



We Are Wranglers and We Are Awesome!
REACH FOR THE STARS
January 4, 2019

Did you know...

we are almost halfway through the school year? The second term ends on Thursday, January 10th and we will follow the early-out schedule. School will not be in session on Friday, January 11th so teachers can receive training from a nationally recognized behavior specialist, Dr. Jessica Minehan. SMART Reports and IEP progress reports will be sent home Friday, January 25. Look for information soon about signing up for an ILP Conference on January 30th or 31st. Conferences will be a great opportunity to celebrate learning from the first half of the school year and set goals for the second half.

Utah's New Accountability Report

The Utah State Board of Education on Thursday released its latest online accountability report for public schools. "It is my hope that parents will take the opportunity this year to look more deeply into their child's school performance," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson said in a statement. "The comprehensive data that will now be publicly available offers a clearer picture of school progress and achievement in core subjects and advanced coursework." Unlike previous state school report cards, this year's version has no letter grades. That practice has been temporarily suspended as the board implements new statewide testing and a revised school accountability system approved by the Utah Legislature in 2017. The system includes new indicators such as progress of English language learners and academic growth of a school's lowest-performing students. Instead of letter grades, school performance is reported on a scale: exemplary, commendable, typical, developing and critical needs. The indicator ratings capture academic proficiency and growth in core subjects. The report card also includes each school's testing participation rate and the percentage of students who consistently attend the school. The latter counts only students who remain in a single school for at least 160 of the 180-day school year and are in school attendance at least 90 percent of the time. To visit the site and view our report please go to: <https://utahschoolgrades.schools.utah.gov/>
SOURCE: for additional information see the following Deseret News article by Marjorie Cortez: <https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900048905/utah-state-school-board-releases-school-report-card-without-grades.html>



THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT...

- ARGENTINA** – a federation of 23 provinces and one autonomous city (Buenos Aires) which is also the capital, people love soccer but the actual national sport 'El Pato' is played on horseback, shares borders with Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay
- DICK VAN DYKE** – famous for starring in movies such as 'Mary Poppins' and 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', born in Missouri and grew up in Illinois, received his high school diploma at the age of 78 (he'd originally dropped out of high school to join the Army)
- LOCH NESS MONSTER** – a legendary creature said to live in a lake in Scotland, first record of the "water beast" is from 565 AD, the most extensive search called 'Operation Deepscan' was completed in 1987 and provided no absolute evidence of 'Nessie'

EARLY-OUT ~ Thursday, Jan. 10 ~ end of 2nd term
NO SCHOOL ~ Friday, Jan. 11 ~ Professional Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- Birthday lunch for January

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- STEM Olympiad practice for science events at 8am
- Lunch with Mayor Talbot

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- Early-out schedule
- Last day of term 2

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

- Professional Day for teachers – no school for students - "The Behavior Code" training for Reading staff at Layton High in the morning

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 3rd grade field trip IMAX

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- STEM Olympiad Practice at 8am for math events
- 5th grade Jr. Achievement BizTown at the Gateway

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

- 3rd grade Hero Lunch
- Early-out schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

- No School – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- Middle of Year DIBELS benchmarking this week

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- STEM Olympiad Practice at 8am for science events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

- SCC Meeting at 4pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

- STEM Fair in the big gym
- Early-out schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

- Parent Surveys available until Feb. 28 in myDSD – we need parent feedback so we can work toward continuous improvement

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 4th grade program performed for the school at 9:15am and for parents at 2:15pm – please watch your email for tickets

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

- STEM Olympiad practice at 8am for math events
- Early-out schedule and ILP Conferences begin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

- VIP Breakfast
- Early-out schedule and ILP Conferences end

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- VIP Breakfast
- Early-out schedule



SHOUT-OUTS

Welcome Ramona Kiernan to 5th grade! She will be our long-term sub until Mrs. Kingsford returns after Spring Break. At the time this newsletter was sent out, still no word on Baby Kingsford.

Welcome Esther Jane Ward, our new speech language pathologist! She is returning to Davis District and has even worked at Reading Elementary before. We hope it feels like coming home.

Great job Mr. Bill! He keeps our computers up and running and fixes problems quickly and with a smile. We appreciate all he does behind the scenes to keep our technology running smoothly.

The best place to find up-to-date information is always our school website. Go to this page and click "Full Calendar" to see the events for an entire month: <https://reading.davis.k12.ut.us/>

"Work hard and be kind. Amazing things will happen." ~ Conan O'Brien



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