

Eagle Feathers

PTA Newsletter for Aspen Elementary School
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Principal's Corner

Welcome to November!

What a beautiful time of year! The colors have changed to make it a wonderful scene outside!

It is also a time when we all take some time to give thanks for those things in our lives.

I once again want to thank you, our Aspen Community, for all of your support! Our PTA is AWESOME! Wasn't that Fall Festival amazing? The parents are wonderful! Thank you for your support of our Parent Teacher Conferences and all of our volunteers. Our teachers are amazing! Thank you for all of your time and effort on behalf of the students. The students are incredible! Thank you for working so hard. Our community of businesses is so supportive! Thank you for your generous contributions to our Fall Festival. Thank you very much! I am very grateful for a wonderful community at Aspen!

I am also grateful for my wonderful, and supportive, family. Mary, my wife, is amazing! She is so supportive of me, and of my responsibilities at Aspen. I also want to thank my 4 boys and 2 daughters-in-law for their support. Thank you Bryan (Anna), Brandon (Brooke), Michael, and Bryson. It's wonderful to have the wonderful support from them.

I am also grateful for a supportive school district. Alpine School District is amazing! We have a wonderful Superintendent, in Sam Jarman. We also have great support of all the different departments in the school district.

I hope that you can take time at this time of the year to think of those people in your life you are grateful for. It's a wonderful time of year. Thank you!

If you have had a child absent, and would like to excuse the absence, you will have two weeks from the absence. After the two weeks you will not be able to call in and excuse the absence. It will become an unexcused absence. Thank you, again, for all of your support!

Mr. Davies – Principal – Aspen Elementary

PTA PRESIDENTS' CORNER

What a fantastic October we've had! Not only has the weather been gorgeous (thanks, Mother Nature!), but we've had all kinds of fun things happening at Aspen. We had a fantastic Fall Festival and enjoyed seeing so many Aspen students and their families there! We loved the creativity of the pumpkin displays, appreciated everyone who donated to (or bought items from) our silent auction, and are ever so grateful for the army of volunteers--led by the amazing trio of Jodi Cloward, Molly Zamboni, and Lindsay Dunn--who covered every detail and made it such a fun night! Thanks also to our own Mr. Davies, who supports PTA with heart and soul--even when that means cleaning up the last of the hay into the wee hours of the night! We're so lucky to have a principal like Mr. Davies, and we want him to know how much we appreciate him!

We also enjoyed a rocking Red Ribbon Week right before Fall Break. Students loved dressing up and pledging their commitment to be drug-free! A big thanks to Maren Paulson, who spearheaded this week and showed us that's it's cool to be clean! Thanks also to Melissa Barlow, who provided the awesome meals for our teachers during October's SEP Conferences. And thanks to EVERYONE who volunteers their time and talents to make Aspen the best school around!

As we look toward November, we're excited about Freedom Week and the chance we have to honor our country's history, its veterans, and the military men and women who protect our freedoms today. Watch for more information about the fun things that have been planned to commemorate this unique week!

Lastly, a big THANKS and WELCOME to the 143 of you who have joined PTA this year. We're thrilled with the response (thanks, Marie Kimber, for all your work on membership this year!), and we're excited about what we can accomplish together.

- Tanya Wilkinson and Kari Woolf, PTA Co-Presidents

Attention classroom coordinators and other volunteers! Please record your volunteer time on the volunteer logs in your child's classroom; ask your child's teacher where the logs are if they are not visible. Thanks so much!

Fall Festival and Pumpkin Parade Recap

We had a wonderful time at the Aspen Fall Festival and Pumpkin Parade, and we hope you did too! We appreciate the efforts of all who worked hard to make this event possible: our PTA board and event committee for great strategy and execution, the faculty and administration for supporting us, student council members for helping out with concessions, our classroom coordinators for spearheading the pumpkin decorating and displays, and our students and their families for coming out and enjoying the evening!

We also wanted to thank our classes for putting together such fantastic baskets for our silent auction! We loved the items you donated and had a lot of fun putting the baskets together! We had 102 items for sale, and only a few are still available. We've included descriptions and pricing for these items below. If you're interested in buying one, please contact Jodi Cloward (801) 472-5591, Molly Zamboni (801) 830-0811 or Lindsay Dunn (801) 369-9643.

Finally, we'd like to thank the many individuals and local organizations who supported our event in various ways. We're listing them below too so you can thank them with your business whenever possible.

BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTING OUR EVENT:

- ¥ Linden Nursery, who provided straw bales for our hay ride and hay maze
- ¥ Cornerstone Technologies, who provided the lighting and created our great Halloween vibe
- ¥ Harward Farms, who gave us great pumpkins at a great price, and Carlos Chavez, who provided the cornstalks for decorating.
- ¥ Tiffani Morse, who helped with equipment and staffing our hay ride. Brittany Heringer, who helped with decorating for the hay ride. Wyatt Cloward and Kelly Wilkinson for providing and driving the trucks for the hay ride.
- ¥ Mr. Shumaker, Mrs. McManus, Miss Andrus, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Kennard, and Mrs. Christiansen for helping with the entertainment. A big thanks also to Catherine Newell for stepping up and organizing the entertainment for our event.
- ¥ Melissa Barlow, who did an amazing job heading up and organizing concessions.
- ¥ Disney Corporation, Four Chairs, Scheels, Lindon Pool, doTERRA, Gandolfo's of Pleasant Grove and American Fork, Hungry Howie's, Cloud 9 Toys, Green Smoothie Girl, Mathnasium, AM Bank, Kangaroo Zoo, Swig, Which Wich, Zerorez, Hale Center Theatre, Kneader's, Pleasant Grove Pool, Taco Amigo, Thanksgiving Point Museum of Natural Curiosity, Cornbelly's, and 3B Yoga who donated auction items.
- ¥ Lara Rogers (JetBlue), Tiffani Morse (Ella Bloom Salon), Aubrie Ivie (Young Living), Staci Castle (Utah Skin Logix), Nena Guymon (Revive Massage and Bodyworks), Mrs. L. Johnson (Richard Paul Evans books), Elizabeth Reinhard (Indoor Snowball Fight in a Box), Jolene Campbell (Perfect Puddles) and Kari Woolf (4th of July Basket) for donating auction items on behalf of themselves or their organizations.

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION ITEMS STILL FOR SALE:

- 1) Mathnasium Certificate and Basket Value: \$400 / Price: \$140
Gift Certificate that entitles one student (8th grade and below) to an assessment and one month of math education (up to 10 one-hour sessions), expires Dec. 31, 2015. Mathnasium basket include water bottle, frisbee, pin, pencil, dice, bracelet and sticker)
- 2) Cloud 9 Paragliding Certificate Value: \$155 / Price: \$80
Gift Certificate good for one tandem flight or introductory lesson, expires July 1, 2016. Located at 12665 Minuteman Drive, Suite 1, Draper, Utah.
- 3) Large Decorative Clock from Four Chairs Value \$213 / Price: \$100
- 4) Zerorez Gift Cards (2 available) Value: \$20 / Price: \$10
Gift Card good for \$20 cash credit toward cleaning services (carpet, upholstery, tile and grout, air ducts, oriental rugs)

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if you're interested in purchasing any of these items.

Road To Success

First Grand Prize Drawing in November!!!

In October we had fun drawing out names for those that registered for RTS, lots of fun prizes. Thanks to all those who have registered! They received a free combo pass to Classic Skating. YEAH! We only have 150 students registered out of our 520 Aspen Readers. We can do better! It's not too late to join the fun and register. Any questions contact me at jenwa@live.com. You cannot use last years numbers this year. Each student needs to be paired with their new teacher this year. Teachers numbers are below.

Students have a chance to win a grand prize every quarter and they also get to have a reward each month if they qualify. To be a part of the rewards, students in the 4th–6th grade will need to read 30 minutes 5 days each week and record 600 minutes a month, and Kindergarten – 3rd will read 20 minutes 5 days a week and record 400 minutes a month. Starting Nov. 1st thru Dec. 1st. The rewards will be the 1st Friday of every month starting in December.

We will also be having recognition and prizes for students reaching certain goals throughout the year. Next news letter for more info. Please remember to record your minutes! Students need to read 30 minutes at least 5 days a week gets 1 blue ticket, 7 days gets 2 blue tickets each week to be entered into the grand prize drawings. You have 4 weeks to go back and record those minutes. Put them all one one book if its easier.

This is a great incentive program to reward our awesome students for how much they read. Don't let them miss out!
Jen and Christine

RTS Codes! Just go to rtsutah.com
click "Parent "on homepage
click"Register My Child"
and enter your code below.

Bowles am=17193 pm=17195
1st Johnson and Carter=17198
Andrus=17201
Lee=17197
3rd Smart=17199
4th Christensen=22707
5th Mcmanus=17202
6th Vanisi=17205

Rockhill=17209
Cottrell=17196
2nd Payne and Zhou=22706
Robles=23240
Kelly=17203
W. Johnson=17211
Duncan=22708
Mortensen=17206

Running club is going great. We have logged a total of 354 miles so far! Keep up the great work. Look for the Running Club table at lunch recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays and run, run, run!



Donut Date for the
Fourth Grade
will be on



Tuesday,
November 17th.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a Donut Date? A Donut Date is an informal gathering where a parent or other adult comes to the school to READ with the student on their special day. A donut will be available for both students and adults to partake of during the "date".

Why do a Donut Date? This gives the parents or other adults the opportunity to come to the school and be involved in the child's education. Plus, there are all of those wonderful yummy Donuts.

Who can come to the Donut Date? Any adult that has an interest in the education of their student may come to the Donut Date (ex. Father, Mother, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Neighbors or Special Friends). Each month a different grade will be invited to participate in the "Date".

Where is the Donut date?

Due to the potential messy combination of students and donuts, the Donut Date will be held in the lunchroom. Adults will go directly to the lunchroom where they will meet their students.

We have lots of great things planned to celebrate our freedom and honor our Military and Law Enforcement during Freedom Week.

We are requesting a few different things from Parents to make it a success:

- 1) Volunteers that have served or are currently serving in any branch of the Military and would be willing to share some experiences for about 8-10 minutes at an assembly on Monday, November 9.
- 2) Volunteers that are currently serving in any branch of the Military to come visit with kids during lunch. We would like them to come dressed in uniform.
- 3) Pictures of family members (grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins etc) that have served or are currently serving in the military that we can incorporate into a slide show presentation for the assembly.

If Parents can assist us with any of these requests, we would be so grateful. Parents can email pictures to us or send the original (if you dare) or a copy that doesn't need to be returned to school with your child to give to their teacher and we will gather them. Preferably email.

Contact Information Below

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If you are able to volunteer, please let us know by Nov. 4th. Also, please have any pictures turned in by Nov. 4th as well. Thank you!



Freedom Week Nov. 9-13