

Truman Times

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Next year we would like to try something new with the Newsletter...

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From the Principal...

Comcast Cares Day at Truman Elementary was a total success. Over 300 volunteers registered, received a T-shirt and breakfast before being assigned jobs throughout the school. Mike and Shauntel coordinated the Comcast side. They provided the leadership and many of the tools necessary for the tasks. Granite District provided the sod, power washer and much of the paint. The rain caused a minor change of plans for some outside work. Thankfully the maps of the US and Utah were completed before the wet Saturday. The Outdoor Learning Center was still worked on even through the raindrops. This was the highlight of the event to see the beginnings of this area. We will be adding soil next week for the planter bed. It will be donated by our business partner, Memorial Cemetery and Mortuary. Other projects were remarkable also. Two painted Thunderbird mascot pictures will be hung to the sides of the stage. The office, motor room, workroom, speech room, faculty room and library received new paint colors. We now have a "red" hallway, a "blue" hallway, and a "green" hallway with painted doors. A phrase from President Harry S. Truman was added in vinyl letters in the front hall. Other small but wonderful projects were completed during the morning. Work ended with a KFC lunch provided by Comcast. Volunteers were drawn from the neighborhood, Crosspoint Church, various scouts troop from Bountiful to the Hillsdale area, Comcast workers and their families, Westridge Academy, and LDS missionaries assigned to the South Valley. A good day was had by all. I was so pleased by the end result! The level of accomplishment and quality was great. People worked in harmony with a sense of purpose that was amazing. It is a challenge to get a building to where I want it to be, to represent this neighborhood well. This helped get Truman to the showpiece I would like it to be.

Community of Caring News....

We want to give a big thank you to the following students for their help at recess. They have given up one recess or more a week to play with students from the Special Education Units. Mrs. Davis's class: Devan, Shayla, Chevelle, Pamela, Alex, Jordan, and Angel. Mrs. Martin's class: Celestine, Adrianna, Nicole, Cassidy, Shania, Kimberly, Maddy, and Kaitlyn. Mrs. Bitner's class: Puneet, Annika and Julia. Mrs. Holtey's class: Laci, Jocelyn, Courtney and Ashlynn. These are the students who have come the most times.

THANK YOU!

Box Tops

Thanks to everyone who has brought in box tops this year. It has been a great success and brought in a lot of money for our PTA. We have one more month to get in as many as possible for the year, so keep up the good work and bring in all your box tops. The contest for May is the class that brings in the most box tops gets a treat. So remind your friends and ask your neighbors and grandparents and let's have a great month. Thanks again for all of the support!

April News from Ms. Clyne's 3rd grade

Third grade are going on their Field trip, the morning of June 2nd, to Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center. There is a touching center for hands on activities, and we are excited to get to discover what that is all about!

The students have been coming and going this past month...our most recent addition came from SD, Ms Clyne's old home place. Now we have 10 boys and 10 girls!

Three students from this class showed up to help on Comcast Day...boy does our classroom smell good today! The school looks fabulous!

Iowa Basic Skills tests are out of the way and our Fitness levels were measured. We are now prepping for CRT's...which start Wed, for us. After stuffing our brains with information we are ready to spit it out!

Have a great May!

In the 6th grade we had our Medieval Feast. The students worked for over a month earning the title of Lady or Knight. The boys made swords, shields, and helmets. The girls made henins, a hand sewn item, and prepared meals at home. The boys also learned chivalry as they stood for the girls and all females who entered our classrooms as well as tucked in chairs for the young ladies. All the hard work was culminated into a feast that our wonderful parents arranged. The 6th graders ate pulled apart cooked chickens to eat, and had other finger foods as well. Then, the 6th Grade King, Michael Tamietti, and the 6th Grade Queen, Nicole Smith led a ceremony as they "knighted" the knights, and also swore in the girls who earned the title of "Lady". The feast was an event all 6th graders will always remember. The next day we ended our Middle Ages Unit by sharing our Castles with the entire school. We also want to thank all of the parents who helped with the feast, it was amazing!!!

Kindergarten has been learning and observing the metamorphous of a butterfly. The children made windsocks and watch the wind blow the streamers as they ran with their windsocks outside. We released the butterflies that day. We also have been learning and observing weather. The children learned the three things that make up weather are wind, water and heat. Now the end is drawing near and there are some important dates to circle on your calendar. Kindergarten assessments will begin May 29 thru June 4. Your child will bring home a letter of the date and time of the assessment please look for the letter. **May 26 is the day the Kindergarten children will eat hot school lunch at school. May 27 will be field day for the Kindergarten students. Please dress your child to run and play. We will have a barbeque afterwards. We will need volunteers for this day. Afternoon and morning children will come in the morning. May 28 will be graduation for the Kindergarten children. May 28 is also the last day of school for our children.** Morning and afternoon children will come in the morning. Everyone is welcome to attend the graduation. It has been a year with a lot of excitement. The best addition was having Miss Neild teach Kindergarten.

Thank you to all parents that helped with the Teacher Appreciation lunch and the decoration of the doors. They all are very cute!

Dates to Remember....

May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation week
May 7 @ 4:30 Kindergarten Orientation
May 22 & 25 No school
May 27 Vehicle Day (during school)
May 28 Truman Showcase Night
May 29 Family Picnic