



## Message From the Principal

December

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Season's Greetings from Rocky Mountain Elementary! This is a wonderful time of the year to watch the children participate in various activities from singing, creating gifts, and helping each other in such a kind and loving manner. At this time of year, I consider one of the greatest gifts in our lives is the ability to gain an education. Learning never ends as long as we strive to gain new knowledge and skills. As I stand outside and greet students each morning, I couldn't help but think about how lucky we are to have a neighborhood public school right here in the center of Lindon, Utah.

I recently read an article entitled, *Why We Still Need Public Schools*. It gave a history of public education from the beginning of our great nation. As I pondered the main themes associated with why we need public schools today, I considered how we are at the forefront of our own legacy, and as we use these themes to guide our purposes, we will help children reach success in all aspects of their lives.

1. To provide universal access to free education.
2. To guarantee equal opportunities for all children.
3. To unify a diverse population.
4. To prepare people for citizenship in our society.
5. To prepare people to become economically self-sufficient.

As I have witnessed parents, teachers, and students work together, I believe that this is the wish for all students at our school. I believe in each child at Rocky Mountain Elementary. The emotional and academic growth of each student is notable and inspiring. Thank you for sharing your children with us and letting us witness the change that occurs day by day with them!

Happy Holidays to all!

Michelle Stephenson

Rocky Mountain Elementary

## Upcoming December Events

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Orchestra Concert 12:35 PM

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> School Community Council 2:30-3:30 PM

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Sixth Grade Santa's Workshop

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to the Nutcracker

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Sing 9:30 am

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Students return back to school

## Fun Things Happening at Rocky Mountain Elementary School



On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> a limo pulled up to Rocky Mountain Elementary School and took the top 10 sellers and their friends on an adventure. These students went on a trip to Fat Cats Bowling and then enjoyed some yummy yogurt. Our school made \$2700.00 on the cookie dough fundraiser. We were able to put this money towards technology in the classroom.

Every Friday is Spirit Day at Rocky Mountain Elementary School! If you wear your shirt you get to have your name in a drawing. Shirts are for sale in the office for \$7.00. This would be a great Christmas gift!



Thank you Wallaby's. Once a month Wallaby's Restaurant donates food for our sixth grade Dream Team. This is the ending activity for their work on the Dream Team.

When you dine at Wallaby's please tell them thanks for their support of Rocky Mountain Elementary School.



Mrs. Aase's class is showing off their new smart board. Mrs. Aase and Mrs. McFarland wrote a one-page paper about how they would use a Smart Board to enhance their curriculum. We had six teachers apply for the Smart Boards. Congratulations Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Aase.

These two Smart board and mounted projectors were paid for with fundraising and a donation from the PTA.

## GIVE A GIFT TO LINDON SCHOOLS THIS CHRISTMAS!



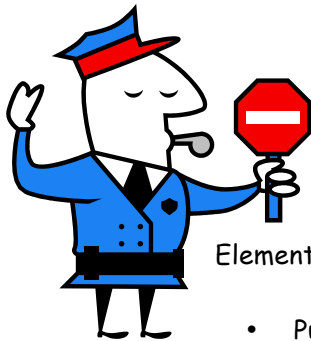
Recent events in the news, both locally and nationwide, have shown the need for EVERY school to have an onsite AED. (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR = A Heart restarting machine.) The 2011 Little Miss Lindon Royalty has chosen this issue as their community service project. PLEASE HELP THEM PUT AN AED IN EVERY SCHOOL IN LINDON. An AED onsite will give our children a better chance of surviving a sudden cardiac emergency. Uncorrected, these cardiac conditions rapidly lead to irreversible brain damage and death. After approximately 3-5 minutes, irreversible brain/tissue damage begins to occur. For every minute that a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated (by defibrillation), the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent per minute in the first minutes, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances beyond 3 minutes.

A suggested donation of **\$3 per child** would be appreciated, but donations in ANY amount are welcome! Checks can be made out to "LINDON CITY" with AED PROJECT written in the memo line. Look for the gift wrapped donation boxes at:

- LINDON ELEMENTARY
- TIMPANOGOS ACADEMY
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY
- MAESER PREPARATORY
- LINDON CITY BUILDING - (100 NORTH STATE)

Thank you for your help in keeping Lindon kids safe!

Love,  
The 2011 Little Miss Lindon Royalty  
Taryn, Dresden, Hannah, Maddie & Mariah



### Drop off and Pick Up Zone

This is a good time of year to refresh everyone on how our drop off and pick up zones are used to keep kids safe at Rocky Mountain Elementary School.

- Pull all the way forward when dropping and picking up students
- Do not leave your car parked in the drop off and pick up zone
- Pay attention and pull forward. Try to refrain from texting and calling while picking up students
- One side is for bus only and the other side is for vehicles
- There is one crosswalk on the bus side
- There is only one crosswalk on the vehicle side. This is a little confusing for parents. Students should go to the designated crosswalk. If your child darts between cars to get to you, please help us remind them about the cross walk.