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# Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

## May 2009

### Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for another great year! It is wonderful to work with each one of your kids. They are the best part about our jobs and the whole reason we come to work. Thank you for sharing them with us.

There's always so much to do in the last month of school. Please watch for fliers and pay attention to information on the website to be in attendance at all the great celebrations and fun scheduled through the very last day. But, even before that, please pay close attention to your student's testing dates. The data collected from the end of year tests formulates our UPASS scores as a school on a state level as well as AYP status federally. Please make sure your student is in attendance and at their very best for every testing session.

I hope you enjoy your summer months. It's a great time to be together as families and enjoy a little more freedom to schedules and deadlines. School will begin again on August 20th, so play hard and we look forward to seeing each of you again in the fall. A full calendar for the 2009-2010 academic year can be viewed on the Alpine School District website. Also, watch for communication throughout the summer regarding important dates and information.

It takes so many to have a successful year at school. Thank you for your involvement and support of your child's education. You are a critical part of everything we do and it's a pleasure doing business with you.

Your comments and questions are always welcome. I will be available throughout the summer. The best way to contact me is by e-mail. Appointments can be scheduled as needed. If you need information regarding anything about school, please e-mail me at [dturner@alpine.k12.ut.us](mailto:dturner@alpine.k12.ut.us), and I'll get in touch with you just as quickly as I can. Thanks again for all you do! We have a winning combination at Rocky Mountain—from teachers to parents and the community, it just doesn't get any better.

Respectfully,  
David Turner  
Rocky Mountain Elementary School Principal

### May 2009 Calendar:

- **State Core Testing**  
Mon, May 04, 2009 to Wed, May 13, 2009
- **PTA Board Meeting** (Room 007)  
Wed, May 06, 2009
- **National Day of Prayer**  
Thu, May 07, 2009
- **SIPA Board Meeting** (Room 007)  
Wed, May 7, 2009 - 10:45 am
- **Internet Safety Seminar** (Media Center)  
Thu, May 07, 2009 - 7:00 pm  
See ad on second page for more info.
- **1st Grade Train Fieldtrip**  
Fri, May 08, 2009 - 9:15 am to 12:00 pm  
<http://www.stringtown.us>
- **Last Day to Check out Library Books**  
Fri, May 8, 2009
- **Kindergarten Train Fieldtrip**  
Fri, May 15, 2009 - 9:15 am to 12:00 pm  
<http://www.stringtown.us>
- **All Library Books Due**  
Fri, May 15, 2009
- **3rd Trimester Ends**  
Thu, May 21, 2009
- **Awards Assembly**  
Fri, May 22, 2009
- **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day  
Mon, May 25, 2009
- **Dance Festival**  
Wed, May 27, 2009
- **Field Day**  
Thu, May 28, 2009
- **Last Day of School**  
Fri, May 29, 2009  
Track A - 8:00 am to 9:30 am  
Track B - 8:45 am to 10:15 am

Visit the Rocky Mountain Website at  
<http://RockyMountainElementary.org>  
to view the full 2008 / 2009 Calendar

## PTA President's Message

Wow. The year is over. And what a great year it has been!



The Rocky Mountain PTA has had a wonderful and successful year beginning with our annual fundraising carnival. Our 2008-2009 PTA General Board has worked very hard dedicating over 1000 hours of volunteer time in various ways. Many of the volunteers came to Rocky Mountain on a weekly basis to exchange and read books, make posters, organize activities, supervise the playground, teach dances, lead and teach music and orchestra, teach safety and good health habits, teach cultural arts, educate, praise, encourage, mentor, and love. Without these valuable volunteers, our school would fail to be excellent. Gratefully, Rocky Mountain has incredible teachers, aides, custodians, secretaries, and administrators who have supported and helped our PTA efforts. Thank you Mr. Turner and Mrs. Bellitti!

I am sad to see this year end, but I happily anticipate another incredible year in 2009-2010. Thank you parents for your amazing support!!!

In gratitude,  
Andrea Motto  
Rocky Mountain Elementary PTA President

## Rocky Mountain Library Information

May 8 - Last day for students to check out books from the library.  
May 15 - All library books due.

If your child has lost or damaged a book beyond repair, please send a check for the price of the book so that we can replace it. All fees need to be paid to get your child's end-of-year report card. Make checks out to Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Summer Library will be held on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am beginning June 2nd. Please bring your student in to check out library books this summer and encourage continued summer reading!

## Rocky Mountain is a Gold Medal School!

This was Rocky Mountain's first year in the state-wide Gold Medal Schools Program. The mission of Gold Medal Schools is: "**Creating Opportunities for students to eat healthy, be active, and stay tobacco-free.**"

This year Rocky Mountain earned the bronze medal, which means they started walking the 'Gold Medal Mile,' created more opportunities for students to be physically active, and strengthened their existing tobacco-free school policy. For doing this, they earned \$200 to be used for physical activity, nutrition, or tobacco free resources, as well as a plaque and the Bronze medal to be displayed at the school!

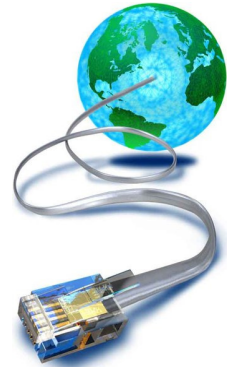
For more information about Gold Medal Schools, visit our website at <http://www.hearhighway.org/gms>.



## Internet Safety Seminar

Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00pm in the Rocky Mountain Elementary Media Center

The goal of this parent educational meeting is to teach parents of all technical skill levels the best methods to keep kids safe on the net. This is especially important during the summer as kids spend more unsupervised time on the computer.



Every participant will take home a FREE CD with FREE software and literature, giving you the tools and knowledge you need to immediately implement these ideas in your home.

**Every parent should be at this meeting, even if you feel you have a good filter and think your kids are safe. Your kids deserve your attendance at this important meeting!**

## Field Day Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers for Field Day on May 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The 6th graders will run the events, and parent volunteers will help when needed. To volunteer, please e-mail Stephanie Burton at [pampered\\_steph@msn.com](mailto:pampered_steph@msn.com).

## Friends for Sight

Friends for Sight, a nonprofit organization set up to detect vision problems, is coming to Utah Valley. We need people who recognize the importance of children's vision concerns, are willing to be trained in vision screening, and will volunteer at least 25 hours a year. Volunteers will be trained in vision screening to recognize Amblyopia, lazy eye blindness which affects one in four children and is correctable up to age seven, and other vision problems.

Vision screening is done on the preschool level to identify problems as soon as possible. Our goal is to begin screening in Fall 2009.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Terri Smith at 801-226-3157 or [tap.smith@hotmail.com](mailto:tap.smith@hotmail.com), or the United Way at 801-377-6600. For information on Friends for Sight, visit <http://www.for-sight.com>.