



# Mountain Lion Pride

Midas Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents,

I am so excited for the 2018-19 school year to start. I was able to attend a national conference focused on technology, and I participated in a 3-day UEN conference called "Leading Schools 2018" at the University of Utah. I am revved up on all things innovative and technology and hope to add more innovative ideas here at Midas Creek.

Our theme for this year is "**Wild About Leadership!**" Our first monthly theme is "Take Charge Like a Rhinoceros," and we will be encouraging our students to learn self-control. Teachers will be watching for students who are taking charge of themselves on the playground and in the classroom.

Our faculty will be continuing our implementation of **Comprehensive Mathematics Instruction (CMI)**. We will have five 2-hour training sessions throughout the year with opportunities to work together in teams to build lessons that are more student-centered and promote deeper learning.

Have you heard about our amazing **Enrichment Program**? Each day, students in grades 1-6 who have shown mastery in math are invited to Enrichment. We are also turning our Enrichment room into a MAKERSPACE. Teachers can sign up for a time with their class. Materials will be available to allow kids to be creative by building cars or bridges, marble runs, or domino alleys.

We are thrilled to be continuing with our arts partnership grant through the **Beverly Taylor Sorenson Program**. Adriane Watson will continue as our music specialist. She is so excited to continue her work with our children.

Midas Creek is continuing the **Battle of the Books** competition this year for students in grades 3-6. Students will be put in balanced teams and will be given from September to the first of March to read as many of the 20 books on the list as possible. Check our website for lists and more details <http://midascreek.jordandistrict.org/curriculum/battle-of-the-books-gr-3-6/>

**Lexia** is back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. We have had great success with this reading program from the Rosetta Stone Company. We are also starting our second year with **SPIRE**, a tier II phonics program, to support students who are below grade level in reading. We are excited to see the progress our kids are making with this new **Reading Club** program. Our Reading Club paraprofessionals have been given special training in order to deliver this effective intervention.

We are also implementing **Imagine Learning Math** for grades 3-6. This will not only help students with grade level math work but allow our gifted students to move beyond their grade level material.

Don't forget, we have our **Mountain Lion Awards** lists ready on our website. You will also receive a booklet with the list for each grade that will come home in first day packets. Get your child(ren) started early to earn this awesome award. Make sure the list you use has 2018-19 on it. The due date is May 23, 2019.

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or come by the school to visit with me if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your support. Remember, you can "like" Midas Creek on Facebook to see the fun pictures we post and to keep up with our fun events. You can also visit our school website to view our calendar and so much more: <http://schools.jordandistrict.org/midascreek/>

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Bona

# August

- 22– First Day of School (2nd-6th)
- 22– Back to School Night 5:30pm
- 23– First Day for 1st Grade
- 30– Kindergarten Starts
- 31– Birthday Table for July and August Bdays

# September

- 5– Swig Spirit Day
- 5– PTA Meeting 10:30 am
- 12– Vision Screenings (K,1,3,5)
- 14– Room Parent Meeting
- 24– FUN RUN
- 28– Birthday Table



**Swig Spirit Day!**

Wednesday, September 5th ALL DAY

Be sure to mention "MIDAS CREEK" so our school gets credit for your order!

Swig South Jordan  
11528 S 4000 W




**WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE**

Save the Date!

**FUN RUN 2018**

**September 24th**

**5-7:30pm**



50<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS<sup>®</sup>  
2018-2019

**HEROES AROUND ME**

**Looking Ahead...**

Schedule for 2018-2019 Traditional School Year:

M-TH 8:55am - 3:35pm  
F (early out) 8:55am - 1:55pm

AM Kindergarten M-TH 8:55am - 11:40am  
AM Kindergarten F (early out) 8:55am - 11:00am

PM Kindergarten M-TH 12:55pm - 3:35pm  
PM Kindergarten F (early out) 11:55am - 1:55pm

School Begins:

Wednesday August 22rd (2nd-6th)  
Thursday August 23th (1st)  
Thursday August 30st (Kindergarten)

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