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# Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

## March 2010

### Principal's Message:



Dear Parents,

We are at break-neck speed it seems as we approach March at school. There is so much going on for good every day. We sincerely appreciate the support you give as you send your children off every morning, and we hope that there's always a good report at the end of the day when you welcome them back home. Thank you for sharing your kids.

Our teachers were recently involved in a Professional Development Day in February where presentations were made to showcase the collaborative work conducted at every grade level to answer four essential questions:

1. What do we want kids to know?
2. How do we know if they know it?
3. What do we do if they don't get it?
4. What do we do if they already know it?

Mrs. Bellitti and I, along with four other parents (Michelle McGill, Amy Miner, Kelly Porter, and Carol Theurer) watched in amazement as progress was shared about where your kids are achieving. Our teachers are sound and savvy about what kids need to know and be able to do and how to help them get there. There is a strong feeling of shared ownership as a grade level team of teachers tackles the task to ensure a year's growth for every student. Time and energy spent by our teachers is unparalleled and it shows in your kids' performance. Every grade level operates from a curriculum map and they focus their collaborative efforts to fine tune instruction to meet the needs of all students. Grade level teams carve out time to meet in Reteach and Extend periods where students receive the instruction they need whether it be more time to master a concept, more practice to solidify concepts, or an extension of learning to really explore and apply a concept to a new situation and circumstance. This helps to maximize a child's learning experience so no one is left behind or kept behind. Data runs the collaborative effort and breeds rich conversation around best practices and true cause for celebration as we see the progress of our kids. The teachers' excitement and enthusiasm is contagious. What a great school!

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### March 2010 Calendar:

- **PTA Board Meeting** (Room 007)  
Wed, Mar 03, 2010 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
- **5th Grade Maturation Program**  
Thu, Mar 04, 2010 - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
For all 5th grade boys and girls and parents.
- **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher Non-Contract Day  
Fri, Mar 05, 2010
- **First Grade Production** (Gymnasium)  
Thu, Mar 11, 2010 - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Community Council Meeting** (Media Cntr)  
Fri, Mar 12, 2010 - 11:30 am to 12:15 pm
- **Family Skate Night** (Classic Skating)  
Fri, Mar 12, 2010 - 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
See ad on Page 2 for more details.
- **Elementary School Orchestra Annual Spring Fling** (Northridge Elementary)  
Thu, Mar 25, 2010 - 9:30 am to 11:00 am  
See ad on Page 2 for more details.
- **Box Tops Store**  
Fri, Mar 26, 2010

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

### Box Tops Store

The Box Tops Store will be open during lunch on Friday, March 26th. Bring all your box tops to school and trade them for toys, games, and treats.



Parents, please help us in submitting box tops by cutting out the box tops along the dotted lines. Box tops that are not cut along the dotted line have to be re-cut before they can be submitted.

## PTA President's Message



I keep waiting for things to slow down on our PTA calendar. It is a tribute to our parents and school to report that they haven't yet slowed down and don't appear to be slowing down anytime in the near future. So many exciting things are happening. We have just finished our annual Caring Campaign and it was a great success. More than

25 blankets, and handmade barrettes were made, over 100 "Eye Spy" bottles were assembled and more than 50 Easter kits were assembled for children in local hospitals. It was so fun to see the kids come together and get so excited about doing something for someone else. Many books were also donated in memory and honor of Mrs. Stahle. If you are still interested in donating any books, please bring them to the office.

March is a full month with our 5th grade Maturation program, Family Skate Night on March 12th, a fun BYU theatrical performance, and our Orchestra's Spring Fling. We are so thankful for the support we get from parents and faculty. It continues to be a great year.

Many have heard that Mr. Turner has accepted a position within the district to be Principal in a new school in Eagle Mountain. Mr. Turner will finish out the year at Rocky Mountain, but will not return next year. He will be greatly missed. I am continually amazed at his unwavering support for our students. Every decision he has made in his four years at Rocky Mountain has been for their benefit. He knows them each by name and cares for each of them individually. Our academic scores are greatly improved, teacher collaboration is incredible and our students are better leaders and friends than they were four years ago. He has made many difficult decisions with continued budget cuts and we have benefited from his foresight. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you, Mr. Turner. We wish you the best of luck. Rocky Mountain is a better school and will continue to be a better school because of your leadership.

Sincerely,  
Carol Theurer  
Rocky Mountain Elementary PTA President

## Principal's Message: (Continued from Page 1)

Your interest in and support of our school is so important to us. Thank you for all you do. Please know we want to hear from you any time you have questions or comments. We love being a part of Rocky Mountain!

Sincerely,  
David Turner  
Rocky Mountain Elementary School Principal

## Rocky Mountain Orchestra

Our Rocky Mountain Orchestra will be participating in the Elementary School Orchestra Annual Spring Fling, which will be held on Thursday March 25 at 9:30 am at Northridge Elementary school.



Parents of all Rocky Mountain Orchestra members will be responsible to get their children to Northridge Elementary School by 9:00 am on that day and to bring them back to school at 11:00 am. More info will be forthcoming. It's a fantastic and fun event to be involved in!

Questions? Please call Dorcas Woodward at 801-785-9824 or Lisa Chudleigh at 801-796-7244.

## Family Skate Night

Family Skate Night will be on:  
**Friday, March 12th, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm**

**ADMISSION IS FREE** for all Rocky Mountain Elementary students and their families.



Skate rental is \$1.00. Roller Blades and Scooter rental is \$3.00. You can bring your own skates, blades, and scooters. The snack bar will be open. The dinner meal is only \$2.00, and it includes a hot dog, nachos, or a pizza slice and a drink.

**Bring the whole family for a fun night of skating, eating, prizes, and family fun!**

**Location:**  
Classic Skating & Fun Center  
250 South State Street  
Orem, UT 84057  
801-224-4197