



# Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

## October 2008

### Principal's Message:

The Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Summary Report for the 2007-08 School Year was recently published, and we are excited to inform you that Rocky Mountain Elementary has made AYP. Each school is reviewed in relation to student scores on the Utah Criterion Referenced Tests given in the spring of every year to all students grades 2-6. Our school met the requirement established by No Child Left Behind Legislation in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics in both the "whole school" category as well as our subgroups. We are thrilled at what this data shows us as a school and what it celebrates for our teachers and most importantly our students.

#### AYP Accountability System Report Results:

**Did School Make AYP: YES**

|                                    |                               |                               |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Lang Arts Goal*<br/>2007-08</b> | <b>Rocky Mtn.<br/>2007-08</b> | <b>Math Goal*<br/>2007-08</b> | <b>Rocky Mtn.<br/>2007-08</b> |
| 77%                                | 84%                           | 71%                           | 80%                           |

(\*Goals established by NCLB Legislation -2008-09/2009-10 will increase to 83% Lang Arts and 78% Math)

#### **Additional Information:**

Mathematics scores took a significant jump in both School Level Performance and Subgroup Level Performance

| Population                 | Gain from 2007 |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Whole School               | 7%             |
| Hispanic                   | 7%             |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 23%            |
| Limited English Proficient | 15%            |
| Students with Disabilities | 3%             |

The U-PASS Accountability System School Report has also been released. This is a report that focuses on progress of the school. It takes a look at individual students and tracks the movement they experienced during the year based on the Criterion Referenced Tests. It shows us if our students scoring 4 stayed at 4, and helps us identify students who experienced positive movement from 3 to 4 or 2 to 3 and so forth so we can look to replicate that success with other students. It also points out students who experienced movement the other direction allowing us to support them to achieve at higher levels. The data helps us identify the needs of our school and individual students on both ends of the spectrum to ensure that everyone experiences a year's growth and informs our work to ensure that no child is left behind or kept behind in learning and achieving at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

#### U-PASS Accountability System Report Results:

**Whole School Progress: 208**  
**Subgroup Progress: 201**  
**State Level of Performance: YES \***

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### October 2008 Calendar:

- **PTA Board Meeting (Room 007)**  
Wed, Oct 01, 2008 - 10:00 AM | For all board members.
- **Meet the Candidates Night (Oak Canyon Jr. High School Auditorium)**  
Wed, Oct 01, 2008 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Please come and meet Rep. Stephen Sandstrom and Steven Baugh... [Read More >>](#)
- **Book Fair (Media Center)**  
Tue, Oct 07, 2008 to Thu, Oct 09, 2008
- **International Walk To School Day**  
Wed, Oct 08, 2008 | Walk to School Day is a one-day event that occurs around the... [Read More >>](#)
- **SEP Conferences**  
Wed, Oct 08, 2008 to Thu, Oct 09, 2008
- **Red Ribbon Week**  
Mon, Oct 13, 2008 to Wed, Oct 15, 2008 | Ask Me! See Me! Be Me! I'm Drug Free! Mark your cale... [Read More >>](#)
- **NO SCHOOL**  
Thu, Oct 16, 2008 to Fri, Oct 17, 2008 | UEA / Fall Break
- **NO SCHOOL**  
Mon, Oct 20, 2008 | Professional Development Day
- **PTA Day at the Utah Legislature**  
Tue, Oct 21, 2008
- **SIPA Board Meeting (Room 007)**  
Wed, Oct 22, 2008 - 10:00 AM
- **Fall Pictures Retakes**  
Thu, Oct 30, 2008
- **Reflections Entries Due**  
Fri, Oct 31, 2008
- **General Membership PTA Meeting**  
Fri, Oct 31, 2008 - 9:30 AM to 9:40 AM
- **Halloween Party and Parade**  
Fri, Oct 31, 2008 - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM | Parade 9:30 AM Media Center

Visit the school website at <http://RockyMountainElementary.org> for the full Oct 2008 calendar

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## Principal's Message (cont'd):

*(In order to achieve the State Level of Performance a school must have 95% participation, and either proficiency [80%] or progress [190] in the whole school and the subgroup.)*

| Content Area  | Progress Score |
|---------------|----------------|
| Language Arts | 207            |
| Math          | 219            |
| Science       | 192            |

(Scores should be above 190 for a school to be considered "making progress")

Our teachers, staff and students work hard to maximize every minute of each school day. It is a pleasure to work with each of them. It is the dedicated and committed teaching and learning that is reflected in the data. We will continue to evaluate and assess progress throughout the year and reaffirm to you our commitment to continuous improvement and high academic achievement for all students at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Respectfully,  
David Turner  
Principal

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## Spanish Immersion

We are off to a great start in Spanish Immersion!! Thank you to our great teachers and all their hard work and preparation to make this a great school year. Thank you to all the parents who made it to Back-To-School night and the SI Parents Meeting that followed. We'd also like to give a huge THANKS to all involved with the carnival booth. We had a great time and your efforts were sincerely appreciated!!



We still have need for parent volunteers and if you think you might be able to help, we can use you for whatever availability you can offer!! Contact us at [rmsipa@gmail.com](mailto:rmsipa@gmail.com), and we will find opportunities for you!! We are continuing our program for business partners to assist in a variety of ways. For more information on the benefits of being a Spanish Immersion Business Partner, contact Kim Rasband at [rmsipa@gmail.com](mailto:rmsipa@gmail.com) or 701-0135.

We have a new board and are excited to serve the students, parents and teachers involved in this great program!! Please check the Spanish Immersion page on the school's website for all contact information and continue to check back for upcoming announcements and events!!

Heather Fry  
Spanish Immersion Commission Chair

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## Sub for Santa Book Drive



Our school will be collecting new books for the Sub For Santa program. We will collect books November 24 to December 12. We have set a school wide goal of 500 books. We are asking each child to donate 1 new book.

Any new children's book will be accepted. Early childhood readers will be donated to the United Way's "Success by 6" program. All other books will go to the Sub For Santa program.

Please have your student bring their book to the library and place in the boxes under the Christmas tree. This a great opportunity for our children to help spread the love of reading to disadvantaged children in our area.

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## PTA President's Message:

Rocky Mountain Parents are the best! A heartfelt "Thank you!" goes out to each of you who support our school. I want to especially thank those who brought their children to our school carnival. The carnival was a HUGE success, mostly because of the families who came and ate, played, and donated. A special thanks goes to our carnival committee who spent literally hundreds of hours preparing for this fun event. Because of the funds raised that evening, we will be able to support our much needed and beneficial programs and activities for Rocky Mountain students.

Coming up in October we will be presenting Red Ribbon Week, encouraging all children to remain drug free! Look for notices to come home in Wednesday's folders. Our friendship campaign continues as students are asked to sign a pledge to be a good-doer, a friend to all, and much more.

Thank you again for your support and contributions made in behalf of our school!

Andrea Motto  
PTA President 2008-2009

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## It's not too late to join the Rocky Mountain Orchestra or Choir!

The Orchestra meets Mondays from 1:30-2:30 pm on the stage for AM kids and 2:30-3:30 pm in room 109 for PM kids. If you want to learn violin, cello, or flute and are in 1st-6th grade, come check it out!! Any questions? Call Dorcas Woodward 785-9824 or Lisa Chudleigh 796-7244.



The Choir meets Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm in room 101. Kids in 3rd-6th grades are all welcome! Any questions? Call Allison Mitton 796-8722.

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## Meet the Candidates Night

Please come and meet Rep. Stephen Sandstrom and Steven Baugh who are running for Utah House of Representatives District 58.

It will be held at Oak Canyon Jr. High School in the auditorium on Oct. 1st from 7 - 8 pm.

Come with questions and find out where they stand on the issues that are important to you. For more info, please contact your PTA Legislative VP at your children's school.

