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# Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

## September 2009

### Principal's Message:



Welcome back!! We hope your summer was full of all the things you enjoy most. It's been wonderful to see each of your kids again and catch up on what's been going on with them. We are so excited to be back at what we love so much, teaching and being with your kids!

We welcome to our staff this year some amazing educators. They will compliment the amazing staff we already have at Rocky Mountain.

Emily Holden	Small Group Classroom Teacher
Cheryl Brock	2nd Grade
Tierney Lichfield	3rd Grade
Dan Gann	5th

This year we are thrilled about continuing solid instruction and unique extra-curricular experiences such as our tried and true orchestra, choir, ballroom, and Mad Science while adding a Spanish Class as a before/after school program that has already been snatched up by 120+ students. We are also very excited about the LEAD time forum where we will meet weekly with students to teach leadership skills to our kids after a model created by educators working in conjunction with Stephen Covey. Look forward to your child sharing with you the Seven Habits and watch for your student to transform into the leader that is placed within him or her.

Also to strengthen your child's experience, we are still surrounded by a supportive and hardworking PTA. We sincerely appreciate their efforts to bring so much life and energy to promote programs that matter most to kids. Your efforts as a parent are noticed and appreciated. Thank you for all you do.

I personally welcome each one of you back to school. It is an honor working with your children. I invite you to come to the school, sit down with us for a while, and share with us on this journey. Rocky Mountain—inspiring and empowering all students to lead successful lives; thank you for all you do to help us accomplish those goals.

Sincerely,  
David Turner  
Rocky Mountain Elementary School Principal

### September 2009 Calendar:

- **Back To School Night**  
Thu, Aug 27, 2009 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Come meet the teachers to receive crucial information about the school year.
- **Friendship Week**  
Wed, Sep 02, 2009 to Fri, Sep 04, 2009  
Students will discuss friendship and how to stamp out bullying. Each student will have an opportunity to sign a friendship pledge.
- **Room Parents' Tea**  
Thu, Sep 03, 2009 - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day  
Mon, Sep 07, 2009
- **Lindon City Emergency Drill**  
Tue, Sep 11, 2009  
Rocky Mountain will be participating in the Lindon City Emergency Drill. Please see the ad on page 2 for more information.
- **School Pictures**  
Tue, Sep 15, 2009
- **PTA Carnival**  
Thu, Sep 17, 2009 - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
See the ad on page 2 for more information.
- **Box Tops Store**  
Fri, Sep 25, 2009 at lunchtime
- **Safety Week**  
Mon, Sep 28, 2009 to Fri, Oct 02, 2009  
Students will learn about bicycle and pedestrian safety, abuse prevention, and other safety related topics.
- **Vision Screenings**  
Tue, Sep 29, 2009 - 9:15 AM  
For Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades.
- **Walk To School Day**  
Wed, Sep 30, 2009  
Children, parents, and teachers walk to school together to promote being active and making streets more pedestrian friendly.

Visit the Rocky Mountain Website at  
<http://RockyMountainElementary.org>  
to view the full 2009 / 2010 Calendar

## PTA President's Message



This year in PTA, we are really excited, and you should be too. We have a great team and are planning great programs for the year. We need and want your help and involvement.

Our "Candy Land" Carnival is already being planned for September 17th. Please plan to attend and donate your time, items, and services for the Silent Auction. This is always the highlight of the year and is the sole fundraiser for all PTA activities.

So many more programs are being planned--safety week, cultural art events and assemblies, Reflections ("Beauty Is..." theme), orchestra, Spanish support, playground parents, Box Tops stores, home readers, family week, health education, and so much more.

The theme at Rocky Mountain this year is "LEAD." As a PTA, we want to encourage our children to be leaders in the classroom, at recess, and at home. We as parents have a great opportunity to show examples of leadership through our involvement in their lives. Start this year and get involved in school.

Rocky Mountain has an incredible reputation of supportive parents. Thank you for all you do for our kids. Let's make it a great year together. We look forward to working with all of you and your kids. Please feel free to call Carol Theurer, the PTA President, at 801-796-5928 with any suggestions, ideas, or concerns, or to volunteer to get involved.

Sincerely,  
Carol Theurer  
Rocky Mountain Elementary PTA President

## Sweet!!! It's Carnival Time!

Candyland, our school PTA Carnival, will be on Thursday, Sept. 17th. Take your picture with Queen Frostine, look out for Lord Licorice, and avoid getting wet in the Chocolate swamp. Candy cannons will blow and candy art will abound on Gum Drop Mountain, so plan to be there with your entire family for a sweet time from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Look for ways to be a part of Candyland by signing up to volunteer in a booth or bringing a cake.



We are also looking for silent auction donations. Contact Margie Holt -at 801-796-0675, Jen Watson at 801-796-9329, or Ashlynn Robb at 801-229-1716 to volunteer or donate.

Thanks for supporting us! We look forward to fabulous PTA programs this year!

## Personal Emergency Kits

Every child will be given a gallon-sized plastic bag to serve as a personal emergency kit. The bags will be used in the event of a school lock-down or emergency. Please fill it with appropriate items and return it as soon as possible to your child's teacher.



Your child's bag should include the following items:

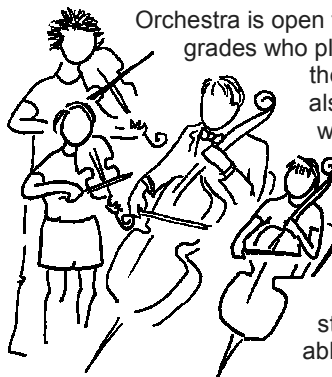
- snacks, food, and candy
- water
- note from parents
- small toys, games, and/or stuffed animal
- your child's name on the bag

We need 70 backpacks, about 3 or 4 backpacks per classroom to store (and transport if needed) these emergency kits. If you have a new or used backpack you can donate, please leave it in the plastic tote in the main office. Any extra backpacks donated will be given to the Lindon City Policemen's wives charity for foster children.

Please return the filled emergency kits and donate your used backpacks by September 10th so that they can be used during the Lindon City Emergency Drill on September 11th.

Unused emergency kits will be returned at the end of the school year. Thank you for helping keep our Rocky Mountain kids safe.

## Orchestra and Choir



Orchestra is open to students 1st through 6th grades who play or want to learn to play the violin, cello, or viola. We also would love flute players who are in 4th through 6th grades (or younger than 4th grade if you have played before).

Students are responsible for bringing their own instruments. Rentals are available at area music stores.

Orchestra starts on Monday, September 14, and will be held on Mondays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm or from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. You are welcome to attend whichever session works for you. The fee this year is \$30 per student. If money is an issue, please call us and we'll work it out.

If you have any questions, please call Dorcas Woodward at 801-785-9824 or Lisa Chudleigh at 801-796-7244. We are in need of parent volunteers as well, especially if you play violin, cello, viola, or flute. If you're interested, please call us!

Choir will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm beginning on September 10. Watch for more details about our great choir!