

CRA Newsletter, 5-8-2017

A Message from your principal

Your Child May Already Have One....

If you've never heard of a fidget spinner, it appears to be the newest craze for children. Spinners are small hand-held toys with a ball bearing in the center and prongs that come out from there. By tapping it with a finger, they spin... they come in many colors, configurations and price ranges from inexpensive to more costly.

These devices are marketed under the banner of enhancing concentration, reducing anxiety, relieving stress, ADHD and even as a tool to keep sleepy drivers alert. I acknowledge the potential benefits and philosophy behind them; however, these devices are becoming wide-spread at CRA—I see them out in halls, classrooms, the cafeteria, and at recess. *I am not buying the spin!*

I am placing a ban on spinners at our school. This particular kind of toy has not been part of a "Toolkit" of devices currently available for students to use to relieve anxiety and get "fidgets out." Our teachers know that they have a number of sensory devices available to them to help children with special needs. We will continue to offer these tools to children who we recognize need them. All children at CRA are encouraged and permitted to stretch in class when needed, get up and get a drink of water, stand to complete an assignment, go to recess, and sharpen a pencil. Teachers use these strategies to channel most children's impulses. These toys are now ubiquitous at CRA and we ask for your help by letting your children know they need to stay at home.

Thank You for your support,
Julie Miller, interim principal

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](tel:801-538-7680).

LUNCH ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

As we are in the last three weeks of school, please pay attention to your child's lunch balance. The May menu is posted on the school website. You may want to plan ahead for the lunches your child will eat and pay accordingly. Any funds left at the end of the year will carry over to next year unless you inform us that you are leaving and would like a refund. You can see your child's lunch balance on Aspire, accessible on the website, or through the online payment system. Be aware that the online balance may not be updated daily. You are also welcome to call the office for information on lunch balances and payments or email

dstevens@canyonrimacademy.org. There are lots of great lunches ahead for the month of May, and we hope there are lots of hungry students ready to eat them!

Retirement Open House

Two of our wonderful CRA teachers are retiring at the end of this school year. We are going to miss **Mrs. Hillyard** (Kindergarten) and **Mrs. Patton** (6th grade)! These amazing teachers are loved by our students, parents, faculty and staff. Please join us at a Retirement Open House to be held in their honor on **Thursday, May 11th from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. If you know past students that may have had Mrs. Hillyard or Mrs. Patton as a teacher, please pass the word along and invite them to the Open House. Come and help us wish them the best as they begin their next adventure!

Spring Pictures

Just a reminder...picture money was due today. If you still have packets or money to turn in for pictures, please send them back to CRA ASAP.

Bank Day

Washington Federal will be at Canyon Rim Academy during the lunch hour for Save at School. Make a deposit into your account and save for your future. Open account for \$5.00 and Washington Federal will deposit \$5.00 to get you started.

A penny saved is a penny earned!

Calendar

Monday, May 8: 4th Grade Field Trip to This is the Place Heritage Park, 10:30-1:30
Thursday, May 11: 1st Grade Field Trip to Natural History Museum, 12:40-3:00
Band & Orchestra Concert for Parents, 2:30, Multipurpose Room
Retirement Open House, Mrs. Hillyard & Mrs. Patton, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
May 15-19: Kindergarten Assessments, No School for K this week
Monday, May 15: Mrs. Paulsen's class Informance with Miss Susan, 2:30, multipurpose room
Wednesday, May 17: 4th Grade Informance for Parents, 2:30, multipurpose room
6th Grade Shakespeare Plays in classrooms, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 18: 5th Grade Patriotic Program, 2:15 p.m., multipurpose room
Last Day of Band & Orchestra Classes
Friday, May 19: Early Bird Chorus Performance, 7:45 a.m.
Friday, May 26: Year End Concert, 9:00 a.m. in the Canyon Rim Park Amphitheater! Parents are invited.