

LEHI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

* OCTOBER NEWSLETTER *

The mission of Lehi Elementary is making a difference in the life chances of all students.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We held our first School Community Council meeting this month. We are happy to announce the members of this council: Amy Grace as Chair, Teresa Gonzalez as Vice-Chair, Cathleen Tronson as Secretary, and Brittney Gray as another parent member of the committee. As the Principal, I sit on the committee, as do two teachers, Carol Oliphant and Debbie Farnsworth.

The calendar of future meetings include:

October 11th at 10am in the library. The District will be here to educate and inform interested parents about the upcoming bond that will be on the ballot in November. All parents are invited to attend this informative session.

November 8th at 3:30pm in the library. The discussion will focus on looking at data to determine the greatest academic needs at our school. Any parents interested in seeing the school's data are invited to attend.

February 28th at 3:30pm in the library. During this meeting, we will brainstorm ideas for how to best use money allocated from School Land Trust to address the school's greatest academic need. Once again, parents are invited to participate and share input.

March 20th at 3:30pm in the library. Members will sign off on the school's School Land Trust Plan.

EARLY OUTS

Each Monday, students at Lehi Elementary are released one hour early for teachers to collaborate. Teachers working in collaborative teams afford a way for self-improvement while keeping student learning central. Effective schools research also shows positive outcomes for student learning in collaborative schools. Programs in Alpine School District have validated the power of collaborative Professional Learning Communities. We are excited to use the time during collaboration to focus on four essential questions:

- 1) **What do we expect students to learn?**
- 2) **How will we know what students have learned?**
- 3) **How will we respond to students who aren't learning?**
- 4) **What will we do with students who already know?**

Collaboration time is about sharing ideas, experiences, common assessments, strategies, lesson plans, and working together to solve learning issues. As a result, students benefit.

PARENT CONFERENCE

We will be holding parent teacher conferences on Oct. 6th from 3:45 – 7:45 P.M. and Oct. 7th from 3:45 – 6:45 P.M. Parents are encouraged to attend conferences to discuss their child's progress. You will hear from the teacher a celebration of your child's strengths and achievements. Because this will also be a time to openly discuss areas of concern from either home or school, children need not accompany parents to conferences. Please remember that the teacher is an important part of the community of people who will help your child succeed in life.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

On the back of this sheet is listed the Student of the Month winners for September. Each month, we spotlight one particular character trait at school. On Monday mornings, we have a school-wide announcement focusing on the meaning of the trait. We encourage students to show, by their actions, their understanding of that particular character trait.

During the year, we will focus on the following traits:

- September:** Respectful
- October:** Make Good Choices
- November:** Honest
- December:** A Good Friend
- January:** Responsible
- February:** Patriotic
- March:** Trustworthy
- April:** Doing Their Best
- May:** Optimistic



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 6th: Parent Conferences from 3:45 – 7:15 P. M.
- 7th: Parent Conferences from 3:45 – 6:15 P. M.
- 11th: District Presentation on the Bond at 10:00
- 14th: Lehi PTA Meeting at 10:00
- 20th and 21st: Fall Break – NO SCHOOL
- 31st: Happy Halloween – Costume Parade at 9:30