

# Snow Horse Stampede

MARCH 1, 2022



## BACKGROUND CHECKS

We love and appreciate our volunteers! As a reminder, to accompany a class on a field trip, all volunteers must have a cleared background check. Additionally, if volunteers are with students and not in direct line of sight of the teacher, a background check must be completed. To make volunteering easier and ensure the safety of ALL students, be proactive and complete your background check so that you are cleared to work with all students in any situation.

Appointments must be scheduled with the district to do fingerprinting and background checks. To make an appointment, please call 801-402-5722. Remember to be patient as the background check department is very busy and trying to accommodate all.

## CELL PHONES/DEVICES

Parents, we need your help. We have seen an increasing problem with cell phones, smart watches, and phone watches in the classroom and at recess. We want to ensure the safety of all students and want to minimize distractions in the classroom. Please take time to review with your child about appropriate device usage. The devices need to be powered off and in backpacks throughout the day. If you need to speak with your child during the school day, please call the office and we can help or encourage your student to speak with their teacher about using the phone. Learning first is always our top priority but these devices can get in the way. We greatly appreciate your help and support in this and for taking the time to speak with your student.



## RECESS

If you need to give something to your student or speak with them, we ask you to come to the office instead of speaking through the fence or handing things over the fence. This presents a safety concern because often those coming are parents, but on the chance it's a stranger, our recess supervisors do not know and we want to be sure we know who all are to keep our students safe.

## UPCOMING DATES

- Mar. 1-4: Kindergarten Registration
- Mar. 1, 3: 6th Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 7-11: Reading Week
- Mar. 7: 4th Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 7 @3:45: Community Council
- Mar. 11 @10:00: 5th Grade Maturation
- Mar. 14 @1:00: General PTA Meeting
- Mar. 16: Early Out
- Mar. 17: Early Out, End of 3rd Term
- Mar. 17: 6th Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 18: No School



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## MESSAGE FROM MRS. SLATER



Dear Snow Horse Families,

Rosa Parks said, "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." Such bravery is found in so few words.

Snow Horse is filled with fearless students, and brave staff committed to learning and achieving. It has been a great honor serving as Principal, and it is with great sadness that I resign effective March 1st. However, knowing it is the right decision for me, allows for both bravery and grace.

I will surely miss the eager call of my name from darling students. Tiny hugs and fist bumps. I will miss the smell of glue and scraps of construction paper from arts and crafts. I will miss holiday hype only children can create, along with their magical wishes. The smell of fresh new books, and the sound of music. I will miss giggles, prize tower tokens, and cool colt tickets. I will miss seeing student ingenuity and mastery over technology. The magic of ice for healing and the opportunity to place band aides on tiny fingers. I'll even miss photocopy machines, even when they jam or the disappointment when the color printer is out of ink. The smell of lamination, and the crisp lines of the paper cutter. The smell of pink cleaning spray, and the sound of the vacuum over hallway floors. I will miss popcorn parties and pajama days. The sound of the bell and the kind greetings from office staff. I will miss early-out Fridays, and Fiiz runs. Setting out treats for teachers and parent conferences. Indoor recess and opening milk during lunches. Carpool duty in the snow, covid protocols and pivot, pivot, pivot. The sound of phone calls and the main-office doorbell ringing. Facemasks and mishaps from recess. A lost front tooth and school spirit t-shirts. Door Dash mix-ups and "Did You Know" tech tips. Intervention plans and data meetings. Professional development and donuts for faculty meeting. PTA and Community Councils. Celebrating successes and learning from failures with students and staff alike. The laughs, the tears... all the great memories over more than my 15 years. How blessed am I and what an honor it has been!

Most of all, I will miss the relationships from this school community and others across the district. May you continue to encourage your child's fearless dreams. Teach them to be brave. Remind them kindness matters, and above all, instill it within their hearts to be life-long learners. After all, they have the greatest minds for even the greatest challenges.

Ms. Sarah Johnson will continue to be the interim principal, with Ms. Flynn as the administrative intern for the remainder of the year. Thank you for supporting them in this role.

It has been an honor to serve Davis County School District, and this family herd of Colts. I wish you and your students all the best.

Sincerely,  
Principal Joni Slater, M.ED

