

## **CRA NEWSLETTER, 5-21-2018**

Canyon Rim Families,

Here are the staffing changes for next year.

I want to thank Mrs. Stoker in third grade for stepping in and helping that class for the final trimester this year. To take her place in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade next year is Ms. Cowan. Ms. Cowan has been the long term substitute for Mrs. Spittler in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade while she has been out on maternity leave.

Mrs. Pectol and Mrs. McQueen will be leaving at the end of this year and we wish them the best. Mrs. Hazen will be taking their place in 4<sup>th</sup> grade next year. Mrs. Hazen has taught in a charter school in Las Vegas the last few years.

Our Speech Language Pathologist, Brittany Anderson, is also leaving and we wish the best to her. Taking Brittany's place is Colleen Mitchell. Colleen has many years of experience in speech and we look forward to working with her.

Tara Murdock has been in special education and is leaving as she is having a baby. This position has recently reopened. If you know of anyone with a degree in special education looking for work, please have them give me a call.

Jaclyn Knapp has been our special education director/consultant and she has taken the position of Special Education Director at Park City School District. Jaclyn has made great strides in helping our special education department. Jill Major is taking her position. Jill recently retired from Davis School District and brings years of experience and expertise to our school.

It has been brought to my attention that some Jr. High students like to come visit our school while they are out for the summer. Granite schools are out on May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have older students, please ask them not to visit our school during school hours next week.

*Kent Fuller, Principal*

### **Board Brief for Monday, May 21, 2018**

Our Annual Meeting was held Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We also held a regular board meeting from 4:00-6:00 pm that evening. We were pleased to have so many stakeholders and patrons in attendance at both meetings.

During the Q&A period, parents and teachers raised concerns broadly and about specific, personal situations. The board listened to all who cared to speak and responded in the meeting, as well as after, and has taken action to consider and improve several running themes of transparency, process, and role clarity. We look forward to continuing these conversations in the future.

Mr. Fuller updated the board and other members of the community on hiring updates for upcoming school year. Please see the most recent board minutes for more details. The Dibels scores for the school increased overall from 87, at the beginning of the school year, to 90 at the end of the year. A school-wide math program called Eureka will be adopted for the next school year; there will be professional development for teachers to help implement this new program as well as technology upgrades to help track student performance and growth. This will solve the vertical alignment gap in math. A strong mentoring program has been put into place, led by Peggy McCandless from the University of Utah; this program includes mentoring for teachers in their first three years of teaching as well as peer-to-peer

mentoring so that fellow teachers may observe one another. Mr. Fuller has observed every teacher formally and informally as part of teacher evaluations. Land Trust monies will be used to address technology needs in our SPED department. Teachers will also participate in professional development to continue to implement Core Knowledge into their curriculum. Mr. Fuller is going to capitalize on teacher's expertise by implementing a Distributive Leadership model at CRA; this will include Mandy Niles working on vertical alignment; Sean Thorpe will be getting his Gifted and Talented endorsement; and Rachel Lowry will help with data analysis and other items.

The CRA Board had two members rotate off the board at our Annual Meeting; Ruth Hadlock who has served as Secretary and Alyssa Larson who has served as our Academic Excellence liaison. CRA has benefitted immensely from their service and dedication to our school and we wish them the best in their future endeavors. The board welcomed Jason Esplin, who will begin his three-year term as a member of the board. The board voted to make the following changes: Alicia West will begin a two-year term as Secretary of the board; Becky Benham will begin a two-year term as Vice-Chair of the board; Erik Olson will continue to serve as Board Chair for one more year. The board also reviewed changes to their by-laws and unanimously approved the following changes: Each board member will serve no more than three, consecutive terms on the board of trustees; officer positions on the board will be one, two-year term.

For a more detailed update on both the Annual Meeting and the regular board meeting, both held Thursday, May 17, 2018, please to go to our website and read the full minutes. We encourage each member of our CRA community to familiarize themselves with all of our policies and procedures, all of which are posted on our website. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the board at [board@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:board@canyonrimacademy.org). We are privileged to serve such a dedicated community.

### **SAGE TESTING IS DONE**

A big congratulations to the 243 students who took the SAGE test this year. I can say with confidence that our students gave it their best and I was impressed with their dedication and positive attitude toward testing. Testing is never easy, but our Canyon Rim Academy students met the challenge and did a great job. Thanks to all the parents for supporting your children during testing as well. Thanks to all the teachers and students for their effort and patience with taking the SAGE. Way to go falcons!! -Susan Garrett

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

ALL student library books need to be returned to the library by tomorrow!

Our librarian will be sending out reminder/fine slips with your children on Tuesday the 22nd of May. All books and fines must be paid before May 29th for your child to attend all the wonderful fun events on field day. Thanks for helping your child remember his books.

### **LUNCHES THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR**

We still have two weeks of amazing lunches being served in the cafeteria. Please make sure your students have the funds available to cover the lunches they will be eating. You can check on your child's lunch balance if you've set up an account in Aspire, or the Instant Payment System, both available in the Quicklinks section on our website, or you may contact [dstevens@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:dstevens@canyonrimacademy.org). Please watch for lunch notes or emails sent home- if you have a negative balance please make a prompt payment. If any money remains in their account at the end of this year, it will carry over to the next year. Thank you!

### PLANS CHANGED?

If your family plans have changed recently, and your child/children won't be returning to CRA next fall, please let us know ASAP. We are constantly updating our enrollment numbers and need to know of changes as soon as they happen. Please contact [sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org) about any changes.

### STUDENT SAFETY

Please remember to be extra watchful during the last two, very busy weeks of school and please follow the rules as you drop off and pick up your children from school. Student safety is a priority at CRA, and we want all our students to feel safe and be safe at school.

### CALENDAR

Monday, May 21: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Hogle Zoo, 11:30-3:00  
Thursday, May 24: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Patriotic Program for parents, 1:15 pm  
May 21-25: For Kindergarten only – there is **No School** this week for  
K Assessments  
Monday, May 28: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day  
Thursday, May 31: Field Day for Students  
9:00-12:00; 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades, AM Kindergarten  
12:30-3:00; 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades, PM Kindergarten  
Friday, June 1: Last Day of School, 1:15 Dismissal  
Concert in the Park, 9:00 a.m. Parents invited!