



Pony Express Elementary

Home of the Riders

May 16, 2017

Upcoming Events:

May 23 - Field Day

May 24 - 6th Grade/Faculty Softball Game

May 25 - Last Day of School for Kindergarten and Preschool

May 26 - Last Day of School for 1-6th; COMMON DAY - All students come at 9:00 and leave at 10:30. Clap out for students leaving Pony Express.

Student Leadership Info:

We had so many wonderful students try out this year for next year's Student Council Officers. They all did such a great job. It was impressive. Congratulations to next year's officers. Thank you for doing such a great job.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Writing the May message is an exciting time for me to reflect on the year that is almost gone. I look back and am reminded of the great things we have been part of. Once again our sixth grade students with the help of their teachers have shown great leadership and school pride as they get ready to leave Pony Express. Our school PTA has been terrific. Everyone's contribution of time makes such a difference. Those that are able to serve on the PTA board and the time they put in for their children and yours is outstanding. We all owe them a debt of gratitude. I appreciate our teachers and staff. They work hard to meet the need of each student. Planning creative lessons, field-trips and activities that help our students become academically stronger. Our school Community Council has been involved in helping us keep a focus on academic excellence. This summer we encourage all the students to continue learning. Our students benefit as we all work together to make each day at Pony Express a positive experience. As we work together we can look to the future with enthusiasm.

Summer office schedule:
The office will be open on Thursdays

Summer STARS:

Core curriculum: <http://www.uen.org/core/>

Registration - Registration packets are available in the office. Please let your friends and new neighbors know that we are registering students for next year now. Thank you!

Nurse News

Registration vaccine requirements are: 5 dtap, 4 polio, (Hib and pneumonia required for preschool kids), 3 Hep B, 2 mmr, 2 varicella, 2 Hep A.
6th grade students going to 7th grade will need to complete

Hope Squad:

This week we celebrated HOPE Week by doing different activities during lunchtime. We passed out kind notes, picked up trash around the school, and performed random acts of kindness. It was a great week!

As we end the year I just wanted to express my gratitude for the service our HOPE Squad has provided for the school. They are such a great group of kids and I'm looking forward to working with the squad next year. Thank you for all of your support!

<http://hope4utah.com/>

more shots. Requirements for 7th grade are: Tdap, Meningitis, and 2 Varicella. If you are choosing to do an exemption for your student, they can be obtained at the Utah County Health Department in American Fork 599 south 500 east. Mon-Fri 8-5.

Here is a link to required vaccines in Utah.

http://www.immunize-utah.org/pdf/Immunization_Guidebook.pdf

As the weather warms up, please remember to protect your students when riding bikes, swimming and during sports. Students should wear clothing to protect against sunburns, and use sunscreen.

Hats on hot days to guard against dehydration. Increased water intake instead of juice and sodas will help your body replace what is being released as sweat. Frozen or cold fruit and smoothies will help cool you off and replace vitamins and minerals to your body.

Remember to use helmets when doing sports, riding bikes, skateboards and other activities to guard against concussions. When swimming, use life jackets if your children cannot swim, and please do not leave them unattended.

Student Support:

We are finishing up the Parenting with Love and Logic classes over the next 2 weeks and it has been a very good experience. I look forward to doing more classes in the fall.

One thing we talked about in the last class was giving our children the chance to try to solve their own problems, unless safety is a consideration. Each time our children are allowed to try to solve problems, they can gain self esteem. Even if they don't come up with the best solution, praise their work in trying to solve the problem. You give them a few suggestion that they might try if they want some help, but leave the ultimate solution up to them.

Tami Gear School Psychologist

PTA News

Congratulations to the classes who won our Chick-fil-a spirit night competition.

Mrs. Stayners Class - Most participation



Mrs. Jensen - Most funds raised



Mrs Bjornestade - 2nd place in both categories.



Thank you Chick-fil-a for the yummy reward, and the fun visit from the cow!



Thank you for

the great year!

For more information about what is happening with the PTA please go to our [Facebook page](#).

School Community Council (SCC)-

We have completed LAND Trust Grant for next year.
Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.

-Greg Rawlinson