

# Mountain Lion Pride



Midas Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents,

I always look forward to a new year. Now that 2019 is approaching, I find a renewed energy to make goals and look for ways to improve both personally and professionally. I hope as you look at your goals for the New Year, you will help your children make goals, too. Of course, my hope one of those goals will be to improve as a reader during 2019. Here is a list of what good readers do and this list can inspire some great goals.

- Increase their volume/amount of reading
- Select and read Just Right Books (right level of difficulty)
- Read a variety of genre (types)
- Log books, pages and minutes read (and report it to the teacher!!)
- Ask questions before, during and after reading
- Talk about/share their reading
- Become "fluent" readers
- Check for understanding of what they read
- Visit the library/have a library card
- Read series books
- Use strategies:
  - ◆ Schema (prior knowledge)
  - ◆ Visualize
  - ◆ Determine what is important information from what they read
  - ◆ Summarize
  - ◆ Analyze

We have some great upcoming events here at Midas Creek. We hope you will join us. On December 6, our orchestra and choir are performing at 6:00 pm in the gym. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we are hosting our annual Literacy and Leadership Book Exchange Night. We will have a story time, book exchange, bingo, and popcorn. This is a fun, relaxed event. We hope you will add this to your calendar.

We are also participating in our third year of Battle of the Books in grades 3-6. Our battles begin in March, so encourage your 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to get reading! They can earn beads with all the letters and spaces for the phrase "BATTLE\*OF\*THE\*BOOKS" if they read all 20 books. The list of books is on our website: <http://midascreek.jordandistrict.org/curriculum/battle-of-the-books-gr-3-6/>. We hope your 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are reading a lot in December and January to prepare for this fun event.

Thank you for being the best school community ever. I feel so fortunate to work here at Midas Creek with your students. I will do all I can to help your students reach their goals. Please feel free to contact me if you need support in any way.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Bona

# December 2018

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Practice –Every morning at 8:00 am until performance

14 Wild About Leadership

21- December Birthday Table

21- Early Release-school dismissed at 1:55pm

December 24, 2018-January 1, 2019

Winter Recess

No School

# January 2019

2- School resumes

2- 10:30 am PTA General Meeting

7- 11am Junior Achievement Meeting

16- Swig Spirit Day

21- No School

24- Literacy and Leadership Night 5-6:30pm

25- January Birthday Table



UP TO  
**25%**

**DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!**

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY, DEC. 11-13**

**BUY TIX IN ADVANCE WITH THE CODE**

**AT CHECK -OUT ON  
CHRISTMASINCOLOR.NET**



**Swig Spirit Day!**

Wednesday, January 16th ALL DAY

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

Swig South Jordan

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Battle of the Books is coming!  
Make sure your 3rd-6th grade students have read their books.

**March 18-22nd**

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