

Mt. Mahogany News for Rams & Ewes

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Principal's Message

November 2009

You may have noticed, as you have driven past the school, orange pedestrian flags posted at our crosswalk. These flags were placed there as part of an Eagle Scout project done by Adam Crawley. Pedestrian flags have also been placed at the crosswalk on 1100 North and 1300 West and at several other locations through out Pleasant Grove. I would like to personally thank Adam for taking a personal interest with this project. It will help both students and patrons cross more safely at our busier locations and intersections.

I would like to encourage you to take time, as a family, to properly discuss with your children crosswalk safety. For the most part our students are very conscientious about using crosswalks, but a few are still crossing the street (1300 West) outside of the crosswalk, especially if a parent is waiting to pick them up. Please do not wave your children across the street at a random location, but encourage them to use the crosswalk and then walk to your location using sidewalks.

I would also like to, again, address the current flu season with specific precautions. The most important thing you can do is remember good sanitation and hygiene practices. It is important to wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Using a hand sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes are also proactive measures.

Each one of our classrooms, including the media center and computer lab, has hand sanitizer available. We also wipe down the keyboards in the computer lab and phones on a regular basis. If you prefer, you can also send a bottle of hand sanitizer with your student for his or her own personal use. Receiving a flu vaccination is also recommended.

When students with flu like symptoms come to the office they are maintained in the nurses office until a parent can pick them up. If a student is sick they should stay home for at least 24 hours after a fever breaks. If there is a household member who is sick, as well, it is recommended that the student stay at home for five days. If this is the case please notify the school so homework arrangements and attendance exceptions can be provided.

Please remember that it will take everyone's effort and help in getting through this unusual flu season. Also, remember that an individual can contract the flu anywhere, not just at school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Westover

November 2009 Calendar

School Picture Make Ups	November 2
Reflections Due	November 4
First Semester Ends	November 13
Student of the Month Assembly	November 16
Book Fair	November 16 – 20
Second Grade Program	November 19
Dads and Donuts	November 20
Report Cards Sent Home	November 24
Thanksgiving Break	November 25 - 27

Thank you to all of the parents who helped make the Halloween Carnival such a huge success! The students loved it! Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into making the carnival so memorable and fun!

We are looking forward to our first Field Trip on November 18th. We will be traveling to BYU to visit the Planetarium and we will also get to visit BYU's World Fair. We are very excited about this! Please make sure to mark this date on your calendar!

Our annual Mars Millennium project will be held on November 24th. Please help your child get this

5th grade News

The fifth grade is looking forward to another great month in November. We'll be performing a song about Responsibility in this month's Student of the Month Assembly on November 16. Mr. Miner and Mr. D's classes are preparing for the famous Christmas Store by buying and selling stock, electing a board of officials, staffing the store, and creating advertisements.

Mrs. Jensen/McAllister and Mrs. Parry's classes are getting ready for the Wax Museum. Students will deliver their oral reports on Monday, November 23 and the actual museum will be Tuesday, November 24. Students need to come dressed as an American History figure. We are in need of and silk plants or lamps to make our rooms look like a real museum. Report Cards come home November 24.

4th grade news

Another successful Halloween has come and gone and the costumes were all crazy, scary, funny, and imaginative. Great Job!!! We would like to take a moment and thank all of the parents who helped in our classrooms, during the month of October, especially with the Halloween parties. We could not have enjoyed such wonderful events without your help.

This month we are continuing to learning about Utah History. The current focus is on Mountain Men and Explorers. We are work on Multiplication and Division in math. It would be helpful for students to be working on their multiplication facts at home.

Our first term is quickly coming to an end with the last day on November 13th. We want to remind our students to get their late work in so they can end up with the grade they are expecting.

Our third graders have GREAT attitudes and we showed this through our wonderful song performance for the October's student of the month assembly. Thank you students for the fantastic singing. We were also lucky last month to have the National Park Service Rangers come and talk to us about the many different types of animals we find here in our own mountains. November will bring us an assortment of new rotations. We will be learning about American symbols, force and motion, the moon, animal habitats and ecology. Along with these exciting new rotations, we will also be having Thanksgiving activities to find out about our Native American traditions.

2nd grade news

The children in 2nd Grade have been busy practicing songs and learning parts for their program on Thursday, Nov. 19th. The theme for the program is "Everybody Smiles in the Same Language" and there will be two performances: 9:45 A.M. for the school and 6:30 P.M. for families. The children should wear a white shirt with jeans (or dark colored pants). On the morning of Nov. 19th, the children should come to school dressed for their 9:45 performance. For the evening performance, the 2nd grade teachers would like the children to arrive at the school no later than 6:15 P.M. Both performances will be in the lunchroom/auditorium.

In addition to preparing for their program, 2nd Grade students will be learning about the "First Thanksgiving" and why "Thanksgiving" is celebrated in America. Before Thanksgiving Break, the children will re-enact the "First Thanksgiving Feast" by dressing up in Pilgrim hats or Indian headbands, putting desks into long tables, and eating lunch in their classrooms.

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November will be a busy month for the First Grade as we practice and prepare for our annual First Grade Christmas Program. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 17. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend our performance of "It's Christmas!" by Jack Prelutsky that evening. More details will be coming as the date approaches.

As we are now moving into colder weather, we would like to remind you of the importance of dressing your child warmly each day so that they will be comfortable outside during recess. All children are expected to play outside during recess time unless the office decides that we will have an "inside day". It is a good idea to send your child to school with a warm coat, gloves, scarves, and hats.

We have now begun rotations with all of the first grade classes. Your child will be receiving two lessons in each of the first grade classrooms on various subjects. Some of the things we are covering are: rules and government, personal hygiene, being drug free, nutrition, needs vs. wants, family, friends, and safety. Don't forget to ask your child about what new things they have learned!

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We have had a fun and spooky month of October in Kindergarten! We enjoyed Halloween and had such a fun time seeing everyone in their costumes. In October we also got to learn about fire safety and meet some local fire fighters. They showed us their fire truck and told us about their important jobs in our community.

We are also looking forward to all the fun activities that November will bring! We will be learning about food and how we can stay healthy just in time for Thanksgiving! We will also learn about the pilgrims and Indians and celebrate with a Thanksgiving feast here at our school! Thanksgiving break is November 25-27. We will not have school on these days.

DID YOU KNOW???

Parents, did you know national PTA has an official membership and social networking site? All parents are invited to join, whether PTA members or not, to receive announcements, deadlines, and events from PTA. If you haven't joined, go to www.JustBetweenFriends.com now and get started. Questions? Check out our signup directions and info on the school website: <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/publicComponents/newsletters/Doc%20List%20-%20Stakeholder%20Report-JBF%20signup%20directions.pdf> Still confused? Email Mt Mahogany's JBF administrator, Kate Merrill at whosonfirst2009@gmail.com