

SLCSE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22

- End of 3rd Quarter

March 25 - 29

- Spring Break

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CONGRATULATIONS, MS. CRIM!



Ms. Crim will be honored on April 1st at the Utah Technology Innovation Summit. She is one of four recipients of the Governor's Medals for Science and Technology.

Diane Crim teaches mathematics as part of a 7th grade math/science team at the Bryant Middle School campus of the Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE).

While Diane has spent thirty years teaching in multiple schools in the Salt Lake School District, her biggest professional challenge came in 2007. She joined Larry Madden, and a team of educators that created the SLCSE in Rose Park, which was founded on the principles of providing a world class STEM education to a broad and diverse student population. Collaborating with colleagues to design activities, experiments, and tasks to enable students to actively investigate phenomena in the world around them has intensified her commitment to interdisciplinary curriculum and project-based learning.

Diane has worked closely with many student researchers as they prepare for local and international science fairs. She, and colleague Niki Hack, have also partnered with University of Utah researchers to develop a multi-year, student-driven research project focused on the impact of climate change on local pika populations. She also developed a project-based curriculum for high school statistics in collaboration with HawkWatch International. This project included

multiple student trips to the Goshute Mountains to capture and measure hawks and has become the foundation for many data-driven projects at SLCSE

Diane earned a BS in Math (Brigham Young University) and MS in Mathematics Teaching (University of Utah). She has also played an active role in training and supporting other teachers as a mentor in the Math for America Program, a district curriculum designer, and an instructor for elementary teachers working towards their STEM Endorsement through the University of Utah's Center for Science and Math Education.

Diane has received a variety of awards and recognitions, including Utah Teacher of the Year (1999), but by far the most rewarding acknowledgement has come from her students – as they recognize their own mathematical gifts and the power they have to persevere.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Salt Lake City School District is administering school climate surveys for our school. The purpose is to gather stakeholder input about teachers, principals, and schools. All parents/ guardians and students will be invited to participate. Responses are anonymous and no personal information will be collected. Results will be shared with teachers and administrators in order to help improve schools. The survey is short, taking less than 10 minutes to complete. The survey can be taken through the Parent Portal of PowerSchool by clicking the “Parent Course Survey” link at the bottom left hand side of screen after you login. The survey can also be taken on any internet connected device. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Somali, Tongan, and Bosnian.

You can access the PowerSchool Parent Portal by clicking here:

<https://powerschool.slcschools.org/public/home.html>

MOCK TRIAL

Congrats to our mock trial team who have successfully made it to the next round of competition! This is their first year competing and have shown so much perseverance! A special thanks to our volunteer coach, Bruce Lubeck, a retired lawyer and judge, who has donated countless hours to work closely with the team.

Ms. Hobush, you are amazing! Thank you for inspiring our students, helping them hone their presentation skills and build self-confidence.



INLAND PORT

The Utah Inland Port Authority Board is seeking public input from residents of Salt Lake City, including the families within the boundaries of the Salt Lake City School District. Our school district is the largest taxing entity impacted by the inland port, and we strongly encourage SLCS D families, students, and employees to fill out the survey and make their voices heard on this critical issue.

To fill out the survey (currently available in English and Spanish), visit:

https://envisionutah.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3h24ec6racpBUNv

To read more about the inland port, its impact on our school district, and our legislative efforts surrounding the inland port, visit: <https://www.slcschools.org/news/2018-19/slcsd-and-the-inland-port/>.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, Youth Education offers scholarships to K-12 students to attend a week long summer camp at the University of Utah. These camps are subject based and develop interests and passions through experiential education. We offer everything from ACT Prep, STEAM camps, and now also offer residential camps for students outside the Salt Lake Valley.

The scholarship applications for Summer 2019 is now open. If you have any questions about the application please contact April Wilson at 801-585-7880, or by email at april.wilson@utah.edu. **The application closes March 18th.**

CAREER DAY

Friday April 5th we are planning a Career Day for our students. We are still looking for presenters, if you can help out or you know someone who may be interested, please contact Ashley (ashley.paulsen@slcschools.org) The time commitment would be three 25 minute presentations to small groups of kids on Friday April 5 from 8:30 until 10am.



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SUMMER CAMP JUNE 17-20, 2019

FOR GIRLS CURRENTLY IN 7th AND 8th GRADES



This camp is a unique opportunity for current 7th and 8th grade girls to spend four days enjoying hands-on math and science workshops and other activities on Westminster's campus. Girls stay in a residence hall at Westminster and are supervised by adult chaperones during daytime activities and during their overnight stays.

To attend, submit an application and ask your math or science teacher to submit a teacher recommendation form. In the first round of acceptances, by March 15, generally no more than two girls per school will be admitted, with some exceptions. Go to westminstercollege.edu/camps for more information and application forms. Scholarships available.