



The Bobcat Tale

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PTA President's Message

"Thank you for helping us bloom" is our theme for this year's Teacher Appreciation Week. We are so appreciative of the time and energy our teachers and staff have put into giving our children a great education and safe learning environment. Please find a way for your child to show appreciation for their teacher and staff during this month.

As the year comes to a close, Liz and I want to express our appreciation to the many volunteers and our families who helped us this year with PTA. It has been an amazing journey and learning experience for us. We are also excited to welcome Tiffany Munns and Kirsten Corbett as our PTA Co-Presidents for next year. They will do a terrific job and we appreciate them volunteering.

Lastly, we want to invite you to Family Fun Night on May 20th. The PTA will provide bounce houses, obstacles courses, slides, and snow cones for your families to celebrate the ending of a great year!

Liz Conde & Julie Hall

UPCOMING Dates :

- Tuesday, May 3rd** –
 - SCC – Library - 7:45 am
 - 2nd Grade Spring Music Performance – Gym - 2:00 pm
- Thursday, May 5th** –
 - 3rd Grade Spring Music Performance – Gym – 2:00 pm
- Friday, May 6th** – Fire Drill – 12:50 pm
- Wednesday, May 11th** –
 - 5th & 6th Grade Spring Music Performance – Hillside – 1:15 pm
- Friday, May 13th** –
 - Immunization Clinic
- Monday ~Friday, May 16th ~ 20th** –
 - Kindergarten Spring Assessments (*by appt. only*). NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten students only.
- Tuesday, May 17th** –
 - 4th Grade Drama Performance – 1:00 pm
- Friday, May 20th** –
 - PTA Spring Family Night
- Tuesday, May 24th** –
 - 6th Grade Drama Performance – 2:00 pm
- Thursday, May 26th** –
 - 5th Grade Drama Performance – 10:30 am
 - Early Dismissal Day – School Dismisses at 1:15 pm
- Friday, May 27th** –
 - NO SCHOOL
- Monday, May 30th** –
 - NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

It is Spring in the Beacon Heights Garden!

Classes have been planting vegetables and the School Garden is looking for families to volunteer to watch over the garden during the summer. It would require one week of your time. It would just involve light watering, weeding and harvesting. Any crops that are ready for harvesting during the summer would be yours for the taking. If you are interested, please contact Corrie Perkins at spicycoco@gmail.com or Jennie McCullough at jenniemccoullough@hotmail.com.

Thanks for helping to keep our garden growing!

COMING Soon :

- Wednesday, June 1st** –
 - Fire Drill - 2:20 pm
 - 6th Grade Promotion – 6:00 pm
- Thursday, June 2nd** –
 - Field Day – 1~ 3 pm
- Friday, June 3rd** –
 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
 - 6th Grade Clap Out – 1:00 pm

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

May 20th 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Join us to celebrate the end of a great school year with bounce houses, obstacle courses, and slides on the Beacon Heights' field. Bring a picnic dinner to eat on the plaza.

The PTA will provide drinks and snow cones.

The Emergency Preparedness Tip

Choose an emergency contact person outside your area because it may be easier to call long distance than locally after a local/regional disaster. Take a minute now to call or e-mail an out-of-town friend or family member to ask him or her to be your family's designated contact in the event of an emergency. Be sure to share the contact's phone number with everyone in the family. During an emergency, you can call your contact who can share with other family members where you are, how you are doing, and how to get in contact with you.

Happy Birthday to

Amber Callister (2nd Grade), Allison Dale (Music), Tina Dinh (5th Grade), Audrey Hill (Music), Allison Hammons(K), Stevie Woodland (5th Grade) & Russell Felt.



Thank you for making learning fun!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

All students who will be returning to Beacon Heights for the 2016-2017 school year need to be re-registered. The school district has mailed your student's re-registration materials to your home. Please note that re-registration for all students who will be returning to Beacon Heights needs to be completed by Friday, May 20th. If you have any questions, please call the office.

6TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Sixth Grade students who have turned in permission forms will be receiving their 7th grade immunizations (second **Varicella** (chickenpox), a **Tdap Booster** and a **Meningococcal** immunization from the district nurse on **Friday, May 13, 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 13th, you have been sent a letter in the mail.

KINDERGARTEN SPRING STATE ASSESSMENT

As a reminder, the week of May 16th-20th is set aside for Kindergarten State Assessments. On these days, Kindergarteners DO NOT attend school but will come in to be assessed by appointment only. If you do not know your scheduled assessment time, please contact your child's Kindergarten teacher.

LIBRARY FEES AND ACCOUNTS UP TO DATE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE REPORT CARD AND YEARBOOK

As a reminder, student fees for (1) missing library books, (2) breakfast and (3) lunch must 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.

CAMP INVENTION - June 13-16 (M-TH), 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Innovation, creative problem-solving and teamwork are important to us at Camp Invention. Innovators will be brainstorming ideas and building original prototypes, exploring the lives of animals in their environment, constructing a DIY solar-powered cricket, and discovering the science of slime, demolition, sound, and coding. If you have more than one child participating you get a discount of \$50.00. Take a look at Camp Invention in action at youtube.com/campinvention. Learn more by visiting www.campinvention.org or calling [800-968-4332](tel:800-968-4332).

Director: Rae Louie - rae.louie@slcschools.org

Instructors: Judi Marcy (Assistant Director), Stephanie Woodland, Allison Hammons, & Deana Anderson

Camp Parent: Hoyt Pace

AFTER CARE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

After care registration for the 2016-2017 school year opens on July 5, 2016. Please see attached flyer for further information.

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 15th and will return on Tuesday, August 2nd. If no one is in the office, please call [801-481-4814, ext. 206](tel:801-481-4814), to leave a message, and the principal will return the call as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can email her at rae.louie@slcschools.org.

Sci-X May Schedule

Reminder: Parent training begins at your class's start time. Your class will arrive 15 mins later (20 min for 6th grade).

5/4th : 4th Grade - Giles (12:30 pm); Hammon (1:55 pm);

5/5th : 6th Grade - Foster/Mortensen (1:55 pm)

5/9th : 5th Grade - Dinh (12:30 pm); Woodland (1:55 pm);

5/10th : 1st Grade - Dewey (1:55 pm);

5/11th : 3rd Grade - Woodruff (12:30 pm); Ms.Lau (2:15 pm-3:15 pm);

5/12th : 1st Grade - Anderson (1:55 pm)

5/17th : 1st Grade - Gianelo (12:45 pm parents; 1~1:50 pm students);

5/18th : 2nd Grade - Callister (12:30 pm); Wolfe (1:55 pm)

5/19th : 2nd Grade - Jardine (12:30 pm)

5/23rd : CBTU - E1 (1:55 pm)

5/24th : CBTU - E2 (*1:00 pm~2:00 pm); E3 (1:55 pm)

5/25th : 3rd Grade - Johnson (12:30 pm);

4th Grade - Johnson (1:55 pm)

The Gerhardt family - Laurenz, Severin, Jacob, Edna and Marcus

Almost three years ago now, in the summer of 2013, the whole family moved from Cologne in Germany to Salt Lake City. The twins, Severin and Jacob (first graders in Ms. Gianelo's class) and their younger brother Laurenz were all born in Germany. We came to Utah because our dad is working for a company in Research Park. When we arrived, the boys did not speak a single word of English. But it only took them two months or so to learn it. At home we try to speak German so that we can still talk to grandparents and cousins when they come and visit or when we go home in the summers.



We have great German Advent and Christmas traditions with lots of great cookies and food. The Advent Calendar is a German invention and our Christmas tree is a real tree with real candles on it. Most of our neighbors probably think we are crazy and

have the fire extinguisher ready. In October we celebrate a big Oktoberfest in the park with all of our friends and neighbors. We make and grill sausages and eat pretzels, sauerkraut and potato salad. We dress up in Lederhosen. We love Oktoberfest! In Germany, you hardly ever take the car to go anywhere. You walk, cycle, take the bus, or tram. When you go shopping, you shop at the bakers, the butchers and the veggie shop or in small supermarkets.

Getting used to the big, big supermarkets here has been hard – taking the car everywhere is actually a lot more comfortable – even though it may not be so good for the environment. We miss German bread, real pretzels and German sausage and beer. When we visit our granddad in the South of Germany we will eat fresh pretzels for breakfast every morning. We have to admit though, that it wasn't so hard to become used to great burgers, tacos or pancakes and bacon for Sunday breakfast – and we love a cookout in the canyons in the summer!

We really enjoy the great outdoors in the American West and we try to go camping whenever possible. So far we have been to the Uintahs, Yellowstone National Park, Zions, Moab (a couple of times), Goblin Valley, and from here to San Diego and back. Compared to Germany, Utah is always warm, sunny and dry. It's fun to explore the national parks and to go camping in the wild. In the picture you can see us all on our last trip to Moab in January. Even though we have seen quite a lot of Utah and also some of California now, we are still amazed by the incredible open space in this country. No matter where you go in Europe, you would never find such open space and blue sky. Everyone here in Salt Lake has been very welcoming. We miss home, but we also love Utah. A few more years and it will be hard to say where we will feel more at home – here or in Europe – if only the gap between the two countries wasn't so big. Imagine, we could even go on a field trip to Germany ...

BOX TOPS!

Remember to cut box tops over the summer and turn them in at the beginning of school.



Parents:
All unclaimed items in the **Lost and Found** will be donated on the last day of school. Please remind your students to check for missing items before then.



Make this summer extraordinary!
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CAMP INVENTION REGISTRATION INFO: Price: \$250 (per person)
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Jan 25 - Feb 28, 2016 (week 10: Jan 27 - Feb 1)

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Remember, you can't purchase online and we cannot accept paper check for our Camp Invention. Here's how you can get your registration fee for your child:


- 1. Pre-registered online
- 2. Pre-registered in person
- 3. Pre-registered via phone
- 4. Pre-registered via mail
- 5. Pre-registered via fax
- 6. Pre-registered via email
- 7. Pre-registered via text
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- 9. Pre-registered via mobile app
- 10. Pre-registered via website



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