it to be mastered.

In reading, we have learned about words and phrases in poetry and are currently working on identifying the author’s purpose. Soon we are going to transfer this skill into our writing as we begin to work on informational writing again.

Tasty Tuesday continues to be a highlight for us. Thank you so much for your help and donations. They make it possible for us to give the students this learning experience every month. We have the best students and we are having such a fun school year!

Third Grade-

Third grade has grown immensely throughout the first half of the year! We are so happy to see such a vast improvement in all subject areas. Right now we are learning about philanthropy, entrepreneurs, and being active in a social cause. We are developing business ideas and discussing ways to serve others and help build our communities. We are learning about businesses that provide goods and services to others, as well as famous entrepreneurs that have built great businesses from the ground up. The students have come up with their own ideas, and even designed logos for businesses of their own!

We are at the point in the year that students should be writing complete paragraphs, using “The Hand is the Plan” way of brainstorming. Right now we are working on informative and opinion pieces. Students should practice correctly and consistently writing different paragraphs, and backing their opinions up with reasons.

In math, we are completing our last unit on “Fact Families”, using the operations of multiplication and division. We will soon be branching out into the fields of geometry and measurement. Students will be learning and using fractions (equal parts), finding area and perimeter, using different units of measurement, and using and naming different shapes. We are looking forward to our next reading unit of learning about the solar system; we will be learning more about planets, stars, and outer space. Thank you for all the hard work this year!

Fourth Grade-

Fourth grade had an exciting opportunity with the University of Utah Engineering Department in January. Staff members from the University came to Robert Frost to give our students firsthand experience with engineering. The fourth grade was divided into groups of three. Each group was given a bag filled with gum drops and toothpicks. Their task was to construct a tall and strong building that could withstand an earthquake. No further instruction was given. The students were left to use their prior experience to watch the students work together in order to achieve a common goal. As the buildings were completed, they were tested for sturdiness through an earthquake simulation. Students were able to witness that the triangular shape was sturdier than the box shape.



CBTU-

The upper grade CBTU class has done an amazing amount of learning and hard work this past quarter. Our science topics have covered erosion and the water cycle. Aside from our daily math lessons, we have worked with geometry—acute, obtuse, right angles and triangles. We watched a snowboarding YouTube video and identified angles of the snowboard and snowboarder. All the students have individual spelling lessons and we appreciate the support of the parents who work on the spelling lessons with their children at home. Our spelling tests are on Friday. We also have made great advances using the Utah Compose writing program and hopefully parents are seeing the improvement in their children's ability to write with correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar usage. Our class has written several times on the subject of goals and how to stay focused on goals in order to reach them. We look forward to this next term to continue our studies in science, writing, math and reading, as well as citizenship and peer interactions.

In Ms. Jorgensen's class (lower grade CBTU Class)...2nd quarter flew right by! We have been working hard on improving our ability to count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. Also, we've been filling up our place value chart with each day of school. We're very excited to reach 100 days of school, which will be soon!

Every student in CBTU has been working hard to improve their reading ability, whether learning the alphabet, sight words, or reading books. This month students that read 15 days earned a Happy Meal. They're already looking forward to next month's Road to Success reward!

Fifth Grade-

The 5th grade has been on-task and learning! It is our goal to read every day and increase our comprehension. We will be taking a field trip to BizTown in March where students will be running different businesses. Also in March, we will be going to the University of Utah to learn about engineering. Please make sure your students know their times-tables as this will help ensure greater success in math. The 5th grade teachers at Robert Frost **'Expect the Best'**!



2015 Field Day

Sixth Grade-

The sixth grade is making good progress towards their goals. The students have studied ancient civilizations and are now developing an understanding of the major bodies of our Solar System and its workings. Heat, light and sound will also be part of our studies in science. In mathematics, the students are using their advanced knowledge of numbers and their properties to solve and design problems. We are working with beginning Algebra and finding real-world applications.

With thirty minutes of at-home reading and focused classroom instruction, the students are preparing to demonstrate their reading abilities through the DIBELS test. The students are writing about a variety of topics and using different mediums. Each week the students are demonstrating their knowledge with a CFA (Common Formative Assessment) and then receiving support and enrichment as warranted.

The Safety Patrol is helping the student body find safe ways to and from school each day. Some of our students are participating in Math Olympiads and Care Team. Students noted the Christmas Sing-a-Long and activities, Engineering Day, new learning and recent highlights. The sixth grade is thankful for all the support from its families and the community.

Citizens of the Month

November and December

Kindergarten— Jared Turcsanski, Ashlynn Curry, Kalolaine Masica, Brilynn Thorup, Derlin Ramos, Carter Versluis

First Grade— Allan Roman-Sanchez, Macy Curry, Joaquin Reymus, Noa MaFuahingano, Tyler Baca

Second Grade— Annie Nguyen, Michelle Villanueva, Samuel Hennessey, Keira Lawrence, Alizee Camposano

Third Grade— Crystal Castro-Ramirez, Flor Ayala, Kylee Jordan, Sayge Merrill

Fourth Grade— Hailey Diaz, Eduardo Mendoza-Garcia, Alejandro Morales, Dimitrious Richmond, Kaleb Molen, Karen Rivera

Fifth Grade— Scott Olsen, Nykole Kendall, William Dansie, James Sika, Dylan Allsop

Sixth Grade— Michael Garcia, Saramae Okeson, Jessica Hernandez, Robin Munoz, Alexandre Uribe

Principal's 200 Club

For November and December's social skills, we learned the skills of Being On-Time and On-Task, and Staying Safe, and how we can apply those at school. Some of the Students who were "caught" exhibiting those skills were given a Principal's 200 Club Ticket. Those students were:

Gavin Vasquez, Moana Bernard, Neveah Wilson, Joselyn Galvan, Saramae Okeson, Martin Lake, Sarah Ekins, Ayaliz Ramires, Michelle Villanueva, Kash Hopkins, Hannah Bradshaw, William Dansie, Julie Navarro, Maxx Weeks, Dustin Brown, Karen Arevalo, Liliana, Joseph Smiley, Tyler Baca, Degan Wagstaff, Ashlyn Curry, Nicky Tanner, Luis Nunez, Keman Nasalinsam, Latoya Sedacy, Mackenzie Harris, Jessica Hernandez, Jennifer Pena, Jenny Phan, Dimitrious Richmond, Erika Lawrence, Gage, Ruby Cruz, Kevin Kitchen, Michelle Villanueva, Dominic, Amara Williams, Jordan Peterson, Kalolaine Massiva, Bianca Hernandez, Paloma Herrera, Ruth Rodriguez, Catherine Gutierrez, Dominic Mascarenas, Gianni Hernandez, CeeGee Javellana, Jasmin Sanchez, Blake Johnson, Adrian Martinez, Rayden Merrill, Geovanny Hernandez, Chase Stiles, Kolbe Davies, Colton Peterson, Elizabeth Bernal, Hayden Creighton, Allan Sanchez, Jessica Nunez, Lola Buchi, Jayley Leavell, Joe Velazquez, Carter Versilius, Jaxon Wolfley, Josue Martinez, Zaineb Alyounis, Madison Woodson, Mohammed Al-Barkawi, Nelson Sika, Flor Ayala, Ashlen Brown, Skylyn Despain, Shailah Christensen, Takoda Jackovich, McKenzie Hennessy, Anthony Garza, Jared Turcsanski, Blake Johnson, Aysac Rojas, Luis Nunez, Kahlan Kitchen, Anthony O'Donnell, Josh Turcsanski, Lisa Lavulo, Ali Alyounis, Paloma Gonzalez, Ashley Alfaro, Camryn Turcsanski, DJ Carroll, Madelin Ayala, Noe Contreras, Christian Arias, Ruby Hartley, Nelson Sika, Macy Curry, Keitlyn Aguilar, Jared Ochoa, Kasiah Harmon, Scott Olsen, Emily Hall, Ana Chihuahua, Katie Shepherd, Ruby Castellon, Ariana Paz, Kimberly Ochoa, Hannah McConkey, Spencer Deland, Brian Luu, Jennifer Aguilar, Melinda Harris, Karmine Sylvester, Alexis Farmer, Sayge Merrill, Cooper Olsen, Joslynn Walker, Mikelle Torres, Nathan Watkins, Porter Musselman, Noah Hennessy, Emmanuel Orbe, Logan Benbow, Miranda Chap, Bostyn Schiffman, Elizabeth Farmer, Landin Darling, Ruby Castellon, Brandon Tippetts, Arikka Jackson, Carson Lebaron, Izaac Martinez, Kaleb Cunningham, Tyler Steenblik, Luna Alexander, Brayson Shoell, Laysha Rebolledo, Lucy Turcsanski, Traci Redd, Diego Mendoza, Davina Galvan, Logan Lahr, Yesenia Vargas, Vanesa Calderon, Shaelee Blackburn, Ryan Tervort, Mayra Sanchez

PTA SCOOP-

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the Elf Shelf. It was our first year of doing it, so we got the hang of it by about Friday afternoon. haha! It seemed that the students and families were able to benefit from it and that it helped a lot of kids be able to give gifts to others.

We continue to meet as a PTA on the first Thursday of every month at 3pm in the Family Center located at the school. It's kid friendly and we are done before school gets out. All are welcome!

We are continuing to look for a treasurer for next year's board. If this is something that interests you or you have more questions about what that entails, contact Beckie Hennessy or Shannon Turcsanski @ frosteaglespta@gmail.com.

Our Eagle Eyes program for males interested in helping out at the school continues. If you are a male who can donate one day to the school, in the lunchroom, at recess, in the media center and in the classroom contact Beckie H.

Please see "Dates to Remember" section to view upcoming events. Please refer to our blog @ frosteaglespta.blogspot.com, for further details and volunteer opportunities regarding upcoming events.

Granite School District is providing an amazing conference to its parents and educators within its boundaries called the Parent Leadership Empowerment Conference. It's this Saturday, January 23, from 9a-1p @ Taylorsville High and it's free. Lunch is also provided, however, you need to register on their website (www.graniteschools.org).

Utah Coalition Against Pornography is also having their annual conference on Saturday, March 12 (all day). It's \$15 p/person. You can register at www.ucapconference.org.

Way off in the future is the Utah PTA Leadership Convention, May 11-12. Anyone is invited to attend.

We look forward to continuing to help strengthen our Frost families, enrich our students' educational experience and be voices for the kids in our community!

- Robert Frost PTA



Field Day 2015

2015-2016

Frost Community Council Board

Parent Members-

Chairperson- Beckie Hennessy

Council Member- Becky Hall

Council Member- Nicole Olsen

Council Member- Kim Overdiek

Council Member- Kim Turcsanski

Employee Members-

Principal- Andy Carbaugh

Teacher- Amy Ross

PTA Board

- President- Beckie Hennessy
- Vice-President- Emily Lawrence
- Treasurer- Shannon Turcsanski
- Secretary- Jennifer Velasquez
- School Principal- Andrew Carbaugh
- Teacher Rep. - Diane Unsworth

PTA Committee Chairs

- Birthday Board- Beckie Grimstead
- Book Fair- Alicia Farmer
- Box Tops- Alicia Farmer
- Dads and Donuts- Shannon Turcsanski
- Eagle Eyes- Aaron Thorup
- Eagle Store- Jennifer Velasquez
- Elf Shelf- Beckie Hennessy
- Faculty Birthday Treats- Shelly Francom
- Field Day- Becky Hall
- Fine Arts Gala- Rachel Lahr
- Maturation- Nicole Olsen
- Presidential Fitness- Allyson Gardner/Becky Hall
- Red Ribbon Week- Pam Musselman
- SEP Conferences- Amy Ekins
- 6th Grade Promotion- Jennifer Velasquez
- Spelling Bee- Jenny Olsen
- T-shirts- Beckie Hennessy
- Teacher Appreciation- Kim Overdiek
- Volunteer Coordinator- Beckie Hennessy
- Vision Screening- Kim Turcsanski
- Walk-a-Thon- Mandi Thayne/Emily Lawrence
- White Ribbon Week- Beckie Hennessy

BUSINESS PARTNERS

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the Robert Frost Business Partners for their continued support of our students and school!

We want to especially thank Discover Financial for the monetary donation to go towards needed school supplies, Harmons for continuing their Teach to Taste Program, and Mark's Ark for continuing to take care of our fish tank and fish.

