



# The Bobcat Tale

Beacon Heights Elementary School PTA NEWS Issue #10 May/June 2015

## PTA President's Message:

It has been such a fun year at Beacon Heights! I appreciate the many hands that have helped with all our activities this year. We have such an amazing group of parents supporting this school. We are so lucky to have such wonderful teachers and staff as well. They do such a good job preparing our children for the world. We will miss all those parents and children graduating from Beacon Heights as well as the teachers that are retiring, good luck next year! Have a spectacular summer and get ready to make next year great.

Kristen Reynolds

## A Message from our Principal:

A Grateful Heart

To the Beacon Heights students, families, and staff:

Thank you, everyone for a wonderful year!! So many awesome opportunities have occurred for all of our students because of your strong support of our programs: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. As teachers, parents, and community partners have teamed to make each experience integrated into projects for students, we have been able to see the many strengths of every student, in all of the curriculum areas. We have had strong learning with all students. It is evidenced in events like science fair and art night where we are able to witness how these areas become one strong learning experience for each student.

On another note, I want to personally thank all of you for the immense support I have received personally through my health challenges this year. Every one of you kept me encouraged, smiling, and optimistic. I am so very grateful for your love and support, it has allowed me to heal and to reach this point of renewed health. I am finished with the major chemo, surgery, and radiation. I have only a maintenance chemo until August and am currently cancer cell free! I could not have done this without all of you. Thank you, so very, very much!!

With love,  
Rae Louie

## School Safety

As spring arrives, we are all dashing a bit quicker to try to get our kids to soccer, baseball, etc., and this sometimes makes us impatient at school pickup time. We would just like to remind everyone to use your best driver manners when arriving at Beacon. For the safety of all of our students, we need you to remember:

- Park at least 15 feet from the crosswalk
- Drive at 20 mph, and be watchful of children who are not using the crosswalk and dart across the street
- Remind your children to use the crosswalk to get to the other side of the street to enter your car
- Do not use handicapped areas to park, unless you have a handicapped pass, Beacon does have students and family members who need these spots

## UPCOMING Dates:

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** –

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Spring Music Program – Gym – 2:00pm

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** –

- PTA Meeting – 9:00am

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Spring Music Program – Hillside Middle School – 2:15pm

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** –

- Immunization Clinic for 6<sup>th</sup> Grader & Other Students

**Monday ~ Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 21<sup>st</sup>** –

Kindergarten State Assessments – *by appointment with teacher*

No classes for kindergarten students only.

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** –

- EARLY DISMISSAL – School Dismissed at 1:15pm

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – NO SCHOOL

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Returning Student Registration Due

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Final Girls on the Run

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Final After School Gold Lesson

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

– PTA Sponsored Spring Family Night – 5:00pm ~8pm

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## COMING Soon:

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**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** –

- SCC – Library – 7:45 am

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** –

- Fire Drill – 2:20 pm

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion – 6:30 pm

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** –

- Field Day – 1~ 3 pm

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** –

- Yearbook Signing – Playground/Field – 9:00 am~ 9:45 am

- Last Day of School – School Dismissed at 1:15 pm

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**Happy Birthdays**

to

**Ms. Callister, Ms. Dale,**

**Ms. Dinh, Mr. Russell,**

**Ms. Hill, Ms. Elaine,**

**&**

**Ms. Woodland!**

*Thank you for making learning fun!*

## **REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE**

### **RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

Re-Registration for students presently attending Beacon Heights and who will be returning for the 2015-2016 began on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will end on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Your student's re-registration information was mailed to you. Please re-register your returning students as soon as possible and return the form to school. Only students who have been re-registered will receive a class placement.

### **KINDERGARTEN SPRING STATE ASSESSMENT**

As a reminder, Kindergarten students have their State of Utah assessments the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>. *Kindergarteners only will not attend school Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.* You will sign-up for a Spring State Assessment time with your Kindergartener's teacher.

### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

Sixth Grade immunization clinic will be held on **Friday, May 15, at 9:00 am.**

### **STUDENTS WITH MISSING IMMUNIZATIONS**

The school nurse will also be administering immunizations to students who are missing any shots. If your child will be receiving an immunization on May 15<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a letter in the mail.

### **FIELD DAY**

Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm on the back field. Please send your child to school that day with a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen & a water bottle. Please label all items (including the water bottle) with your student's name.

### **OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SUMMER**

The school will be open to some extent throughout the summer. School closure dates will be posted on the front door of the school. The principal, Rae Louie, will be in and out of the office dependent upon workshop and meeting schedules. Office staff will be gone as of June 18<sup>th</sup> and will return on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you need to contact the school, please send an email to Mrs. Louie at [rae.louie@slcschools.org](mailto:rae.louie@slcschools.org). She will get back to you as soon as she can.

## **Beacon Heights School Community Council**

- Kirsten Corbett

What is the School Community Council (SCC)? How can I get involved? School Community Councils are made of the principal, teacher representatives, the PTA president and parents. It is an advisory council which parents represent various viewpoints and values in the community. They look at student achievement, student progress, school assessments and data, school improvement plans, how land trust money is spent, safety needs of students, etc. We are looking for parents to serve on the SCC. In September, 2015 we will have our first SCC meeting and have elections for new members. Our goal is to have parents that represent the different neighborhoods of our community. We are especially in need of parent representatives living at the University of Utah Village, north of 1700 South, and west of Beacon Heights. Meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:45 am in the library. The computer lab is available for students for free. If you are interested or have any questions please email Kirsten Corbett [dkcor976@hotmail.com](mailto:dkcor976@hotmail.com)

I want to thank the 2014-2015 SCC for all they have done this year! We had a successful bike rodeo during safety week, provided health and safety booths during SMASH Night, and held well attended monthly SCC meetings with great support and input. Thank you to the parents who serve: Cory Mulcock, Lacy Egbert, Kelly Himle, Lisa Brown, Anna Pearce, Jesse Houf, Collyn Kirry, Sue Wilson, Emily Mead, Robert Carboni, Jaimee Yang, Teresa Zundel, and Krsiten Reynolds. Also, thank you to the Beacon Heights faculty who help make things happen: Rae Louie, Tim Rausch, and Judi Marci.

## **END-OF-YEAR STUDENT ACCOUNTS UP-TO-DATE**

Parents, as a reminder, your fees for AM Computer Lab and missing library books should be paid in full before the last day of school. If fees are not brought current, yearbooks and report cards will not be given to your student. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A Message from the Art teacher, Ms.Pence,

Dear Beacon Family,

It is with extremely mixed emotions that I am saying goodbye. I have been fortunate enough to land a full time continuing contract as an art teacher at East High next year, an opportunity that is prized and rare. But the 5 years that I have spent at Beacon Heights have been some of the most rewarding and purely enjoyable of not only my career, but my life. The kids, the faculty, the staff, the administration and the parents have made me feel like an important part of what is certainly the best elementary school in Utah.

I hope to assist Rae and the faculty locate and transition a new visual art teacher to move into our beautiful facility. While I will be quite focused this summer preparing for my new responsibilities at East, know that I will be only a few miles away and plan to come back often to keep in touch, and hope that I will be kept apprised of the news of my family there.

Thank you for all the wonderful times and kind words,

Donna

**Spring Family Fun Night**  
**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm ~ 8pm**

Come celebrate a spectacular school year at spring family fun night put in by the PTA

Slice of pizza and a drink for \$1,

Free snow cones

Lots of fun activities for the family!

**ADVENTURE ACADEMY**  
**SPOTS STILL OPEN!!**

There are still spots open for Adventure Academy Classes!! These are after school classes offered by teachers and parents and all proceeds go towards our Art Night benefit that pays for most of the Art programs at our school. Please click on the Sign-Up Genius link below or visit the Adventure Academy board in the Rotunda at school, or e-mail [annawpearce@gmail.com](mailto:annawpearce@gmail.com) if interested in one of these classes. Checks can be made out to SLEF (Salt Lake Education Fund) and left with Maggie or Irene in the front office. Please consider one of these awesome classes! TO sign up click here: [Adventure Academy](#)

Congratulations to the classes that turned in the most Friends and Family donation envelopes!

1st place: Mrs. Dewey (1st grade)

2nd place: Miss Dinh (5th grade)

3rd place: Mrs. Bradley (Kindergarten)

Thank you to Lori at Wendy's on Foothill Dr. for donating lunch to Miss Dewey's class. Thank you to all the families who participated. Thank you for your support of the Celebration of the Arts.

We met our goal and earned \$15,553.

**Sci-X Schedule 2014-15**

\* Please remember that the start times listed below are when parents arrive for training. Classes arrive 15 minutes after the start time.

**May**

11: 5th Grade – Woodland (12:30-1:45) / Dinh (2:00–3:15)

12: 3rd Grade - Woodruff (12:30-1:45) / Tesseyman (2:00-3:15)

13: 3rd Grade – Lau (12:30-1:45)

TBD: K - Bradley am (8:45-9:45) / Powell pm (11:00-12:00) / Anderson (12:10-1:05)

26: 2nd Grade – Callister (8:45-10:00) / Jardine (10:30-11:45) / Walker (12:10-1:25)

27: 4th Grade – Giles (10:15-11:45) / Johnson (1:45-3:15)

**Beacon Heights End of School Field Day  
Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1pm ~3 pm.**

\* Teachers will need one parent to help run their station.

*Congratulation!!*



Last Saturday at the Leonardo Museum downtown, the PTA Reflections committee held an awards ceremony for all of the state winners. Lorelai won an Award of Merit in Visual Arts! The theme this year was: "The world would be a better place..." and Lorelai's watercolor mixed media painting was: "The world would be a better place... if we took better care of our earth."

All of the winners' art will be displayed in the SPARK! exhibit at the Leonardo through the summer. Attached is a photo of Lorelai next to her painting, with her award at the ceremony.

Thank you for supporting Reflections and facilitating such an excellent arts program at Beacon Heights!

Kelly Himle

**AM COMPUTER LAB FOR  
THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL  
YEAR**

We only have a few students consistently using our before school AM Computer Lab (7:30-8:45 am) and for the past few years it has not been cost efficient to run. Therefore, for the coming 2015-2016 school year, we will be discontinuing our AM Computer Lab.

We want to let you know now so if you were planning on using this next year, you can make other arrangements during the summer.

**“Do something you love and tell someone you love that you love them.” Dov Siporin**

On May 7, Beacon Heights Running Team ran in the 5K Run Walk for Dov. We all had fun and loved our time together. We want to tell Matan, Siena, and their mom, Tara, that we love you!

