

# EXPLORER

November 2009

## Treats at School

The holidays are a time of celebrations which often include food. Please note the following guidelines regarding treats sent to school.

"Any foods served to students must be commercially prepared by a facility approved by the health department. No foods should be served that were prepared in a private home or non-commercial kitchen. This includes baked goods such as cookies, cupcakes, pies, breads, etc."

## *Teddy Bear Drive*

The Alpine Education Support Professionals (AESP) are sponsoring a teddy bear drive for our service project. These teddy bears will be distributed to the local police, fire and DCFS groups at an upcoming board meeting. These bears are used to comfort children during difficult or traumatic situations. Our goal is to collect 300 teddy bears (or other stuffed animals). You can drop off any new or gently used stuffed animal to a drop box in the main office. Thank you for your support.

## *Principal's Message*

It is amazing how time has flown as we make our journey through this new school year! The first quarter is behind us already. October was truly a great month at Shelley Elementary.

We began the month with a combined PTA Board/School Community Council meeting, where we visited with Mr. Tim Osborn, school board member, and Dr. Gary Seastrand, district administrator. Dr. Seastrand reviewed the "What Counts" process, the Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals of Alpine School District, and then shared the revised Areas of Focus. He then presented attendees with the new "cube"-- a colorful, three-dimensional, manipulative representation of all we had discussed. Dr. Seastrand concluded with a question and answer session, inviting feedback and responding to questions specific to our school or about the district in general. It was a very productive hour of dialogue and exchange of ideas among parents, faculty, and school and district leaders.

The next week were Parent Conferences, which were well attended as students, parents, and teachers met to celebrate strengths and to plan for increased student growth and learning. We

were especially pleased with the on-line registration for the conferences new to Shelley Elementary this year. We got a late start as the online program people worked out final details with district personnel in getting class lists and teachers' information ready on Skyward, but we had very positive feedback overall on the convenience of signing up without having to come to the school and look over each teacher's sign-up sheet posted in the hall. (We anticipate that all the bugs will be worked out by the time we open the window for sign up for our February conferences, so all should go very smoothly by then.)

Our Shelley Explorer Walk-a-thon was a huge success, bringing in over \$11,000! We appreciate everyone's efforts and support. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day for the activity. It was a delight to be out among the students doing lap after lap, working diligently toward individual and classroom goals, all to the rhythm of some energizing and upbeat music. Parents and teachers were busily helping mark off student laps, cheering the students on. Details on the celebration assembly may be found in the PTA portion of the newsletter. Thanks again to PTA president Amber Barnes and her committee for their hard work in behalf of the school and students.

During our Fall Break, the satellite building was demolished and removed. It served us well for many years, but it was time for it to go now that we are settled in our lovely new addition. In its place the district will lay a base fill and then cover the area with asphalt, which will provide welcome additional space for student play during recess and lunchtime.

We ended the quarter with a week-long celebration of Red Ribbon Week, participating in a series of activities each day reminding students to "Take a Stand" against drugs and violence. Thanks to Sherri Christensen and her committee for a fun week focused on this very important topic.

Then, last Friday, Mrs. Miller's 3rd grade first quarter specialty classes presented a program of song, dance and poetry sprinkled with individual talent sharing as well. They performed during the day for the other students of the school, and again in the evening for parents and family. I had to resist the temptation to join in when the students moved across the floor in a grand waltz to the song "Try to Remember!" We appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Miller and her students in this fine performance.

Yes, October passed quickly, but in the process many great things have happened at our school. If I didn't have such a strong feeling of loyalty to Mr. Shelley for his generous donation of the property for our school, I might consider changing the name of our school to Barnum and Bailey Elementary, for we truly have the "Greatest School on Earth!" Each day I am more grateful to be a part of this excellent educational establishment.

I wish everyone a wonderful upcoming month of changing seasons and time of Thanksgiving.

Peggy Crandall, Principal

# LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located just outside the gymnasium on the circular coat rack. We encourage you to come and check for items missing from your child's wardrobe. Unclaimed items are donated to charity.

## *Dress for the Weather*

With the onset of cold weather we encourage you to assist your children in making wise clothing choices for school. Students are expected to participate outdoors at recess and during p.e. classes unless the weather is unusually severe. Rain, standing water on playground, high winds, temperatures below 25 F, or unhealthy air quality are reasons all students would remain inside for recess or p.e. Otherwise students will participate in outdoor activities. We recommend long pants, shoes and socks, long-sleeved shirts. Students should also bring warm outerwear including coats, gloves, and knit caps.

If children are recovering from an illness and need to remain indoors when their classmates are outside, please send them with a parent note specifying. They may remain in a supervised area inside where they may read or work quietly.

## SHELLEY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL COMING!!!

The art and science of storytelling will be featured in after school workshops by nationally recognized storyteller and author, Nannette Watts. Held on three Mondays

(Nov. 9, 16 and 23) from 2:30-4:00 pm and open to all Shelley students (1st graders must be accompanied by a parent), registration for the workshops is now open.

Please e-mail Mrs. Cheree Davis (ccdavis@alpine.k12.ut.us) or call her at either (801) 756-4253 or (801) 830-1926 to register. Please give your child's name, grade, core teacher and phone number to contact. Registration is helpful, so thank you for taking a minute now to reserve a space for your child.

Shelley students will be encouraged to write or prepare a 3-5 minute story to share with family and their classes during December and January. We'll culminate the events with a school assembly and Evening Festival in February. Make it a family event and activity! So, what's YOUR STORY???

## **Shelley T-Shirts**

Students have been sporting their new Shelley school shirts throughout the month of October! This year's shirt is an ash gray t-shirt with a royal blue compass rose logo and bearing the words "Shelley Elementary-- Exploring the Possibilities!" We encourage students to wear their school shirts (from this year or previous years) or our school color of royal blue on Fridays to show school spirit.

A number of students and parents have asked about the possibility of sending in another shirt order. We would be happy to do so, and are now accepting orders until Friday, November 13. The t-shirts would make nice Christmas gifts, and are only \$8 a piece. An order form may be found in this newsletter, or forms are also available in the school office.

# PTA

We want to thank everyone who made the Walk-a-thon such a success! We were grateful to all of the parents that helped create a successful experience. The kids had a great time listening to music as they walked. The best part was that every child was able to participate. We had several parents come and either watch or walk with their child. We also had the principal, teachers and PTA president walking with the kids to make it more fun. When the kids completed the walk they were treated to an otter pop to help cool off. Also they received a chain with a person walking to show that they completed the Walk-a-thon. The kids got some great exercise and had fun. We will be doing an Awards Assembly on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> to announce the individual students that walked the most laps, the class that walked the most laps, the \$100.00 club, and the winners of each grade level. We will also announce who will have the opportunity to go to lunch with Mrs. Crandall in a limo. If we have met our goal then Mr. Huntington (our custodian) will shave off his goatee and the PTA president's husband will shave his head at the assembly. Thanks again for a successful event.

The Shelley PTA Bookfair is scheduled to be held from November 12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with the book fair, the PTA will be holding a blood drive. There will be a \$4.00 book credit given for those who participate in the blood drive. Rather than the PTA taking a cash back bonus, we accumulate enough credit with Scholastic that our teachers at Shelley Elementary are able to come and pick out hundreds of dollars worth of books. That is

due to the great support we get from the parents/grandparents of our Shelley students. This year we would like to give something back to the community as well. So remember to come and donate blood the evenings of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in a mobile unit in the parking lot, and receive your \$4.00 book credit. Thanks once again for your support! If anyone would like to volunteer to work at the fair, please call Denece Jones at (801)763-0822.

Hey Shelley families! It's time for our annual Shelley School Food Drive. We will be doing it on Wed. November 18th before school.

Each student is encouraged to bring canned food donations to school that morning. We will be gathering the donations at the south end of the school, by the playground. Each class is competing for a chance to win a class party for the class with the biggest donation.

We understand that the economic crunch has affected most everyone, so the food bank is something that any one of us could have to draw from. If you can help, your donation will be greatly appreciated by someone in our community.

Thanks for your support and thank you for helping Shelley become the biggest school donor to the food bank.

Please turn in your volunteer hours to Kathy Hills every month. You may email her at [kathyibs@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyibs@hotmail.com). You can also cc: them to [shelleypta@hotmail.com](mailto:shelleypta@hotmail.com) if you would like.

Thank you.

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2	3 <b>ELECTION DAY</b>	4  School Community Council 2:30 p.m.	5	6  <b>Explorer Walk Awards Assembly</b>
9	10	11  PTA Board Meeting 1:30 p.m.	12  <b>BOOK FAIR</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip <b>Capitol Hill</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> 4-7 p.m. Reflections Awards Night 6 p.m.	13  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>
16  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>  <b>Blood Drive</b> 4-7 p.m.	17  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	18  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>  <b>PTA FOOD DRIVE</b>  Bus Safety Assembly	19  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	20 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Reader's Theater for Parents in Classrooms Trulock, Alger & LeBaron <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Radulovich, Rhodes & Reay <b>1:30 p.m.</b>
23  3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Storytelling Performance 9 & 11:45	24	26  Thanksgiving Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26  Thanksgiving Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27  Thanksgiving Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
30	1  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Space Museum	2  School Community Council 2:30 p.m.	3	4  6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Christmas Around the World BYU

## November 2009 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Cheese Fajita Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggies Pears/Corn Churro Choice of Milk	Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggies Kiwi/Green Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie Choice of Milk	Chicken Nuggets or Turkey Sandwich JoJo's Potato Wedges Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches/Calif Blend Choice of Milk	Hawaiian Haystack or BBQ Rib Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pineapple/Broccoli Brownie Choice of Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or Chef Salad French Bread Fresh Fruit & Veggies Applesauce Choice of Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Egg Roll & Fried Rice or Chicken Pattie Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears/Calif Blend Fortune Cookie Choice of Milk	Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggies Cantaloupe/Green Beans Snickerdoodle Cookie Choice of Milk	Corn Dog or BBQ Rib Sandwich JoJo's Potato Wedges Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Grapes Choice of Milk	Baked Potato Bar Wheat Roll or Grilled Cheese/Chips Fresh Fruit & Veggies Apricot Cup/Broccoli Choice of Milk	Mozzarella Breadsticks or Turkey Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches/Green Salad Chocolate Pudding Choice of Milk
16	17	18	19	20
Orange Chicken Steamed Rice or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggies Pears/Calif Blend Fortune Cookie Choice of Milk	Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggies Kiwi/Green Beans Carnival Cookie Choice of Milk	Rotini & Meat Sauce or Chef Salad French Bread Fresh Fruit & Veggies Peaches Choice of Milk	<b>Thanksgiving Menu</b> Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Roll Fresh Fruits Fruit Salad/Peas & Carrots Pumpkin Pie Choice of Milk	Soft Shell Taco or Deli Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Corn Cinnamon Roll Choice of Milk
23	24	25	26	27
French Toast Slice Scrambled Eggs or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Hashbrown Pattie Fresh Fruits Strawberry Cup/Peaches Choice of Milk	Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza or Fish Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggies Cantaloupe/Green Beans Confettil Cookie Choice of Milk	Thanksgiving Break  NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Break  NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Break  NO SCHOOL
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