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# Cherry Hill Elementary

## Title 1 Parent Update and Stakeholder Report

November 20, 2012

**Cherry Hill gets  
Big Bucks!  
\$460,251**

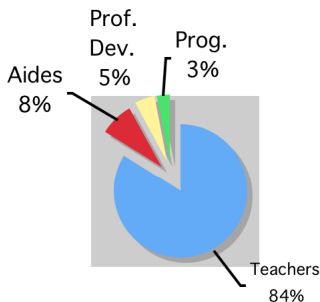
*Here's where it goes:*

## What is Title 1?

Title 1 is a federal education program under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Title 1 provides Utah with federal funds each year to help higher poverty schools provide supplemental educational services to meet the needs of educationally disadvantaged students. Cherry Hill is one of eleven Title 1 elementary schools in Alpine School District.

Improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged is a major objective with Title 1. This school year Cherry Hill received \$460,251. The money is being spent in the following ways:

1. 84% goes to hiring additional teachers to provide specialized instructional and coordinate and run pilot assessment programs
2. 8% covers the cost for highly qualified aides
3. 5% goes toward professional development
4. 3% of the budget helps with specialized programs



## School Mission Statement

Cherry Hill is a safe, positive environment where students, parents and staff learn and work together for excellence in education. Our school is a student centered learning community where all students will learn and perform with excellence. Our philosophy is based on the 4 Moral Dimensions. At Cherry Hill Elementary we DREAM BIG and find SUCCESS in EACH ONE OF US, some way, every day.

## School Goals

1. Consistently provide excellent instruction through continuous staff development
2. Maintain effective and positive behavior management strategies
3. Engage all students with a challenging Utah-state-core-based curriculum
4. Provide effective intervention strategies for struggling students

Core Curriculum

See it at:

[www.usoe.org](http://www.usoe.org)

# Cherry Hill's Title 1 Parent Update

## Parent Involvement Policy

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*Parents are welcome to view the entire Cherry Hill Title 1 Plan in the main office of the school.*

Cherry Hill's policy is that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Parents are involved in the planning, review and improvement of the school's Parent Involvement Policy and Title 1 Program in the following ways:

- a. Back to School Night General Session Meeting
- b. Letters from school Principal
- c. Parent Teacher Conferences
- d. School Community Council Meetings & PTA Board Meetings

Parents receive feedback about the academic success and proficiency levels of their students in the following ways:

- a. Parent Teacher Conferences twice yearly
- b. Report Cards three times yearly (trimesters)
- c. NWEA test information three times yearly
- d. Direct Reading Assessment (DRA) three times yearly
- e. Progress reports sent home at mid trimester
- f. Pre & post Kindergarten and Preschool testing

Parents are provided the following opportunities in order to formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children:

- a. 30 minute Parent-Student Orientation with Teacher prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
- b. Scheduled appointments by parents with school personnel as needed
- c. Parent Teacher Conferences twice yearly
- d. School Community Council Meetings monthly
- e. PTA Meetings monthly
- f. Back to School Night yearly

## NWEA Testing

Cherry Hill participates in a comprehensive testing assessment program called the Northwest Evaluation Assessment. This testing protocol assesses student progress, not just an "end of the year" evaluation. This testing format guides teacher instruction to best help students learn. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Assessment Specialist Deanna Caringella, or the front office.



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*"We are ensuring the future of our democracy by supporting not just our own children, but all children."*

## Extra Programs

Title I funds allow funding to provide several effective programs including:

- **Preschool** (two classes for preschool aged students)
- **Reading Recovery** (special tutoring for identified first grade students)
- **Specialized Reading Instruction** (literacy support for students in need)
- **Oral Language Instruction** (tutoring for limited English proficient students)
- **Professional Development** (additional training for the principal, teachers and paraprofessionals)
- **Full time Spanish Translator** (translator available during regular school hours)
- **Extensions Program** (Before and After school program, providing extra academic support for students in need.)
- **Flex Interventions** (30 minutes, 3 days per week of targeted support for struggling students)

## Teacher Qualifications

As a parent of a student at Cherry Hill Elementary, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law requires the school district to provide you this information in a timely manner if you request it.

Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact Principal Hart at 227-8710.

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**Parents,**  
Schedule a  
neighborhood cottage  
meeting and invite the  
Principal to answer  
questions or present  
information about the  
school.



## **PTA Executive Board**

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## **School Community Council**

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Council Members  
Patti Henwood  
Emily Campbell  
Aaron Campbell  
Adam Goodman

Staff Members  
Alisa Hart  
Cynthia Mahoney  
Scott Strong

## **Staff Members**

Principal – Alisa Hart

Assistant Principal – Cathy Gatenby

Secretaries – Susan Adamson, Pam Farnsworth

Custodians – Nephi Wirthlin, Willy Alor

Literacy/Assessment Specialist – Deanna Caringella

Preschool – Ruth Ann Greaves

Kindergarten – Katie Covington, Dorothy Jensen, Cathy Thomas

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Kadi Bates, Colleen Jones, Marsha Poai, Vikki Revuelta, Shirley Wells

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Connie Kawala, Janis McTeer, Gloria Vorkink, Shirley Wells

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Kelsey Farr, Mary Simmons, Eliza Valenzuela

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Erin Gurr, Shirlene Hill, Brent Van Wagenen, Suzanne Wilson

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – MacKenzie Smith, Bonnie Davis, Cynthia Mahoney, Ovidia Tarin

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Stephanie Billings, Nikki Bindrup, Scott Strong, Jena Vasquez

Art – Alison Graham

Music – Kathryn Blackham

Computers/Extensions Math Teacher – David Leigh

Reading Recovery – Lisa Argyle, Robin Lott

Special Education – Kalei Brown, Trish Jellen, Oscar Ledesma

Media Specialist – Valerie Close

School Psychologist – Amanda Clark

Speech Therapist – Anita Dromey

School Nurse – Diana Thalman

School Lunch Manager – Debbi Thomas

ESL Paraprofessional – Arely Monterrosa

Aides – Cecelia Alor, Mary Anderson, Patti Henwood, Doreen Butler, Amanda Carter, Suzanne Cole, Delsa Laxton, Marsha Habel, Mickie Kirkpatrick, Dawn Maughn, Cheryl Rich, Sonia Migenes

### ***Fun Facts about Cherry Hill...***

- *Cherry Hill is 48 years old*
- *750 students attend Cherry Hill*
- *20% are English Language Learners*
- *Average class size is 26*
- *Teachers' average years of experience is 15*
- *One teacher has 33 years of experience*