



Centerville Elementary PTA NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Dear Centerville Elementary Community,

It is already October and we are off to a great start at Centerville Elementary so far! I want to thank you for your responses to the PTA Needs Assessment that was sent out in the Back to School folders. The responses received have helped us focus our efforts on meaningful programs for the year. For your information, there were 132 responses to the survey. The most common concerns by category were as follows:

- BEHAVIOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH- Behavior toward others, Self-Esteem, and Bullying
- HOME-SCHOOL RELATIONS- Trust Between Parents and School
- LEGISLATIVE- Lack of adequate funding for education
- HEALTH- Nutrition
- FAMILY LIFE- Open communication and Internet safety

There will be more information to come, but please know we are discussing your concerns and will be offering resources and education on these topics.

Also, regarding the PTA Needs Assessment, a significant number of respondents marked "I need a better understanding of how the legislative process works and how I can get involved." I want to invite all who are interested to the Advocacy Conference on Tuesday, October 16th. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn not only about current common concerns regarding children and youth, but also HOW to be an advocate. Everyone is invited to this conference, whether you are a PTA member or not. Cost is \$16 and includes lunch. You can learn more at the UtahPTA website: <http://www.utahpta.org/2018-advocacy-conference>.

Finally, we are thrilled to let you know we already have 120 PTA members! Our goal for this year is 150 members. If you haven't had a chance to join, please do so! You can sign up at any school event or through your myDSD account. Thank you for supporting Centerville Elementary PTA!

Sincerely,

Melanie Larsen

PTA President

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CONNECT WITH US!

We'd like to invite you to follow us on Facebook so you can stay up-to-date on all things PTA happening at Centerville Elementary! Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2082166678765690/>

Also, we welcome your comments and ideas! Please email us at: ptacentervilleelementary@gmail.com

PTA Events

10/2/18	PTA Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm, Room 12
10/4/18	Fall Festival 5:00-7:30 pm
10/25/18	Reflections entries due
10/22/18 – 10/26/18	Red Ribbon Week (Drug, Alcohol and Violence prevention)
10/29/18	No School - Professional Day
10/30/18	Hearing Screening

Getting to Know your Centerville Elementary PTA Board:

WHAT WE ARE READING:

Melanie Larsen - Becoming a Present Parent
by Mary Ann Johnson

Emily Shipley - Fish in a Tree by Lynda
Mullaly Hunt

Tiffany Rees - Dads who Stay and Fight by
Greg Trimble

Jen Chamberlain - Educated by Tara
Westover

Bryttin Jones - Rent Collector by Camron
Wright

Kim Wirfs - The Miracle Morning by Hal
Elrod

Mary Booth – Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien

Call for Reflections Entries

The PTA Reflections contest has begun! This year's theme is "heroes Around Me" and we are excited to see what your students create! Your student may enter in one or more of the following categories: dance, choreography, film production, literature, music, composition, photography, and Visual arts. Entries are due by October 25th. Official guidelines and entry forms can be found at

<http://www.utahpta.org/reflections>.

Happy creating!

How we used your PTA \$\$ in September:

- PTA Insurance
- Workroom usage donation
- Supplies and refreshments for Meet and Greet and Room Parent Orientation
- Dunk tanks for Field Day
- Supplies and incentives for Green Ribbon Week

Box Tops

Remember to send in your BoxTops! Please check the dates and make sure they haven't expired.

Our first collection deadline is October 17th.

Remember: It's **HIP** to **CLIP!**

PTA MEMBERSHIP PERKS!

5 free tickets to the Fall Festival on October 4th! Come visit the PTA table during pre-ticket sales or on the night of the festival to redeem your free tickets!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who have won PTA Membership drawings so far this school year:
Sheryl Goodrich, Jamie Dearden, Caitlin Johnson,
Kristen Spere, Kristen Jones.

APPRECIATION SHOUT-OUTS:

Thank you to Kaye Gladwell and her committee for organizing Vision Screenings in September! Also, thank you to Debbie McDonald and Charisse Brunner and their committee for running a fun and informative Green Ribbon Week (Pedestrian Safety)!

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