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# explorer NEWS

**principal's message**  
Dr. Joseph Backman

Fabulous Foothill Parents,

We are just beginning the third trimester of the year and I wanted to give you an update of the many great things happening at Foothill right now.

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**STEM Education:** Foothill Elementary is a STEM school as we integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into our instruction and classrooms. We also add the arts to make it STEAM. Throughout this year, our teachers have received professional development from BYU technology and engineering professor, Dr. Steve Shumway. He has helped our teachers learn how to teach science more effectively through the engineering design process. This type of teaching is rich as students work in groups to explore how to solve real-world problems much like an engineer would. This type of creative problem solving helps students to think and understand STEM concepts at a much deeper level. We are also excited that we have received a significant grant to further this professional development in the summer. We will continue to build upon these effective principles, as we more fully become a STEM school.

**Student Recognition:** Over these past couple of months, Foothill students have represented our school very well. Twenty of our students' science projects made it to the district science fair. Ten of these students did well enough to move on to BYU for the final science fair. Also, a number of our students took the national math assessment called the AMC 8. Thirteen of our students were recognized for their superior performance when compared with students across the state and nation.

**Student Competitions:** Lately, we have enjoyed several healthy competitions at Foothill. The National Geography Bee went well with students learning about geography around the world. Our PTA sponsored spelling bee went well. It was amazing that two of our top three winners were in 3rd grade. This past week, our Knowledge Bowl teams had a competition in preparation for the district Knowledge Bowl. In a couple of weeks we will have our annual storytelling competition. All of these competitions encourage students to work hard and to enjoy their learning.

We look forward to the end of this school year. I feel confident that our students will continue to learn and perform well because of our phenomenal teachers and the support of our wonderful parents. I am truly blessed to be the principal at Foothill Elementary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Backman (Dr. B.)  
Principal, Foothill Elementary

## Dr. B.'s *Readers*

Gooney Bird  
and the Room Mother  
By Lois Lowry

Number the Stars  
By Lois Lowry  
(Newberry Award Winner)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Red Ribbon Week	3 Red Ribbon Week	4 Red Ribbon Week	5 Red Ribbon Week	6 Red Ribbon Week
9 No School	10	11	12	13
16 Early Out	17	18	19 Spring Pictures	20
23 Early Out	24	25 Newsletter Items DUE	26	27
30 Early Out PTA Meeting	31	1	2 2nd Grade Field Trip	3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ryan Hunsaker	Mar. 06
Rick Rothaug	Mar. 08
Shannon Hyatt	Mar. 10
Kylie Simpson	Mar. 15
Jeremy Pukahi	Mar. 15
Taina Reece	Mar. 15
Joe Backman	Mar. 19
Su Ely	Mar. 27

**NEXT MONTH:**  
April 6-10 Spring Break

Alpine School District Special Education Department  
and the  
Utah Parent Center  
invite you to the  
Annual Parent Conference

Thursday, March 26, 2015  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
Legacy Elementary  
28 East 1340 North, American Fork

6:00-6:20 **Opening session** – Kay Clark, Special Education Director

6:25-7:25 **Breakout sessions:**

**Executive Functioning** – help with organization and homework helps at home and at school.

**Behavior Strategies** – precision commands, using precise verbal commands to improve compliance.

**Communication** – using core vocabulary for low-verbal and non-verbal students to express their feelings.

**Toileting Success At Home** – toilet training tips on getting past the common obstacles, especially training someone with disabilities, regardless the age or severity of the disability.

7:30-8:30 **Sessions repeated**

Everyone that can benefit from these topics is invited, whether or not you have a student in special education. Registration is not required. Please do not bring children, no childcare will be provided.

Questions? Contact Maria Wiscombe at 801-318-1959 or e-mail at [maria@utahparentcenter.org](mailto:maria@utahparentcenter.org). Also on Facebook at Alpine Parents of Students with Special Needs.

**Save-the-date for April's Parent Night**

Thursday, April 23 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Legacy Elementary Media Center, 28 East 1340 North, American Fork

**Summer-time Activities** – including fine and gross-motor activities, fun and educational apps, summer programs, speech and language ideas and more.

# THE news

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

October 27, 2014 - Bryn Young, Jonah Wang, Peter Barkdull, Chloe Brown, Ruby Santiago, Keegan Knudsen, Eli Lefebvre, Ava Duncan, Ady Hiatt, Will Brown, Grant Johnson, McCall Thaxton, Carissa Clarke, Ian Smith, Kaitlyn Brooks, Max Bauer, Cristina Altamirano, Grace Webb, Ryan Black, Kyle Carlson, Kathryn Patten, Nick Clark, Samuel Triana, Julia Black, Matthew Oliver, Madeline Schneiter, Lee Bingham

November 10, 2014 - Emma Aydelotte, Max Holdsworth, Emi McNairy, Chloe Bergeson, Eliza Boyack, Proter Robbins, Keora Beckstead, Samara Leeper, Ezequel Sosa, Blake Botherson, Addison Gardner, Joey Waugaman, Brighton Magness, Jake Bauer, Aden Black, Mercy Thomas, Wes Kinsey, Giovanni Rodriquez, Gage Hawkes, Jack Martin, Isaac Yakota, Alyssa Larsen, Sarah Davenport, Mia Ellingson, Karleigh Garside, Simon Peay

November 17, 2014 - Grayson Tucker, Josi Bills, Landon Bauer, William Chung-Hoon, Remington DeVore, Hadley Tobler, Emily Oakey, Feleti longi, Jackson Aznar, Elena Jensen, Lulu Hunter, Devin Jones, Ellie Collings, Zander Kakr, Trevor Fish, Armando Garcia, Ezekial Linthalath, Emily Winter, Sydnee Bartlett, Jonaathan Jensen, Caden Van Wagenen, Melissa Tirana, Natalie Riggs, Everett Fox, Paityn Braithwaite, Maddox Hill, Miles Lambert

November 24, 2014 - Kendie Braithwaite, Paige Goodbar, Siena Kikota, Taylor Fielding, Laycee Chchran, Andie Miller, Micah Howard, Elle Pedersen, David Taylor, Alayna Anderson, Hunter Brady, Mahlia Aznar, Adam Drinkwater, Kayzha, Haggard, Gentry Pyne, Maggie McDowell, Sill santiago, Meg Duncan, Mariah Whitlock, Megan Hawkes, Yohan Rodriguez, Emma Hunt

December 1, 2014 - Greyson Brown, Brecken Lewis, Kara Larsen, Landon Michaelis, Iris Bartlett, Indigo Pryor, Ssamira Sosa, Kamay Lemon, Mason Fox Carson Beaslin, T.J. Beaslin, Marie Noel, Brigham Conover, Alyssa Lowry, Audrey Clark, Jared Wright, Lily Miller

December 8, 2014 - Kelsey Plewe, Mason Jarman, Ella Alcon, Steele Dayton, Charlotte Blumell, Hyrum Autrey, Halle Bergeson, Chance Dastrup, Megan Jorgensen, Olivia Jensen, Tyli Knudsen, Amelia Beck, Drew Dabling, Jared Billings, Kyson Hiatt, Jason Oakey, Matthew Oakey, Amelia Mithchell, Evan Campbell, Taylor Gill, Gage Smith, Zachary Hawks

December 15, 2014 - Sai Fredricksen, Teagan Tanner, Isaiah Ward, Safran Fry, Ross Michaelis, Darcy Anderson, Maggie Boyack, Cody Anderson, Ashley Rodriguez, Kylee Sperry, Owen Miller, Lilly Benson, Robert Prybyla, Alex Nielsen, Jacob Hemmert, Analise Dean, Ammon White, Jade Macedone, Tina longi, Colton Bancroft

January 5, 2015 - Joshua Hemmert, Nash Lefebvre, Clara Hill, Koya Burg, Garrett Tucker, Anson Hemmert, Celeste Detoles, Mckay Nelson, Tyler Peck, Robert Przybyla, Rachel Ely, Sawyer Beck, Shelby Anderson. JJuliet Galland, Evan Fry, Jacob Waugaman

January 12, 2015 - Evelyn Powers, Brooklyn Williams, Jonah Harper, Dane Thomas, Clara Larson, Fernando Sanchez, Savanna Blunk, Sarah Wong, Abby Egbert, Coy Bankhead, Michelle Meyers, Jacob Russel, Abby Davidson, Brooke Makin, Lucas Patten, Max Yokota, Vicky Gonzalez, Bradley Zollinger, Seth Hunter, Isaac Tobler, Shammus Panton, Gabe Lancaster, Joseph Carter

January 26, 2015 - Harnony Craddock, Alivia Dean, Kaydee Christensen, Sergio Altamirano, Haven Dousett, Lauren Thacker, JoJo Williams, Macy Riggs, Tally Johnston, Camille Bergeson, Alec Hart Ava Russell, Eva Smith, Carter Wolsey, Anna Meyers, Monson Mitchell, Boston Magness, Eiesel Krohn, Amanda Partridge, Mia Anderson, Charlotte Cochran, Alex Hansen, Ellie Bankhead, Savanna Harding, Noah Christensen, Tenley Bills, Aidie Allen, Meli Haggard, John Parker, Emma Webb, Nick Jordan, Kylie Cochran, Chandler Alvani, Hank Blackburn, Brynlee Fish, Kaden Westergren, Misha Harding

February 2, 2015 - Gabby Bethel, Anne Clarke, Mason Corey, Ty Cherrington, Baylee Botherson, Camri Frahm, Maxwell Davis, Gabriella Garside, Kaylie Chestnut, Anna Meyers, Jacob Craddock, Connor Goodrich, Annika Wood Nanga longi, Elsa Esplin, Kate Hill, Ethan Hart, Selah Autrey, Liam Peterson Mauro Oriolani, Sabastian Garcia, Kenzie Jordan, Brecken Cook, Kade Brown, Jesse Segundo

February 9, 2015 - Autumn Furr, Katherine Collings, Dixon Dunaway, Seth Gale, Matthew Martinez, Samara Sawyer, Hadley Adams, Lucie Campbell, Hudson Heath, Mia Morgan, Jack Miche, Austin Long, Dallin Ivie, Julia Snow, Mia Johnson, Hezekiah Bowden, Clate Bergeson, Mercer Meredith, Jackson Merrill, Ashley Ogborn, Isaac Cochran, Meli Hollinghaus, Makaila Fletcher, Kalo longi, Cambria Cook, Nicole Cochran

February 23, 2015 - Kaizen Detoles, Cole Riggs, Declan Quigley, Finn Ferguson, Max Rojas, Joshua Harris, Miranda Peterson, Derek Wood, Isabela Taylor, Simon Fox Daniel Greene, Avery Smith, Kyler Larson, Annica Galland, Aiden Brown, Mckade Jordan, Claire Michaelis, Dallin Heal, Jack Nixon, Turner Geddes, Mindy Bergeson, Rylee Rocha, Julia Collings, Oakley VanderWerff, Janes Chestnut, Jacob Spencer, Melissa King, Rowan Duke

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## IMPORTANT LIBRARY NEWS

World Book - For the past few years WorldBook and your school library have formed a partnership providing students access to WorldBook Online. These online reference sites have a complete line of digital products that fit all grade levels. We would like to introduce our brand new eBooks. Important facts about WorldBook eBooks (See the attached flyer):

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Also, I want to tell them that I have a new address for them to link to the Media Center Researchers.  
It is: 205.118.101.18/7057615/researcher

If they go to that address they can look up books in the library from home or anywhere, and if they know their student ID # they can log in and look up their record, put books on hold, and write reviews for the books they've read. To login, their user name is the ID # and the password is their last name.

THANK YOU! For all the pop tops! Keep saving them and sending them in!

Submissions to the April Newsletter are due by **March 25th**.  
Send submissions to [oremfoothillpta@gmail.com](mailto:oremfoothillpta@gmail.com) with NEWSLETTER as the subject.

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## 2014-2015 Spelling Bee Highlights

### 2<sup>nd</sup> grade



Rodas: Alex Snow, Mia Morgan,  
Sam Thacker

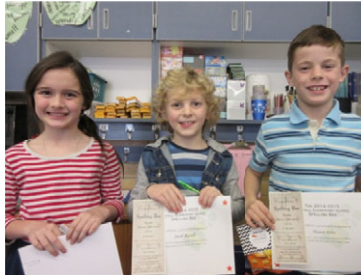


Clark: Kaya Dean, Sophie  
Keemer, Abby Eggbert



Madsen: Boston Magness, Winter  
Hendricks, Olivia Jensen

### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



Marsh: Ava De St. Jeor, Jacob  
Russell, Mason Riley



Gurr: Dalton Dunn, Kaden West,  
Anna Livingston (not pictured)



Moore: Alex Jimenez, Liam Fry,  
Madeline Garside



Crabb: Alyssa Michaelis, Spencer  
Bateman, Daniel Beckstead

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Judd: Jacob Faires, Zain Sakr,  
Hezekiah Bowden



Mendenhall: Mia Johnson, Mason  
Fox, Corbyn Kuhni



Hardy: Will Santiago, Jacob  
Spencer, Mindy Bergeson



Clinger: Gabe Jones, Braxton  
Lombardi, Ryan Benson

38 participants

185 correctly  
spelled words

18 rounds

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## 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Crockett: Elli Anderson, Evan Campbell, Abby Hardman



Longmore: Matthew Bartlett, Emma Lee, Parker Brady



Siebach: Kyle Carlson, Analise Dean, Julia Collings



Mineer: Jodie Bethel, Peyton Mulliner, Zady Michaelis

## 6<sup>th</sup> grade



Hyatt: Shammus Panton, Zach Sakr, Melissa King



Paonessa: Gage Smith, Brock Hill, Cambria Cook



Wakamatsu: Chase Staker, Annika Boyack, Kenna Fry

We knew how to spell words like:  
hydroponic, palliative,  
noctambulist,  
obstreperous,  
Sisyphean, and  
bhangra

Winning word:  
monastery

## School Winners



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dalton Dunn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Mrs. Gurr's class



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cambria Cook, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mrs. Paonessa's class



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kaden West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Mrs. Gurr's class

# NURSING news

## NURSING NEWS

Dear Parents,

Button batteries are small, coin-shaped batteries found in watches, calculators, and other small electronic devices.

These shiny batteries can attract infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, who easily can put them in their mouths or up their noses. When swallowed, button batteries can become lodged in the throat (esophagus) and cause choking or interfere with swallowing solid foods. When swallowed, a battery can travel through the digestive tract or get stuck somewhere along the way and cause serious and life-threatening injuries within just 2-3 hours.

If you find a toy or device with a battery missing or you suspect your child might have swallowed a battery, look for the following symptoms:

- \*nausea and vomiting
- \*fever
- \*coughing
- \*abdominal pain
- \*breathing problems
- \*diarrhea
- \*discolored or bloody stool
- \*irritability
- \*throat pain
- \*refusal to eat or drink

If your child has any symptoms associated with ingesting a battery, go to an emergency room immediately. It's best to err on the side of caution and have your child checked out even if you think your child swallowed a battery but you don't see symptoms yet.

- \*Call 911 or go the ER immediately
- \*Do not try to make your child throw up
- \*Don't let your child eat or drink
- \*Tell the doctors that you believe your child swallowed a button battery. An X-ray will be done to see if the battery is in your child's body.
- \*If a battery is stuck in your child's body, it has to be removed to prevent further injury.

## PREVENTION

\*CHECK PRODUCTS THAT USE BUTTON BATTERIES TO MAKE SURE BATTERY COMPARTMENTS ARE SECURELY CLOSED.

\*KEEP PRODUCTS THAT USE BUTTON BATTERIES OUT OF THE REACH OF UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN.

\*WATCH KIDS CAREFULLY WHENEVER THEY USE DEVICES CONTAINING BATTERIES.

Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse