



Spring 2014

March 2014

From the Principal's Office

Dear Northridge parents and community,

I am writing to let you know of some changes that will occur at Northridge in the near future. The school board has announced that Mr. Eric Woodhouse will be coming to Northridge next year to be your principal. He will also be taking over the school on April 1, 2014 because of some changes to my assignment. Mr. Woodhouse is a wonderful man. He has much experience in our district and I am confident you will love having him as your principal.

I am so grateful for the support of so many people, both patrons and community members. Northridge is an amazing school with a great staff, parents and children. Our afterschool programs of Chorus, Orchestra, Ballroom and Art are above and beyond any in the State of Utah. The commitment and involvement of the parents is amazing and I applauded you for being involved in the education of your children.

Thank you for supporting Northridge at our school fundraisers especially last year as we all worked together to remodel our school library. It is beautiful, thank you for your support.

I appreciate those on the PTA and School Community Council who have worked so hard to make the school even better here at Northridge.

I will miss the daily association I have had with each of you. I will especially miss the dear children that attend school here. I love them with all my heart. I pray, heaven's greatest blessing upon each one of them.

With appreciation,

Colleen Philipp

Calendar Items

- March 17-28 Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- March 21 Classic Roller Skating 5-9:00
- April 1 PTA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- April 3 Ballroom Concert
- April 7-11 Spring Break



Greetings from Alpine School District



Dear Northridge Elementary Community,

It is a pleasure to share a message with you in the school's newsletter. My name is David Stephenson and I

serve as an elementary school supervisor for Alpine School District. I am fortunate to work with all of the schools in the south area of the district, including Northridge Elementary.

As you are likely aware, Mrs. Philipp has been assigned to a new administrative position at another school and Mr. Eric Woodhouse has been selected to serve as the new principal. Watch for more information about Mr. Woodhouse in a future newsletter article.

I wanted to take a moment to express appreciation to Mrs. Philipp for the wonderful job she has done to build on the great programs for student achievement at Northridge. I actually worked closely with Mrs. Philipp before her years at Northridge and am happy to consider her not only a colleague, but also a friend. I know of her deep love for children and the passion she has for their success, especially literacy development. In fact, she can often be found in the school reading one-to-one with kids, helping out and visiting with children in the lunchroom, and welcoming students to school each morning by calling them by name.

Changes are made yearly throughout the district. There are many considerations to determine the needs of communities and students and these changes that are made. I am happy to know that, like your students, other students in the district will have the opportunity to benefit from Mrs. Philipp's skills and love of learning. I ask and encourage the Northridge community to join me in a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Philipp.

I look forward to continue working with the faculty, staff, parents, and students as we unite everyone in the school community as we continue the school's focus on student achievement. Northridge is known throughout

the district and state for your achievement and many specialized programs and afterschool experiences. I am happy that these will continue as they help develop the "whole" child learning experience.

Thank you Mrs. Philipp for your dedication to the Northridge community!

Sincerely,

David Stephenson
Alpine School District Elementary Supervisor

PTA President's Message



Can you feel the Spring in the air? I love having warmer days and more sunshine. This month we will have our Spring Classic Skate activity (Mar 21 5-9p). I hope we can all join together and have some fun. Early next month we will have a Northridge Ballroom Concert and Orchestra Concert.

Congratulations to our Ballroom Team, who will go on to Nationals after winning gold, and those of you who participated in Storytelling. Thank you for your help and participation at Northridge and efforts with the PTA.

Libby Lewis

Box Tops



Thank you for all the Box Tops you turned in for our contests in January and February! We've made about \$680.00 just since November. All those little Box Tops really add up! Keep clipping them and we'll have another contest or two before the end of the school year.

School Community Council Elections Coming Up



School Community Council is a group of elected parents and teachers as

well as the principal that meet together once a month to come up with a yearly plan to address the greatest academic needs of the children at Northridge. The areas of focus are Professional Development, Math, Reading, Language, and Science. At the end of each school year we hold elections to fill vacated positions. When one is elected, they serve a two year term, attend meetings the second Tuesday of every month for about 1½ hours, and bring ideas and concerns to each meeting. It is that time of year where we need to start thinking about holding our election. We will have four positions up for election this year. If you are interested in putting your name on the ballot, please contact Mrs. Philipp at the school or Teri Allred. All contact information for anyone serving on the SCC in on the school website at <http://.northridge.alpineschools.org/> If you would like to read more about what the SCC does, you can go to this website and read all about it <http://www.schoolandtrust.org/>. We would like to have your name submitted by March 31. Thanks.

Teri Allred, SCC Chair



Teacher Appreciation News

The PTA is excited to announce that Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 5-9, 2014! More information will be sent home in April. We are in need of 10 more volunteers to help

decorate doors on May 2. If you are interested, please contact Linda Chadburn at lchadburn@alpinedistrict.org. If you have any gently used larger-sized Duplo or Mega Blocks that you would be willing to donate, please contact Linda Chadburn as well.

r.a.d. KIDS Needs Volunteers



r.a.d. KIDS is a great program that we teach to the 2nd and 4th grade students every year. It teaches them about safety and how to stay out of danger and what to do if they find themselves in a dangerous situation. We are in need of 1-2 more instructors for the upcoming year(s). If you find yourself in a position that you could do this, we would like to know ASAP. You will need to be trained as a certified instructor, which costs over \$400. The PTA will pay for this, however we would need a commitment of at least 2-3 years in order to feel like it was money well spent. The approximate time that you would need to put into this each year would be about 3 hours a day, every day, for the first 5 weeks of school plus some meetings/assignments ahead of time to prepare for the upcoming classes. If we are able to train 2 more instructors, we would be able to divide the daily instruction up among each of the instructors, so that it wouldn't be too time consuming on any one person. If you are interested, please email Teri Allred at lurvacoogs@comcast.net.

Reflections Winners at the Region Level



Derek Fox received an Award of Excellence in Visual Arts (advance to the state level)

Alyssa Jessee, Allana Young, Hailey Barlow, Seoyoon Min, and Claire Gomez received Awards of Merit (Honorable Mention)

Storytelling Festival Success!



Our Storytelling Festival was so great this year! We had a great turn out and are so proud of all the participants. Our lower grade finalists were Sophia

Bao, Mason Grow, Allana Young, Elle Bullock and Marcus Chadburn. Our upper grade finalists were Emarie Thomas, Paige Light, Natalie Green, Elle Livingston, and Camilla Hein. Our winners were Marcus Chadburn for the lower grades and Camilla Hein for the upper grades. Everyone did a great job! We would like to thank all our judges. At the grade level Susan Morgan, Polly Weenig, Amy Tuttle, Amy Poole, Ryan Bott, and Lorien Anderton. At the final assembly judges were Marilyn Davis, Carol Kingston and our own Aurie Petrie. And a big thanks to our emcee, Mark Pulham who was so great to bring his puppets along too! Be thinking of your stories for next year!

The Storytelling Committee
 Noel Thomas
 Linda Chadburn
 Trisha Maxwell
 Sarah Warren

New Faces at Northridge

This year Northridge welcomed three new teachers to the school. See if you can recognize them from their brief biographies shared below:



Mrs. Farr



Mrs. O'Neill



Mrs. Fulwider

A. This teacher is from California. She loves dogs and has two black ones. She enjoys playing card games and board games. She has traveled to Norway. Her favorite authors are Sarah Eden, Tracy Hunter Abramson, and Julianne Donaldson.

B. This teacher is from three different states, California, Washington, and Colorado. Her favorite travel experience was a Mexican cruise. Her favorite author is Jane O'Conner, who wrote the Fancy Nancy Books. She enjoys decorating her home and outdoor activities. Her husband also works in Alpine School District.

C. This teacher grew up in Pleasant Grove. She loves the outdoors, including gardening, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. She also enjoys playing Wii and Candy Crush. In terms of travel, she has been to the Dominican Republic and dreams of going to Liechtenstein. Her motto is STEP UP, which means to always do your best and then push yourself a little further.

Family Skate Night

Northridge Ele. at Classic Fun Center
 Friday, March 21st
 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Skate Rental - \$2
 Blades - \$3 and up
 Scooters - \$3

You may bring your own skates, blades, or scooters

\$3 Dinner Deal
 Nachos + drink
 Pizza + drink
 or
 Hot dog, chips + drink

Purchase at front window

Rollin' fun for the whole family!

CLASSIC FUN CENTER

See you there!

FREE Admission for you and your whole family!

Bouncing and Space Station Climbing Activities
 Enjoy both activities for \$3 per person

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A. Mrs. Fulwider
 B. Mrs. Farr
 C. Mrs. O'Neill

Answers: