



# Centerville Elementary PTA NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Dear Centerville Elementary School Community,

I have had children enrolled at Centerville Elementary since 2010. It has been my pleasure to serve in many different capacities during that time, including classroom volunteer, room parent, art mom, music mom, field trip chaperone, computer lab aide, reading tutor, book fair volunteer, Community Council member, and even substitute teacher! I have a deep appreciation for the culture at our school, and I adore the teachers and staff. But the reason for my current involvement comes right down to my love for the children at Centerville Elementary. They truly are the WHY to my service as PTA President – the reason I have a desire to serve the school on a larger scale. They are beautiful, wonderful and talented. I love to see them in the hallways or working in their classrooms. I love their energy and excitement for learning. They give me hope for the future of our community, nation and world. I love the students at Centerville Elementary. And I have learned that PTA plays a critical role in their school experience. This is my PTA story.

Every PTA member has a story to tell. It's more than a fundraiser. It's about our children. Utah PTA is collecting PTA stories to raise awareness of the significance of PTA involvement in the health, safety, and well-being of all children. If you would like to share your story through photos, videos, or a short story, please submit to Melanie Hammer at [melanie@utahpta.org](mailto:melanie@utahpta.org) by January 25, 2019.

At last count we have 142 PTA members! That means we are only 8 memberships away from reaching our goal of 150 members! If you haven't had an opportunity to join PTA, please log in to your myDSD account and do it today! Thank you so much for supporting Centerville Elementary PTA. If you would like to be involved in our upcoming events, please email me at [ptacentervilleelementary@gmail.com](mailto:ptacentervilleelementary@gmail.com).

Thank you,

*Melanie Larsen*

PTA President

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## PTA MEMBERSHIP PERKS!

Congratulations to Mike Braun and Dan Rose for winning our PTA Membership drawing in December! Thank you for supporting Centerville Elementary PTA!

## APPRECIATION AND SHOUT-OUTS

This month, we would like to recognize Caitlin Johnson, our PTA Teacher Representative. This is her second year serving as a PTA Executive Board Member, and we appreciate the counsel, insight and advice she provides. Caitlin is a delight to serve with, and she cares deeply about the students and teachers at Centerville Elementary. We love you, Caitlin!

## PTA Events

1/8/2019	PTA Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm, Room 12
1/11/2019	No School - Professional Day
1/17/2019	Spelling Bee
1/21/2019	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/31/2019	ILP Dinner for the teachers
2/1/2019	Parents 'n Pastries

## Box Tops

Remember to send in your BoxTops! Please check the dates and make sure they haven't expired. Remember: It's **HIP to CLIP!**

## 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](mailto:ptacentervilleelementary@gmail.com)

## How we used your PTA \$\$ in December:

- Christmas gift for the teachers and staff



Want to make a BIG difference at no cost to you? Please go to **smile.amazon.com** and select "Centerville Elementary PTA, location: Salt Lake City" as your charity. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price for certain items directly to our school. YAY!

## JOIN US!

Ways to become a member of Centerville Elementary PTA:

1. Sign in to your my DSD account. Click on "Payments", then "Optional Fees" and then add "PTA Membership Dues" and/or "PTA Donations" to your cart.
2. Visit and sign-up at the PTA table at any of the school events, anytime throughout the year!

Membership dues are \$6 per membership (or 2 memberships for \$10). We are also requesting a \$15 PTA donation for each student, or \$40 per family.

## \*Reflections Update:\*

The 10 Reflections participants were recognized at an assembly on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The finalists representing our school have been selected and their entries have advanced on to the council (district) level:

**Hadley Parrish**–2D Visual Art \* **Abigail Gordon**–2D Visual Art  
\* **Avery Meldrum**–2D Visual Art \* **Lucy Gibson**–2D Visual Art  
\* **Abby Burt**–3D Visual Art \* **Kale Sens**–3D Visual Art \*  
**Audrey Howell**–Music Composition