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Schools rally to provide service

The hungry were fed, the cold received clothes and spirits were lifted this holiday season as school children of all ages participated in a variety of service projects.

Students, staff and communities came together to make sure others in the community and sometimes students in their own schools have a Merry Christmas.

Here is a roundup of just some of the activities that took place:

- From canned goods to books and from clothing to toys, boxes at district schools were overflowing with donated items.

- Antelope, Bluff Ridge, Canyon Creek, Centerville, Doxey, Endeavour, Knowlton, Mountain View and Odyssey elementary schools; West Point, Bountiful and Fairfield junior high schools, and Farmington High were among those who collected canned food for various food pantries or put together pantry packs for Bountiful Food Pantry.

Oak Hills second-graders even had the opportunity to deliver their donations and tour the pantry to see how they are serving the community. Foxboro Elementary staff also put together food bags to make sure some of their students in need had food over the break.



Canyon Creek Elementary delivers toys and clothing to Frodsham Community Christmas.

- Frodsham Community Christmas was the recipient of several collections including items from Canyon Creek, Kay’s Creek and Heritage elementary schools. Doxey Elementary students wanted to give back after being the recipients of the Vikings Give project last year. They collected toys, hygiene kits and money for the Frodsham event.

- Pajamas, coats, scarves, gloves and clothing went to a variety of organizations including Safe Harbor, Road Home and Salt Lake Rescue Mission thanks to collections put together by Columbia, Reading, Sunset, Syracuse, West Bountiful and Woods Cross elementary schools, Kaysville Junior High National Honor Society and Layton High.

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Superintendency message

Teachers, staff give countless gifts each day

During the course of gift giving in the well-known song “The 12 Days of Christmas,” the generous (albeit repetitive) “true love” gave the recipient a grand total of 364 gifts.

As our holiday thoughts turn to family, friends, neighbors, and those less-fortunate than ourselves, the gifts we give and receive naturally take a prominent place in our minds.

Each day teachers, staff, and students in Davis School District engage in acts of education. Each of these acts is a gift given to students, their families, and their future communities.

My message today lists an approximation of a few of those gifts. During the fourteen school days in December,



Dr. Logan Toone

Davis School District teachers, staff and students will give and receive the following gifts of learning:

- 1,011,682 – Student arrivals at school to learn (72,263 per day)
- 58,730 – Educator arrivals at school to teach (4,195 per day)
- 62,846 – Staff member arrivals at work to support learning (4,489 per day)
- 3,175,200 – Individual class periods
- 6,575,933 – Cumulative hours of instruction
- 456,120 – Miles driven by buses (32,580 per day)
- 420,000 – Meals served in cafeterias (30,000 per day)
- 11,000,000 – Square feet of building space maintained for learning
- 76,458 – Participants in a safety drill (throughout all

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District continues focus on safety

The landscape has changed over the years regarding schools and security. A word like Columbine may not necessarily be synonymous anymore with an easy-to-grow perennial. It unfortunately reminds people of the 1999 Littleton, Colo., school shooting.

When it comes to safety, the Davis School District and its schools must fulfill its primary mission of educating students and keep the feeling school is a great place to be.

The district currently has four separate safety steering committees working hard to bring an extra measure of safety to its educational landscape. The committees recently reported to Superintendent Reid Newey, who in turn, addressed the school board in its Dec. 4 workshop session.

Cameras

The district is not only replacing older analog cameras with state-of-the-art digital cameras, but is also adding additional cameras to its 90 school sites. By mid-2020, the project will be completed and the district will have spent more than \$3 million in the effort. By the time the cameras are added to the 2,500 cameras or so that already exist, the district will have about 6,000 in place. After those cameras are installed, the district will then turn to a maintenance and replacement schedule to keep them operational.

Secure Vestibules

The district is working toward having secure vestibules in 100 percent of its schools. Since the 90 schools in the district were constructed over multiple decades and with various designs, each building needs to be assessed before a vestibule can be designed, installed and made operational. Each also includes additional wiring for key card access.

The average cost of a secure entryway is about \$12,000 per school.

Support Services

Work in this area runs the gamut — from greeting students as they hop on school busses and enter schools to working with those who may struggle with issues outside of school.

Some information recently shared with school counselors and other wrap-around service personnel included results of a Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP)

survey. The survey is conducted every two years — in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 — by the Utah Department of Human Services. It's designed to assess adolescent substance abuse, anti-social behavior and the risk and protective factors that predict adolescent behaviors.

The district also holds youth mental health trainings for many of its employees.

"We kind of approach that as first-aid training, like CPR for mental health," Newey said.

Safety and Security

During the meeting, school board members also viewed a moving video produced by students at Mountain High School. It illustrates the power students have in sharing information that can thwart things from getting out of control. It's viewable at <https://youtu.be/JKPePHOnAII>.

Related to that effort, each of the district's 90 schools have district-produced "See Something, Say Something" posters displayed in every classroom and work space. The posters serve as a reminder that reporting things that people hear, see or read — which makes them feel uncomfortable — helps maintain the caring culture of the school.

"We want to emphasize the see-something, say-something mentality," Newey said. "Our best app continues to be the human app for stopping violence."

He also explained tips provided to the SafeUT organization are up, adding Security Coordinator Blake Haycock has reported more than 400 such tips coming in so far this year. Last year, 700 had been reported.

"We are on pace to set a new record, which is a good thing," Newey said. "We want students, staff members and parents talking about what's happening in our schools."

The district is also implementing a plan where schools will hold a variation of drills — fire, lockout, lockdown, etc. — on a monthly basis and record the dates and times when those have taken place.

School Board President John Robison commented he believes the district should share the information with state legislators.

"It's impressive for me to sit here and hear the kinds of things that make us more aware of what's being done, ..." Robison said.

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89 schools)

- 1,120,000 – Network connected digital devices for learning (80,000 per day)

- \$298,000 – Cash and in-kind donations raised through the Davis Edu-

cation Foundation

Thank you to all involved in this wonderful month of educational gift-giving and learning! We appreciate each of you and wish you and your families the very best during this holiday season!

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◦ Clinton, Layton and West Clinton Elementary banded together to collect items for Best Friends Animal Society.

◦ Clinton Elementary also chose to help several families who lost belongings in a recent fire. The school provided them blankets and clothing.

◦ Kim Valencia's class at Antelope Elementary will go home with bags filled with water, socks, granola bars, personal toiletries and a sweet note to hand out to a person in need this holiday season.

◦ Also collected were books for the Christmas Box House from Clinton Elementary's fourth-grade, pajamas and books from Odyssey Elementary, toiletries, diapers and baby wipes for homeless families from Snow Horse Elementary and 200 diaper bags for refugees from Woods Cross High DECA.

• Many schools raised money to provide needed funds to worthwhile projects. Some of the biggest were Clearfield High with its Falcons are Fabulous Fundraiser and the Viewmont High's Vikings Give. More than \$63,000 was raised at Clearfield High. Proceeds will go toward establishing a food pantry at the school to serve the surrounding community. Vikings Give brought in over \$80,000. The funds raised provided Christmas for the organization Grandfamilies, which benefits grandparents raising their grandchildren because the parents are unable. Donations were also given to the Davis Education Foundation and provided Christmas for students at the school.

Other fundraisers include:

◦ Crestview Elementary's Pennies War which raised just over \$1,000.

◦ Layton High collected more than \$20,000 thanks to the help of various clubs and activities. Their fundraiser benefits Fight to the Finish and the No Hunger Zone and will help establish a food pantry at the school.

• Students were creative as they raised funds and collected items for Sub for Santa. Many of the Sub for Santa projects helped provide Christmas for students within the school or at a neighboring school. Those projects included:

◦ Davis Education Foundation's Amazon Spree filled the wish lists of more than 375 students.

◦ Knowlton Elementary's third-grade team has purchased Christmas for Safe Harbor families for the last three years. They forego gifts for kids, teachers and volunteers

and instead work to earn the money to donate.

◦ Forty-eight students at Woods Cross High and 300-plus children at Neighborhood House will receive Christmas thanks to programs there that raised \$23,000.

◦ Bountiful High's Brave Bough Bash — a festival of trees type event — raised \$650 for the school's Sub for Santa program.

◦ West Point Junior High filled two vans full of gifts for the Community Christmas event at Ben Lomond High. More than 50 students also volunteered their time to help with activities at the event.

◦ Also, Boulton, Columbia, Ellison Park, Lakeside, West Bountiful and Woods Cross elementary schools; Central Davis, Fairfield and Sunset junior highs, and Farmington High participated in either Angel Tree or Sub for Santa projects.

• Not all of the service given this holiday season was financial. Countless students also made cards, sang carols at local nursing homes or made items for students in crisis. Here are some of the highlights of those activities:

◦ The simple act of writing letters to Santa Claus actually meant a donation of \$122,400 to Make A Wish

Foundation in the name of Syracuse High. Macy's makes a donation for each letter written and Syracuse High delivered 61,200.

◦ Bountiful High's HOSA Club literally gave of themselves with a blood drive that netted 26 units of blood.

◦ Sunset Junior High's Learning Center put together hot chocolate treat bags for the food pantry at their school.

◦ Bountiful High's Learning Center visited patients at South Davis Community Hospital and helped them create ornaments. "Each student has completed (an) essay and has expressed how this 'special' opportunity has touched them deeply not only how to provide service in our community but how to truly feel compassion and empathy for others," said Teacher Carrie Hedberg.

◦ Cards were sent to Kaysville Elementary's DARE officer, who is currently on active duty in Iran.

◦ Blankets, quilts, bears and hats were made by students at Buffalo Point, East Layton, Farmington, Foxboro, Kay's Creek, Layton and Reading elementary schools and Fairfield Junior High.

◦ Songs were sung and cards were delivered to local centers by Bluff Ridge, Meadowbrook and West Bountiful elementary schools.



Syracuse High delivered 61,200 letters to Macy's.

Serving up holiday cheer



Elves and the Shoemaker: At Wasatch Elementary, Weber State Credit Union continues the Warm the Soles tradition with a presentation of new shoes and socks for every kindergarten student. Wasatch Elementary is a Title I school meaning many of their students qualify for free and reduced lunch.



Second-graders at Vae View Elementary School recently met up with their Layton High School Ambassador friends to have a great read at Barnes & Noble. Each Vae View student also walked away with a free book.



Davis School District principals and administrators gathered for a leadership meeting and worked together to build care packages for children who have at least one parent serving our country.

