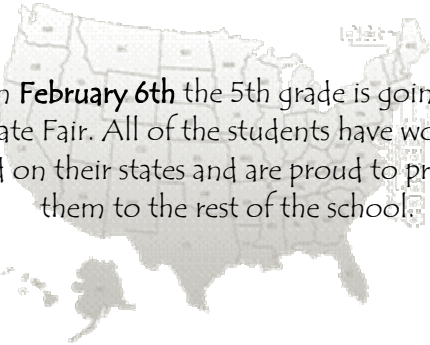


Truman Time's

On **February 6th** the 5th grade is going to have a State Fair. All of the students have worked very hard on their states and are proud to present them to the rest of the school.



School Board Meeting

Once a year, the parents of certain schools are specifically invited to attend the School Board Meetings.

Truman Elementary has been invited to attend the School Board Meetings on **March 3rd and March 17th**. Those meetings are held at the Granite School District Building (2800 S. State St.), Room A at **7:00pm**. This is our chance to show the school board that we have an active and participating parent/school community.

They will listen to our complaints, concerns and suggestions for our school. Whether you have any of those or not, please come and attend one of those meetings. We need everyone's support. If we have a poor showing and a small turnout, they are not likely to take our needs seriously when they arise.



Community of Caring News

Thanks to Mrs. Cime's class and Mrs. Martin's class for writing about Generosity. Fifth grade is writing about Justice and they will be posted in the Hall during February. Fourth grade will write about Courage during February. From Thomas Lickona's book CHARACTER MATTERS, here are some questions you can ask to help your children learn empathy. "Do you know why I am upset with you? How does that make your sister (brother or friend) feel? What could you do to make her/him feel better?" Teaching empathy should be part of discipline when possible. The failure to empathize--put your self in the other person's shoes-- underlies many, if not most, hurtful actions.



Family Reading Night:

*Every winter, the PTA plans a Family Reading Night. This year it is planned for **Thursday, Feb. 26th at 7:00pm**. Like last year, we will have a fun rotation of storytellers for all children, a book exchange and food. But this year we'll have a special art display as well. Come and see! A flyer with more details will come out in a couple of weeks. Please put the date on your calendars!*

Community Council Corner

At the January Community Council Meeting, we had two special guests. One was Jean Irwin from the Utah Arts Council and the other was Marilyn Berrett, a professional dancer who has agreed to be our artist-in-residence next year. We discussed the how to prepare to write the Arts Council Grant which is due on March 1st. If anyone reading this has experience writing grants or would like to learn about, or participate in, this grant writing process, please contact a member of the Truman Community Council.

We also looked at the School District's plan options for building the new bus turnout which will soon be coming to Truman. Thank goodness! Our parking lot is in desperate need of decongestion! We will be discussing these issues further at our February meeting. Please join us. See the school's marquee for date and time.

In February students will discover the techniques of the Impressionists while learning about the struggle Claude Monet experienced in gaining acceptance in the art world. His beautiful, vibrant use of color will be emphasized as the students themselves will paint in the Impressionistic style.

An assembly on February 3 will introduce students to Claude Monet's life and work. Later in the month students will create their own work of art in Monet's style with their individual classes taught by talented and trained volunteers.

In March we will introduce Piet Mondrian. We are looking forward to having a wonderful time!

Kindergarten has and will be learning about feathers and paws. The children are learning about animal tracks. The children will be making animal tracks in class. They will also learn about the Antarctica and those adorable penguins. We have learned about birds of prey and seen a falcon fly. We also have parakeets in the room so we can compare the difference between birds of prey and birds that eat seeds. We will have bird show with birds of prey the first week in February. The children will learn about bears and they will get to feel a polar bear pelt. The children will be going on a field trip February 12.

The morning and the afternoon will come in the morning. The schedule for Kindergarten that day is different. We will come back at 12:30 so please make a note of this. We will be going to Gateway Discovery. Keep working on number recognition and sounds.



Comcast will spearhead and provide a day of service to Truman this spring. I have talked with representatives about this day and it sounds like a wonderful project. Comcast and Truman volunteers would join together for breakfast, receive a free T-shirt and KFC lunch after a half day of work at Truman. Projects range from painting to creating a new outdoor learning center. There are volunteers from the neighborhood's Crosspoint Community Church that will join with us on that day also. We try to keep up on the physical needs at the school but sometimes there could be more needs being met if there were more hands to help. I plan to take advantage of this opportunity to beautify the school. Please plan to join us. More information will follow about date and time.