

## **CRA Newsletter, 4-10-2017**

Dear Canyon Rim Families:

Hello to everyone! My name is Julie Miller, and I am the interim principal of your beautiful school. I arrived at the doors of CRA last Monday and was warmly welcomed by the students, teachers and staff members. While I have not had the opportunity to greet many parents yet, my door is open and I relish meeting new friends.

My last rotation, as a Salt Lake City School District administrator, was in an elementary school recognized for its devotion to teaching all children through the fine and performing arts. You can imagine my joy when I viewed all the wonderful work being done here in the arts. Arts integration reaches children in ways that "traditional" teaching alone does not. The children and teachers have been quick to embrace my visits and questions regarding their many splendid talents! Between the children and staff, I am in very capable hands (but you all know that) and I hope to honor the well-established routines of your school.

Speaking of routines, it will soon be time to begin thinking about student classroom placements for next year. I am certain that many of you trust this year's teacher to carefully place your child for the upcoming year. However, on occasion, as a parent you may wish to voice your preferences. I welcome your input but would ask that you *not* request a specific teacher but rather do the following: reach out to me by email, phone call, or personal visit. Share your child's name and current grade level. Tell me the learning environment your child will adapt to best. For example: relaxed, very predictable routines, quiet, children working in groups...and so on. If you think a teacher with a certain style of teaching would best meet your child's needs, please share that, too. For example: direct and precise; warm and always patient; flexible; sets clear boundaries and holds children accountable, and so on. I know it is easier to ask for a specific teacher rather than take the time to make this kind of request, but I also know you appreciate the effort and work teachers and teachers on special assignments put into carefully balancing classrooms to ensure all children receive the benefit of the high quality instruction and care you have come to expect at CRA.

Sincerely,  
Julie Miller

### **SAGE TESTING**

Next week we will be starting SAGE testing. Please make it a priority to have your student(s) there on the day of their tests, with a good night's sleep and a good breakfast in their bellies. The testing schedule can be seen online on our school website under "Current Events". Opt out forms are due by the end of this week, April 14<sup>th</sup>. If your student is opting out, please make sure that they have something to do during these tests, as they sometimes become a distraction and disrupt the class. Please do not opt your student out just because your student does not want to take these tests. If you have any questions about SAGE or need further explanation about these tests, please email or call our test administrator, Susan Garrett at 801-573-2323 or email [sgarrett@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:sgarrett@canyonrimacademy.org).

### **Parent Participation Music Classes**

Parents: You are invited to participate in your child's music class the week of April 24 - 27th. Look for a note to come home next week which will give you the exact time your child's class meets.

Here is an overview of the schedule.

Monday, April 24th, 5th grade in the morning

Tuesday, April 25th, 4th grade in the morning, 2nd grade in the afternoon

Wednesday, April 26th, 3rd grade in the morning, 1st grade in the afternoon

Thursday, April 27th, 6th grade in the morning

Since you will be participating with your child in our class activities, please do not bring other children.

Marilee Evans  
Music Specialist

### **Have Your Plans Changed?**

As we plan for next year, we are working on finalizing our enrollment numbers for 2017-2018. We hope that all our students are returning for next year, but realize that families plans do change. We are aware that a few students won't be returning next year. If your plans have changed since you declared your intent to return in January, please contact Shawnette Abraham, [sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org) and let us know.

### **Grandparent Lunch**

Grandparent Lunch is this week at CRA! Grandparents may come and eat lunch with their grandchild/ren on Wednesday, April 12th and Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't RSVP'd to buy a school lunch, you may still bring your own and eat with your grandchild.

Please note the lunch schedule to join us at the appropriate time:

-1st Grade: 11:15 a.m.

-2nd Grade: 11:30 a.m.

-3rd Grade: 11:45 a.m.

-4th Grade: 12:00 p.m.

-5th Grade: 12:10 p.m.

-6th Grade: 12:20 p.m.

### **Online Survey**

Parents, if you haven't taken the online survey, please do so by midnight this Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Go to our website under "Current Events" and click on "Online Parent Survey". Thank you for participating!

### **Bank Day**

Just a reminder...if your child participates in the Students Savings Program at Washington Federal, reps will be here this week on Wednesday to help students with their Save at School deposits.

### **CALENDAR**

Wednesday, April 12: Grandparent Lunch

Thursday, April 13: Grandparent Lunch

Friday, April 21: Art Festival at CRA, 6:00-8:00 p.m.