

Cedar Valley Wranglers

January 2015

Inspiring students for lifelong learning



Thank you for supporting our clothing drive. Now that the weather has turned colder, many people will benefit from your generous contributions.

Thank you also for your support of our playground fund. I haven't heard how much Lone Peak has raised, but I know your contributions will help us obtain a new playground for our students.

Thank you for coming to our Christmas Sing. It is great to see the great community support at our school functions.

Important Dates

All month – DRA Testing for all students

Jan. 5th – PTA Meeting @ 9:30

Jan. 8th – SCC Meeting @ 11:00

Jan. 14th – Bookmobile

Jan. 19th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)

Jan. 28th – Bookmobile

Jan. 28th – Frontier Council PTA Meeting @ 1:00

Feb. 2nd – PTA Meeting @ 9:30

Feb. 4th & 5th – Parent Teacher Conferences

Check out our school website at cedarvalley.alpineschools.org for updates on activities.



Road To Success

So far our students have read 177,485 minutes this year. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to our third grade class. They are the class of the month.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week for the month of December.

Tucker Pannell	Riley Thomas	Gube Palacios
Miranda Worley	Reid Berry	Ryder Degelbeck
Cooper Allen	Britta Fisher	Aspen Watterson
Sylvia Sargent	Alton Young	Kayli Jackson
Brady Thomas	Shelbie Jackson	Boston Vincent
Aaliyah Gardner	Swayzee Drury	Allie Oswald
Kaylee Snyder	Daiton Morehouse	

Attendance

I finished reading an interesting article by Hedy Chang and Cecelia Leong about the importance of daily attendance at school. This article stated that as early as preschool and kindergarten, chronic absences reduce a student's chance of reading proficiently by third grade. Chronic absences are defined as missing more than 10% of the school year, or just two days a month.

Another study found that fourth graders who missed three or more days of school in the month before taking a national standardized test, scored 12 to 13 points lower than students who reported no absences that month. Researchers who studied this data consider a 10-point difference to be the equivalent of one grade's worth of skills.

Of course, if your child is sick, they need to stay home until they feel better. I appreciate your support in helping your children regularly attend school. They will benefit from being here each day.

The Weather Is Changing

It's that time of year when the weather is changing. We encourage our students to go out and participate in physical activities during recess. Please send your children to school dressed for the weather. Warm coats, gloves, boots, and hats will help your children stay warm and have fun.

If the conditions outside are extreme or the air quality is unhealthy, we will have the children come in for an inside recess.



PTA News

We are looking for new people to serve on the PTA Board for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Mrs. Wills by January 26th if you are interested in serving next year.