

CRA NEWSLETTER, 5-30-2018

Dear Parents,

As the year winds down I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for a great year! Your children are wonderful and I have enjoyed getting to know many of them. This year we have established an excellent mentoring program for our new teachers and teachers new to the school. Teachers have been able to observe other teachers in the building to build collegial discussion and sharing of staff expertise. I have put into place a formal and informal teacher evaluation system. Our special education department has had training and will start a few new instructional programs next year.

This year I have observed the operations of the school, and with the help of the staff have identified areas to work on for next year. The areas of focus will be:

- Align math and reading instruction to the Utah Core Curriculum, kindergarten through sixth grade.
- Teachers will receive training in our math program and how best to integrate Core Knowledge instruction into our curriculum.
- We will have committees to look at curriculum alignment, GT implementation, and other areas as needed.

I want to thank the whole staff for the effort they put into helping your child/children. Our support staff is second to none and I hope you understand the time they put into helping students in small groups, on the playground, in the kitchen and in the office.

Our PTO has been fantastic in their efforts for the students and the school community. And finally a huge thanks to the students and all the parents. This is a remarkable school community.

-Kent Fuller

Lunch Money

Please check your child's lunch balance this week. Students should not be eating lunches on credit during the last week of school, and student lunch accounts need to be paid in full ASAP. Some student accounts have already run out of money and they need lunch money to finish out the year.

Any money left in the student lunch account will carry over to the next year. Please contact dstevens@canyonrimacademy.org regarding your students' lunch balance or if you have questions about their lunch account.

Summer Meal Program

Nutritious free meals are available for children ages 18 and younger at many Utah locations throughout the summer while school is out of session. For available locations visit the USDA website at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> or contact the Utah State Board of Education, Child Nutrition Programs at 801-538-7680. Information can also be found on the Utah State Board of Education website <https://schools.utah.gov/cnp/sfsp>.

Naturescape

Did you know that the school has an outdoor classroom that is currently underutilized? The area known as the Naturescape was once frequently used by teachers to incorporate nature into their curriculums. Unfortunately, the area has become overgrown and is in need of some attention to bring this great resource back into the classrooms.

At the beginning of school next year, we will start developing a plan for how teachers and students would like to use this area. However, I'd like to get a team of parents to meet up and start brainstorming and initiating cleanup over the summer. **If you are interested in helping make the Naturescape an amazing resource for your children, please contact Elisha Hornung at elishahornung@gmail.com.** No skills necessary, just a willingness to get dirty and an interest in getting kids outside to learn. Thank you!

***The next time you hear from us will be in August. Watch for letters with your child's teacher assignment for 2018-2019 - those should arrive by August 10th. FYI: The 2018-2019 school calendar is posted on our website.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 31: Field Day for Students/Free Dress Day
9:00-12:00; 4th-6th Grades, AM Kindergarten
12:30-3:00; 1st-3rd Grades, PM Kindergarten

Friday, June 1: Last Day of School, 1:15 Dismissal
Concert in the Park, 9:00 a.m. Parents invited!
Free Dress Day