



THE COTTONWOOD CONNECTION

COTTONWOOD ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 2008

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE BY KAREN MARBERGER

Parent Teacher Conferences Nov. 19th & 20th: Please mark the dates for parent conferences on your calendar. You should have received a letter about scheduling your appointments with your child's teacher **on line** from home, work or the library with your username and password to access the program. We are continuing to use the web-based PT Conference scheduling program this year. We hope that this will make it easier for everyone to arrange conference appointments to fit your family's schedule and allow parents to make changes as needed on line to save phone calls to the office. There is a link to the PT Conference program on our school web page as well.

These conferences are so important to your child's education and we greatly appreciate your support and willingness to come in and meet with the teachers to learn specifically about the academic progress your child is making. Our 6th grade teachers will be doing open conferences which mean they don't have scheduled appointment times but will be here to meet with parents as needed. The benefit of this is that parents may talk to one or all of the teachers regarding student progress in any subjects that may be taught by other teachers. Parents of 5th grade students may schedule a time to meet with the math teacher if needed. Our school goal is to have 100% attendance at each of our conferences and we appreciate your support with that.

The instrumental music instructors, Mr. Zalkind and Ms. Tominic will be available for conferences at two schools in November. On Monday the 24th they will be on the stage at Upland Terrace from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. by appointment and on Tuesday the 25th they will be on the stage at Crestview from 1:15 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., also by appointment. Parents may phone or e-mail the teachers for appointments and directions to either of the two schools. They are also available at other times for interested parents at the schools their children attend either before or after class.

School Choice: The months of December, January and February have been legislated for parents to exercise their school-choice option for the Early Enrollment Period Transfer for the forthcoming school year (2009/2010). If you wish for your students(s) to attend a school other than the school in your home boundary, you are required to complete a Granite School District "USOE Standard Open Enrollment Application," (Early Enrollment

Period Transfer) and submit it to the school of your choice between the time period beginning Monday, December 1, 2008, and ending on Friday, February 20, 2009. This is the best time to request a transfer to a non-resident school for the forthcoming school year. The forms are available in the requested school's office from December 1 through the 3rd Friday in February.

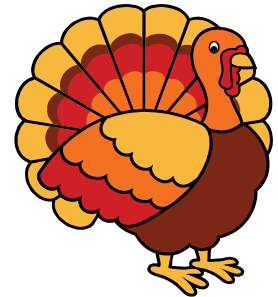
Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis and will be stamped with the date and time received. Each application is individually screened and considered based on available space in the requested grade, class or program. The requested school has until Monday, March 16, 2009 or within six weeks after receipt of the application (whichever is later) to notify the parent/family of acceptance.

If your student(s) are accepted on the USOE Standard Early Open Enrollment Application, it is not required that you reapply the following school year – as long as space is available, and the student(s) remain in this school. As in the past, when a student moves from elementary school to junior high, or from junior high to high school, there is no automatic feeder system – students on permits in the 6th and 9th grades, who wish to attend a school outside of their home school boundary must reapply on the USOE Standard Open Enrollment Application (during the Early Enrollment Transfer Period) to request the preferred school.

School Safety Reminder: The drop off zone is one way only with the entrance at the south end and the exit at the north end. Please follow those directions at all times to ensure the safety of our students and patrons.

Lost and Found Items: Please be sure to check the Lost and Found periodically for missing items when you are in the school building. We accumulate quite a collection of lost items, of which many, unfortunately, are not claimed. It is very helpful if items are labeled with student names. During parent conferences, we prominently display the lost items hoping they will be claimed. Following that procedure, any unclaimed items are donated to charity as we have no place to store the items and we begin our collection again so please keep checking during the year.

~Karen Marberger
Principal



NOVEMBER

- 11/5 Reflections Due
- 11/7 Short Day 1:05
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
PTA Board Meeting 10am
- 11/13 Reflections Award Assembly
2:30pm
Reflections Stroll 5 - 7pm
- 11/14 Recycling
Short Day 1:05
- 11/19-20 SEP's and Book Fair
- 11/20 Short Day 1:05
- 11/21 NO SCHOOL - End of Term
- 11/25 Short Day 1:05
- 11/26-28 NO SCHOOL—
Thanksgiving Break



DECEMBER

- 12/5 Short Day 1:05
- 12/12 Recycling
Short Day 1:05
- 12/19 Sing Around
9:00am Lower Hall
9:45am Upper Hall
Short Day 1:05
- 12/22-1/2
Christmas Break

**PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES
NOVEMBER 19 & 20**

**SIGN UP ONLINE FOR YOUR
APPOINTMENT!**



**BOOK FAIR
November 19 & 20
8am to 8pm**

Do some early Christmas
Shopping! Books make great
gifts for everyone!



Albertson's Community Partners
September and October \$452.10

Aluminum Cans
October \$88.00



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**BARBARA HOMER
2ND GRADE**

Mrs. Homer is the youngest of five children. Her dream as a child was to become a teacher. She grew up in Salt Lake City and lived in Germany while attending First Grade. At Olympus High School and in college she competed in swimming and tennis. She graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Elementary Education and an Associate Degree in Secretarial Skills. She worked for many years as an Executive Secretary and also worked as a swim teacher and coach.

Mrs. Homer's top priority is her family. She has five children, three daughters and two sons. She has one adorable granddaughter. With her family she has lived in Philadelphia; Pennsylvania; Wilton, Connecticut; Denver, Colorado; Los Altos, California and now here in Salt Lake.

Mrs. Homer has been a teacher at Cottonwood Elementary for six years. She loves Art and been teaching Art to Children for 10 years. Her favorite sport is waterskiing and boating. Her hobbies include art, sewing, scrap booking, traveling and reading. She loves teaching your children here at Cottonwood!

**COTTONWOOD
ELEMENTARY
COMMUNITY OF
CARING STUDENTS**

November 2008
"TRUST"

Kindergarten:

Meg S - McCracken AM
Andrew B - McCracken PM

1st Grade:

Sam O - Amott
Samantha C - Mahas
Ashley C - Van Frank

2nd Grade:

Alex B - Homer
Anneliese M - Larson
Mary N - Phillips

3rd Grade:

Ryan R - Heiss
Isaac W - Jordan
Ryan L - Pixton

4th Grade:

Jacob B - Fraser
Ayden M - Gilchrist
Brittany B - Munson

5th Grade:

Christina S - Nistler
Lauren T - Ross
Eliza G - Wagstaff

6th Grade:

Anne P - Burgess
Mishaela L - Williams

****Albertson's and Smith's Helping Our School****

If you shop at Albertson's or Smith's and Smith's Market Place why not sign up online to be a community partner for Cottonwood Elementary. Once you are registered, every time you shop with your Savings Card at Albertsons or Smiths, they will give back a small percentage to our school for your child's classroom to use on

supplies, fieldtrips & other class activities determined by their teacher.

It is free and easy to do. Just sign up online and shop as you normally do with your Store Savings Card.

ALBERTSONS

www.albertsons.com click: Preferred Savings Card, click: In the Community, click: Community Partners, click: Shop-

pers Login, have your preferred savings card ready to type ID number.

SMITHS & SMITHS MARKET PLACE:

www.smithsfoodanddrug.com click: Earn & Learn, enter school or organization #80732. Have your Fresh Values Card ready to type in ID number.

IT ALL ADDS UP!!