

JULY - AUGUST 2016



MOUNTAIN LION PRIDE

Midas Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter

Principal's Perspective

Dear Parents,

This will be my third year here at Midas Creek. I still feel like the luckiest principal in the world to be working with such a great student body and community. We have a new theme and some fun programs slated for the 2016-17 year. I am excited to share them with you.

"Join Forces with the Super 7" will be our theme for the 2016-17 school year. We are focusing on SUPER STARTERS again during the month of August. We will be watching for students who start out being leaders in their classrooms from day one. Each class in tracks A, B & C will be able to select a Super Starter to attend our Super 7 Breakfast on August 12. We will have 11 Super 7 Breakfasts throughout the year and each class will be able to send at least 8 students during the year. This year we are again inviting our parents to join us. Parents will also have the opportunity of purchasing a breakfast from Chick-Fil-A. More details will come home if your child is selected to attend.

We are welcoming some awesome new teachers for the coming year. Ms. Calhoun and Mrs. Checketts are back, and we have one new teacher in 4th grade and two new teachers in 5th grade. We are very excited to welcome our them to Midas Creek. We will introduce them at our Back to School Night. Also, watch for their pictures and background information on Facebook.

We are happy to be continuing our BYU partnership. As part of this partnership, we will have two awesome interns (part of the new teachers mentioned above). They will be teaching in grades 4 and 5. Larisa Nageli continue as their full-time facilitator, so she will also be teaching in these two classrooms as well. We will also be getting some professional development opportunities and networking meetings as part of this partnership.

We also have some exciting news. We were approved for a Beverley Taylor Sorenson Art Grant again this coming year. Celeste Lara will continue as our music specialist. She is really excited to continue her work with our children.

Back to School Night has been scheduled for Thursday, July 28 for tracks A, B & C. The general meeting will start at 5:30 in the gym. Parents with children **in grades 2-6** will host 3-20 minute sessions in their classrooms starting at 5:50. Parents with kindergarten and first grade children will have either already met with the teacher or will have met with the teacher before their children attend school. We will hold our D track Back to School on August 18, 2016.

We are starting a new program for grades 3-6 called Battle of the Books. Students will be put in balanced teams in each classroom. Students will be given from September to February to read as many of the 20 books (we have a 3rd-4th list and a 5th-6th list) on the list as possible. As teams they can divide the list up to make it easier. Then, in late February and early March we will hold our Battle of the Books competition. We will end up with two teams winning each division. We will hold one competition for B and D tracks and another for A and C tracks. Check our website for lists and more details <http://midascreek.jordandistrict.org/curriculum/battle-of-the-books-gr-3-6/>

Don't forget, we have our Mountain Lion Awards lists ready on our website. This year we compiled all lists and created a booklet to go home in first day packets. Get your child(ren) started early to earn this awesome award. Make sure the list you use has 2016-17 on it. The due dates are May 19 for A track and June 19 for B, C, & D.

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or come by the school to visit with me. Thank you for your great support. Remember, you can "like" Midas Creek on Facebook and keep up with our fun events. You can also visit our school website for our calendar and lots more: <http://schools.jordandistrict.org/midascreek/>

Sincerely,

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Want to join the PTA? Look for our table at Back to School Night!

WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE PTA?

The purposes of PTA are:

- * To promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community, and place of worship.
- * To raise the standards of home life.
- * To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- * To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- * To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as well as secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Midas Creek PTA is here for our teachers and kids! The PTA provides the volunteers and funds for so many of our school programs and events including:



Field trips

Teacher appreciation

Maturation

White Ribbon Week

Book Fairs

Box tops



Literacy (Battle of the Books)

Spirit Nights



Parents and Pastries

Fun Run

Vision and hearing screenings

Bike rodeo

Junior Achievement

Room parents



Student/staff birthdays

And lots more!

We would love to have every parent be a member!

School Calendar

JULY

- 26 - First Day of School (ABC Tracks Grades 2-6)
- 27 - First Day 1st Grade (ABC Tracks)
- 28 - Back to School Night 5:30pm
(ABC Tracks Grades 2-6)

AUGUST

- 3 - PTA Board Meeting 10:30am
First Day Kindergarten (ABC Tracks)
- 4 - Community Council 6pm
- 12 - Super 7 Breakfast
Last Day C Track
- 15 - First Day of School (D Track Grades 2-6)
- 16 - First Day 1st Grade (D Track)
- 18 - Back to School Night 5:30pm
(D Track Grades 2-6)
- 23 - First Day Kindergarten (D Track)
- 24 - Birthday Table
- 26 - Fun Run Assembly (B Track)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Hearing Screenings (AB Tracks)

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