## FORBES SCHOOL FOCUS AND VALUES:

Forbes is dedicated to high levels of learning for all through excellence in teaching.

It offers a positive environment including music, art, student leadership, the Patriot Reading program, and Target Time, an intervention devoted to meeting students' various academic needs.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER**

Parent involvement in education can make a dramatic difference in the success of children. At Forbes, we welcome and encourage parent and volunteer involvement. Here are just a few of the ways that you can be involved and help our students:

- \* Classroom volunteers Our teachers welcome parent involvement in the classroom. There are volunteer opportunities including reading with or working with students, changing take home reading books, helping with special projects or activities (some that can be done from home).
- \* School Community Council Help to determine school improvement goals and determine allocation of Trust Land funds.
- \* PTA Our Forbes PTA supports a variety of programs and events at our school including Patriot Reading, Red Ribbon Week, birthday celebrations, and teacher/staff appreciation. As a member of the PTA board you can help determine the focus of our PTA.

Please come join us!

## FORBES VALUES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Forbes Elementary has a great partnership with parents through the School Community Council and the PTA. Together we support programs that make Forbes an incredible place to learn.

## **School Community Council**

Chair/Parent: Jennye Harding Vice-Chair/Teacher: Cathy Michaels

School Members:

Kim Jones Principal

Community Members:

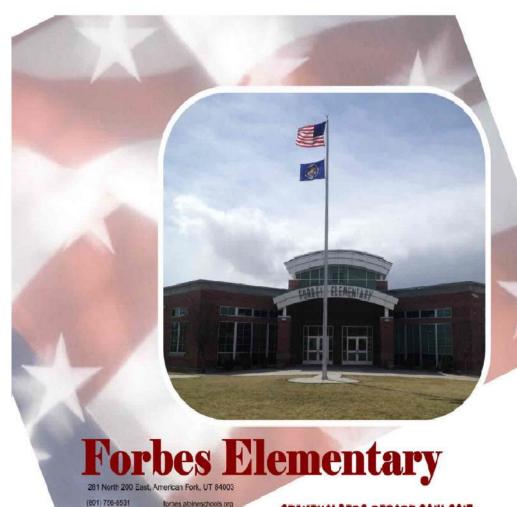
DeLinda Abbott Parent
Stacie Carter Parent
Andrea Ferrell Parent
Delayna Beck Parent
Christy Johnson Parent

## Forbes PTA Executive Board

President Andrea Ferrell
President-Elect Christy Johnson
Treasurer Janet Marsden
Secretary Amy Bishop
Faculty Rep. Penni Glazier
Administrative VP Kim Jones

## Forbes PTA Sponsored Programs

Patriot Reading \* Red Ribbon Week
PTA Reflections Program \* Spelling Bee
Birthday Table \* Patriot Fridays \* Walk-to-School
Teacher and Staff Appreciation \* Yearbook



STAKEHOLDERS REPORT 2014-2015

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Based on 2014-2015 Assessment Info:

#### PACE: SCHOOL FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Growth Points 297 out of 300 Achievement Points 152 out of 300

Total Score 449 out of 600

Forbes received the highest score for academic growth of all elementary schools in the district!

### Forbes Land Trust Dollars at Work:

The School Land Trust Plan includes having a school council comprised of parents and school employees who identify an academic goal each year and determine how funds provided by the land trust can help to achieve that goal.



## The School Improvement Goal for 2014-2015 was:

For the 2014-2015 school year all students at Forbes Elementary will demonstrate at least a full year's worth of growth in all areas of curriculum. The primary focus of this growth will be placed on reading achievement. Every student should receive at least a 45 on their SGP, Student Growth Percentile.

## **GUIDED READING AND TAKE HOME READING!**

At Forbes, our goal is to help all of our students acquire not only the ability to read, but also the love of reading.

A significant portion of land trust funds during the 2014-2015 school year were spend on updating and expanding the guided reading and take home reading libraries.



- The guided reading library consists of book sets (5 to 6 copies of the same book) on specific reading levels that are used in the classroom with teacher guidance for literacy circles and classroom reading groups.
- The Take Home Reading library provides books for students in lower grades to take home each night to encourage and increase reading skills. The books selected are on each student's individual reading level and encourage reading comprehension, accuracy, and fluency.



## The School Improvement Goals for 2015-2016 are:

Goal #1 - We will increase our overall student reading proficiency level by 3% as compared to the previous year.

Goal #2 - The goal for Forbes is to increase its average writing score by 3%.

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## Current Testing Data HOW DO WE SCORE?

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# TECHNOLOGY AND PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT WRITING

We are already at work on our goals for the current year. We have purchased a new set of chromebooks to complete a new chromebook cart. This will make a chromebook cart available to 6th, 5th, and 4th grades and make more open lab times available for 3rd grade.

With better access to computers, students will also access a variety of programs. Land Trust funds will be used to invest in Mastery Connect, which provides teachers access to a variety of writing rubrics and other tools.

Land Trust funds will also be used to support Target Time and Professional Development opportunities throughout the year to help Forbes achieve our goals.

## Digital Citizenship

One of the new requirements this year for School Community Councils is to share information regarding digital citizenship. Digital citizenship focuses on teaching our students how to safeguard themselves and their personal information online.

Our computer specialty teacher will be teaching important components and citizenship lessons throughout the year to our younger grade classes. These same components and lessons will be taught to upper grade students by their teachers as they use the technology resources available to them.

