

CRA Newsletter, 5-23-2017

Message from the Board of Trustees

New Permanent Principal at Canyon Rim Academy

We are thrilled to announce the hiring of a new, permanent principal at Canyon Rim Academy—Kent Fuller—who will be starting in July. Mr. Fuller graduated from the University of Utah in Elementary Education, and also received from the U his Master’s in Administration and Supervision (Educational Leadership). He spent many years as an elementary classroom teacher in Granite and Salt Lake Districts, followed by nearly 25 years as an elementary principal, primarily in Granite. This included three years at our neighbor, Rosecrest Elementary, during the time we formed Canyon Rim Academy. Mr. Fuller lives near the school and is very familiar with our school community.

Our amazing teachers and interim principal, Ms. Miller, will be working closely with Mr. Fuller in the days ahead to facilitate a smooth transition. We sincerely appreciate Ms. Miller’s incredible service to the school these last few months on an interim basis, and we welcome Mr. Fuller to Canyon Rim Academy.

We also want to remind you that you are invited to attend Canyon Rim Academy’s 2017 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 24th at 4 pm. The meeting will be held in the multipurpose room at CRA. In addition to this being a regularly scheduled Board Meeting, we will briefly review highlights of the past year.

We will take a few minutes during the meeting to address questions that parents have. You may also submit questions to the Board in advance by Dave Garrett at dgarrett@canyonrimacademy.org.

Sincerely, Board of Trustees

Alicia West, Alyssa Larson, Becky Benham, Dave Gisseman, Dave Havell, Erik Olson, Ruth Hadlock

Message from our Principal, Julie Miller

Thanks for the Memories!

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last principal’s message. Thanks to all of you for your support and confidence over the last two months. I will miss working in this wonderful community and the opportunity to interact with talented teachers and the talented children they teach.

I really do need to “stay retired” but you made some big “footprints on my heart.” It was an honor for me to have been invited to come and serve as your Interim Principal. I wish you all the best—knowing you will scale to even greater heights as you approach the next school year with your new administrator, The CRA Board of Directors, teachers, and staff—all of whom work diligently to provide a vibrant and stable future for CRA.

For everyone, I wish you a relaxing summer filled with new adventures; I look forward to hearing about the future of this wonderful school. Good friends never say goodbye; they simply say “see you soon.”

Sincerely, Julie Miller, Interim Principal

Teacher Changes for 2017-2018

We have some changes to our list of amazing teachers for 2017-2018. We send our best wishes to Robyn Hillyard, Cecily Patton and Denise Bagnell all retiring from teaching. Congratulations to Brynn Grover and Angie Stewart who are having babies next fall. We will miss these teachers and the individual contributions they have made.

We are excited to announce the following teacher replacements:

Dawn-Marie Tabery: Ms Tabery will join Mandy Niles in teaching the two 6th grade classes being offered. She is married with one daughter and has been employed at Wasatch Peak Academy, charter school in North Salt Lake for the last 3 years teaching 5th and 6th graders. She has earned a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology from the U of U.

Christina Shapiro: Christina is a native of Jupiter, Florida and just graduated from the University of Utah with a BS in Elementary Education. She volunteered at the school 2 years ago and will be teaching Kindergarten.

Debra A. Hedin: Mrs. Hedin has 5 grown children and has been teaching 2nd grade at Roosevelt Elementary School since 2013. However her true love is in Kindergarten and that is where she will be teaching at CRA. She has a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies and a M.S. in Early Childhood Education at the University of Utah.

Teaching assignments for 2017-2018:

Kindergarten:	Debra Hedin Christina Shapiro	4 th Grade:	Chrystine Gonzalez Haas Pectol & Tiffany McQueen
1 st Grade:	Cindie Pratt Whitney Paulsen Vanessa Tendick	5 th Grade:	Laura Romney Rachel Lowry Sean Thorpe
2 nd Grade:	Ashton Haga Ali Spittler TBA	6 th Grade:	Calli Hodson Mandy Niles Dawn Marie Tabery
3 rd Grade:	Scott Flox Paige Heyn Lauren Robinson		

One Last Call...

If for some reason your student will not be returning to CRA next fall, please call and let us know. We hate to lose any students, but we need to know about those that will not return. It will allow us to invite new students that are eagerly waiting to come to CRA, so please let us know!

Watch for News About Next Year

Around August 7th or 8th, watch your mailboxes for letters coming from the school. We will continue our tradition of sending out teacher assignments and teacher letters in the mail, as well as information about the first few days of school. Until then, have a wonderful summer!

From the library....

Along with the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE from our own library, you could "read and win" a free gate entry pass to the 2017 Utah State Fair in September. To get the entry form, go to: utahstatefair.com/readandwin
This reading challenge is open to children 6-12. All you have to do is fill out the form and read 10 books....mail it in before July 28th and receive the prize. Reading this summer is a GOOD IDEA!!

Lost & Found

Once again, our Lost and Found is brimming with jackets, sweaters, water bottles and many other things. Lost items are inside the front entrance on the wooden benches or in the white laundry baskets. Please come and look through it if you're missing something. Items left on the last day of school will be donated to charity.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 25: Field Day, Non-uniform day
Friday, May 26: Year End Concert, 9:00 a.m. in the Canyon Rim Park Amphitheater! Parents are invited.
-Non-uniform day.
Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. Happy Summer!

PTO Newsletter, 5-23-2017

Thank you to everyone who signed up so quickly for Field Day! We still have one or two spots open, so please feel free to sign up: [Field Day Signup](#) Field Day will be [this Thursday from 9-11:45 am](#) for the upper grades and AM Kindergarten; and [from 12:30-3:15 pm](#) for the lower grades and PM Kindergarten. Please remember to send a change of clothes for your upper grade student, just in case they would like dry clothes for the afternoon. Please also remember to put sunscreen on your student and feel free to send them with a hat and/or sunglasses. It is going to be a great day complete with a Giant Slide, Dunk Tank, Creamies, and lots of fun games.

This Wednesday is our last Box Top event of the year! Please send in all of your Box Tops and for every student that brings in at least 5, they will get a popsicle at lunch.

If you have any reimbursement requests for the PTO, please turn them into the front office as soon as possible.

Jill Gibby & Michelle Booth will be your PTO Co-Presidents next year. I have had the privilege to work with both of them this year and they are dedicated, excited, and have so many great ideas for our school. Next year is going to be incredible with these two women at the helm!

Thank you to each of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your PTO President. Thank you for your time, your willingness to help & volunteer, and your support. Thank you for making my job a joy and for your wonderful, wonderful children. I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer.

If you have any questions, please email Alicia West at alijwest@gmail.com.

(Our main email distribution lists are being blocked due to recent changes in the Gmail program, so a hard copy of this week's newsletter is being sent home in place of the regular email route.)