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Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:



There is a new face at Rocky Mountain Elementary this year. Michelle Stephenson, was recently appointed as the new principal for our school, beginning in the fall.

Michelle is a Utah native, growing up in Nephi. An avid horsewoman, Michelle participated in High School Rodeo. She was also the FFA Sweet Heart, and the First Attendant to the Rodeo Queen two years in a row.

At Southern Utah University, Michelle completed both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees. Her career began teaching Second Grade in Mona, where she first met David Turner who had come to observe her Model Classroom for The Utah State Literacy Project.

Michelle's husband, David Stephenson, has been the principal at Alpine Elementary for the past eight years. He will be opening the new elementary school in Traverse Mountain next year. Michelle and David have two children, grades three and seven.

A classroom teacher for ten years, Michelle has taught in Kindergarten, First, Second, and Fourth grades. Most recently, she was the Instructional Coach Coordinator for the district. In this capacity, she visited many schools and helped numerous teachers over the past five years.

Having observed her husband in his role as a principal, becoming one herself was a natural step for Michelle. It will allow her to continue mentoring teachers and making a difference in the lives of kids.

Some of Michelle's favorite things include: reading, the color maroon, and chicken salads at Café Rio. She also enjoys camping with her family in Yuba, Lagoon, and Cherry Hill. Basically, she enjoys places where she can relax and still be "plugged in".

As Mr. Turner moves on to different adventures, we're sad to see him go. We are excited to welcome Michelle Stephenson and look forward to all the great things that will continue to happen at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

April 2010 Calendar:

- **Your Healthy Smile Event** (UVU David O'McKay Center) - Sat, Apr 03, 2010
- **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break
Mon, Apr 05 to Fri, Apr 09, 2010
- **PTA Board Meeting** (Room 007)
Wed, Apr 14, 2010 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
- **Community Council Meeting** (Media Center)
Fri, Apr 16, 2010 - 11:30 am to 12:15 pm
- **Cultural Arts Week - Latin America**
Mon, Apr 19, 2010 to Fri, Apr 23, 2010
See the ad on Page 2 for more information
- **Spring Orchestra / Choir Concert** (Gymnasium)
Tue, Apr 20, 2010
See the ad on Page 2 for more information
- **Spring Orchestra / Choir Concert for School**
Fri, Apr 23, 2010
See the ad on Page 2 for more information
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
Mon, Apr 26, 2010 to Fri, Apr 30, 2010
See the ad below for more information

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

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week will be April 26-30th. We are excited for the opportunity to spend some extra time recognizing the wonderful teachers and staff we have at Rocky Mountain. There are many elements that factor into a successful learning environment, and we believe the teachers and staff who work so diligently on behalf of the students are one of the most important elements!



Watch for announcements on how the students will be able to participate in this extra fun week!

PTA President's Message



We are fast approaching the end of a great school year. I am constantly amazed by the parents in this community and by how much they are involved in their children's educational experience. We just had our 6th grade dance, which was a

huge success. Our family skate night was one of the highest attended ever at Rocky Mountain. So many parents spend so much time in the classroom and behind the scenes. Thank you, you are making a huge difference in our children's education.

We welcome our new principal for next year, Mrs. Stephenson. She comes to Rocky Mountain with an impressive background in education and training and a sincere willingness to create the best educational experience for our children. Please plan on attending the "Meet the New Principal Night" on Tuesday, April 13th from 6-7 p.m. At this meeting we will also be discussing district wide budget cuts and how that will affect Rocky Mountain next year. I believe next year will provide an opportunity for an increased determination to support our school, our teachers and our students. We as parents will need to step up our involvement. Our students will need to step up their response and diligence in learning. Teachers and administration need to step up their commitment and creativeness in working with more limited funds. Please come and gain information and ask questions and give input on ways to benefit our students.

April brings great events at Rocky Mountain. Of course, our long awaited and needed Spring Break. May you find warmth and fun with your families. April 19-23 is our Latin American Cultural Arts Week. Our Spanish students will help throughout the week teach and share insight to the Latin American Culture. April 26-30 is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a greatly anticipated week in which we can thank our amazing teachers and staff for all they do for our children. Look for more information on how you can get involved and help out.

Happy Spring. I am so grateful for the opportunity I have to work with such great teachers, parents, administration and students. We have a great Rocky Mountain Family.

Sincerely,
Carol Theurer
Rocky Mountain Elementary PTA President

Rocky Mountain Orchestra

Our Rocky Mountain Orchestra will be performing on April 20th at 6:00 pm for family and friends and on Friday, April 23rd for the school. Both performances will be in the Rocky Mountain Elementary gymnasium.



The kids should be at the school by 5:30 pm for the April 20th concert. The choir will be wearing their choir t-shirts and jeans for the performances.

We will have a combined orchestra and choir practice on Monday, April 19th at 2:30 pm for all our kids (no regular orchestra at 1:30 pm that day).

The choir will have a party on Monday, April 26th at the regular choir time. The orchestra will be having a party on Monday, April 26th at 2:30 pm for the whole orchestra.

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

Cultural Arts Week - Latin America



HOLA, Amigos! The theme for this year's Cultural Arts Week will be Latin America, and we will be spotlighting Central and South America.

There will be lunch time activities, a dance assembly, and cultural presentations during specialties. We look forward to learning more about our world!

Fitness Fridays

Now that the weather is warming up, we are forming a walking and running club for Fitness



Fridays. We'll use the track behind the playground for walking and running during lunch recess.

We'll have prizes for participation and provide conversation starters for kids who want to strengthen friendships as they strengthen their bodies.