

Truman Times

January 2009



From the Principal....

With the snowy weather, outside is hazardous. When coming from the parking lot to inside the school, please wear snow boots that have good traction. Our parking lot is plowed and salted by the district after a snow storm. Our custodian maintains the sidewalks in the same way. The salt does help melt the snow in both areas but when the melted snow re-freezes we have a mess. The center parking area is on a slope. The melting snow/water flows toward the drain by the light pole. This area freezes into a sheet of black ice. This goes on day after day. The district snowplows don't come through daily to salt so we will have this problem as long as the snow is with us. The sidewalks are worked daily. We have a lot of sidewalk area to cover with salt and ice melt. It can re-freeze also. Mr. Francis, Shane, tries to keep up on it.

Remind your children that at school, snow is to be left on the ground, in other words, no snowballs. Dress appropriately for the weather. Coats are essential for school even if students get rides to and from school. Students need to get some fresh air daily unless there are extreme circumstances like with poor air quality days or days with low wind chill temperatures.



PTA Harmon's Day

Will be on Tuesday February 10, 2009. We are really excited to participate again this year. I am asking for help now from any parents that would be willing to volunteer this year. We need to have at least 12 parents in 2 hour shifts, throughout the day. I would love more if we can get them. The more participation the more money the school receives. If you think you would be able to volunteer please let me know. You can email me at Lsr73@comcast.net or leave me a message at 968-3954.

Thanks for help!!



Community of Caring

We would like to thank our school community for all the help with the Food and Fluff drive. We have doubled our efforts from last year. A big thanks goes to our 6th grade students that have organized the Food and Fluff drive and they are: Chevelle Komar, Abby Costin, Pamela Hernandez and Shala Llanos. Good work girls!

The warm coats, gloves and mittens will go to needy children that are in Granite School District. The food will go to the Utah Food Bank. In December we held a school wide writing contest to write about Generosity. The winners will be posted in January. The following are steps from Thomas Lickona's book CHARACTER MATTERS. Steps to guide decision making: 1. Consider alternatives, 2. Weight consequences, 3. Identify values, 4. Seek advice, and 5. Make a decision. We appreciate all the great things you teach your children.

This is a general reminder of two important meetings coming up this month for PTA and Community Council. Neither of them are mandatory but would be well worth your time. At both these meetings we will be talking about and/or meeting our potential artist-in-residence for dance for the next school year at Truman Elementary. We are dedicating our January and February meetings to writing and submitting this Arts Council Grant and would appreciate any input parents have. The PTA board meeting is **Tues. Jan. 13th at 9:15am in the faculty lounge** and the Community Council meeting is changed from it's regular monthly schedule (to accommodate this professional artist) to **Tues. Jan. 20th at 4:15pm in the school library**. If you can't attend these meetings but still want to be involved or learn what's going on, feel free to email sarahtimpson@msn.com. Hope to see you there!

Community Council Corner

After going on a Granite School District Bus Tour last week and seeing all the amazing programs available to our schools, we, the PTA and Community Council, have decided to create a teacher/parent grant writing committee. More money through grants seems to be the only way our school community is going to raise adequate money to fund the enriching programs we want in our school. If you consider yourself a good internet researcher, writer or have ANY experience writing grants, please let us know by contacting a member of the Community Council or PTA through the office. We could really use your skills on this important committee! This committee can be the key to take our school from great to exceptional! This committee will have it's first meeting sometime in January, in the evening if necessary. **The next Community Council Meeting is Monday, January 19th @ 4:15pm in the school library**. These meetings are open to anyone in the community. Please come and be an active participant in your child's education

Kindergarten children in Miss Nield's class learned about people around the world. Ms. French's class learned about the North Pole and both classes began to learn about reindeer. We will finish up the North Pole and move on to map reading and studying the South Pole. The children did a great job singing at the sing-along. I hope you enjoyed hearing Dashing through the House as much as they enjoyed singing that song.

The children have taken home their first art project, a leaf print. We are looking forward to beginning a new project this month. Please dress the children for the cold because we do go out for recess.

Family Center/ Centro de Familia

If you would like more information, please stop by the Family Center
Para mas informacion venga al Centro De Familia o llamenos

The Family Center is here to help families succeed. We would like to invite you to participate in all the **FREE** programs and activities that the Family Center provides.

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El Centro de la Familia está aquí para asistirles con el progreso de usted y su familia. Nos gustaría invitarlos a participar en todos los programas y actividades **GRATIS** que el Centro de la Familia proporciona

Relaxation Class/Relajacion clase - Classes provide feeling of refreshing tranquility and an absence of tension or worry.
Mondays/ Lunes (10:00 am – 11:00 am)

Computer Classes /Clase de Computacion– Classes provide basic computer knowledge.
Tuesdays/Martes (9:00am – 10:00am) Thursdays/ Jueves (9:00am – 10:00am) *Mondays/Lunes (5:00pm – 6:30pm)*

ESL Classes/Clase de Ingles – Classes provide Basic English grammar.
Tuesdays/Martes (10:30am – 11:30am) Wednesdays/ Miercoles (10:00am – 11:00am)
Thursdays/Jueves (10:30am – 11:30am) *Tuesdays /Martes (6:00pm – 7:30pm)*

January Activities

Jan 14, 2009 (Time: 11:00am -12:00am)

Monique Torres-Reymus will be coming to talk about ETS College Bound: a program designed to help junior high students prepare for college. The program offers workshops such as why college is important, how to set goals and study skills.

Jan 21, 2009 (Time: 11:00am -12:00)

Detective Valdez will be giving a speech about parents' rights; he will also be giving a power point on important information.

Jan 28, 2009 (Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm)

Latino Parent Night @Granger High School—Important information for students and parents.



Actividades para Enero

Jan 14, 2009 (Tiempo: 11:00am -12:00am)

Monique Torres-Reymu-hablara sobre el programa de ETS College Bound: un programa diseñado para ayudar los estudiantes de la secundaria a prepararse para la universidad. El programa ofrece talleres, informarles qué la universidad es importante, cómo establecer metas y habilidades de estudio.

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Detective Valdez - dara un discurso sobre los derechos de los padres, y también dara un power point sobre información importante.

Jan 28, 2009 (Tiempo: 7:00pm - 8:30pm)

Noche de los Padres latinos @ Granger High school - Importante información para los estudiantes y padres de familia

