



Centerville Elementary PTA NEWSLETTER

March 2018

Dear Centerville Elementary School Community,

I had the wonderful experience of attending PTA Day at the Capitol last week. The legislature is in session and there are many interesting things happening there! I am so proud to be part of PTA. There are many Utah PTA commissioners working tirelessly to advocate on behalf of our children, families and teachers. You can learn more under the Advocacy tab at UtahPTA.org.

Governor Herbert addressed the PTA that day and he had many good things to say about education in the state of Utah. Utah PTA presented him with a check for \$37,951,307.13 to represent over a million volunteer hours given to support education in our schools. He acknowledged that the government can't do it all and so much is accomplished when the private sector steps up. I am grateful to know that the #1 budget priority in our state is education. We live in a wonderful place.

We thank you for the local support of PTA at our school. We currently have 148 members! We are only 2 memberships shy of our goal for the year. If you haven't had an opportunity to join Centerville Elementary PTA, please log on to myDSD and join today! Or, stop in at the front office with \$6 and join that way.

Thank you!

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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.

PTA Events

3/5	PTA Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm, Room 12
3/18	No School - Professional Day
3/25-3/29	White Ribbon Week (Internet Safety)
4/1 - 4/5	No School - Spring Break

APPRECIATION AND SHOUT-OUTS:

Thank you to Kim Wirfs and her committee for running the Valentine Gram fundraiser. It was a success!! Thank you to Chariti Smith and her committee for putting on Parents and Pastries. Thank you to Jamie Durrett and Emma Heare for your help with movie nights! Thank you to Emily Shipley and her committee for running a fun Literacy Week! And thank you to Lara Gordon and Emily Shipley and their committee for their help with the PTA Art Show. We have such wonderful volunteers at our school. You are appreciated!!

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 MEMBERSHIP PERKS!

Congratulations to Sheryl Goodrich and Ana Maria Huayna, our PTA Membership Drawing winners for February!!

Getting to Know your Centerville Elementary PTA Board:

Where is the most interesting place you have been?

Melanie Larsen – Alligator refuge in the Everglades

Emily Shipley – The Granary Burial Ground on the Freed Trail in Boston

Jen Chamberlain – The Grand Canyon

Kim Wirfs – Tokyo Tower in Tokyo, Japan

Mary Booth – Sewers beneath Paris

Caitlin Johnson – A school next to a dump in Guatemala

Violet Lufkin – Sleeping in a convent in Rome

Danielle Creamer – The Galapagos Island

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**!

Upcoming White Ribbon Week Info:

Parents, before White Ribbon Week, we choose an aspect of internet safety to teach the students. This year, our focus is on balancing screen time with a healthy lifestyle and real relationships with family and friends. Please watch for more information to come through flyers, newsletters and email. We will be utilizing the "Let's Get Real" curriculum by WhiteRibbonWeek.org. If you'd like to know more, or would like to help out, please email us at ptacentervilleelementary@gmail.com!

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

- Donuts, milk and paper goods for Parents and Pastries
- Small Valentine treat for the faculty
- Literacy Week and Art Show supplies



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!