



# The Bobcat Tale

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## Principal's Corner:



### Friendly Reminder

Parents and Community Members,

We are having some traffic adjustment needs that I know you will help us take care of immediately. For the safety of all of our children, please park your car in the parking lot, rather than park along any areas that are red on the curb. If you are in the circle at the front of the school, it is 3 minute parking and you should not leave your car. This area needs to remain clear for emergency vehicles. We suggest **parking your car** as an alternative.

We appreciate everyone **not double parking** on 2500 East, this has made it so much safer for students. Thanks to sixth grade safety patrol each day and their teachers who are out there supervising. Please make sure that if you are parking on the east side of 2500 East, you tell your children to **use the crosswalk to cross the street and not cross between parked cars**. Drivers do not expect pedestrians to walk out from the cars. Thank you so much for your immediate attention to our cute kids!

R. Louie

## PTA President's Message

Did you know that our student body comes from 18 different countries and speaks 24 different languages? What a great environment for our students! The flags and languages of our students' countries will be displayed on the PTA bulletin board during November. Also, each month we will highlight one of our families from another country in the newsletter, starting with the Pinas family from Argentina (see below). Liz and I are so grateful to be a part of such a great school community and love the wonderfully balanced education our children receive at Beacon Heights. We are also grateful to all the parent volunteers that have helped us with so many things, such as the school directory, the book cart, faculty meals, box tops, room ma's, and many more. Thank you also to our talented and hard working faculty.

Wishing you a happy November and Thanksgiving!

Liz Conde & Julie Hall

## 2015 Reflection

Calling all artists, poets, dancers, musicians! It's time for Reflections again! This year's theme is "**Let Your Imagination Fly!**" Entries will be due **Tuesday, November 3** at the beginning of the school day. Categories include: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts (2D and 3D). For complete rules and instructions, see [www.utahpta.org/reflections](http://www.utahpta.org/reflections). Watch for more information at school in the coming weeks! Start creating!

## UPCOMING Dates:

- Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** – Daylight Savings ends (turn clock back 1 hour)
- Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** –
  - SCC Meeting – Library - 7:45 am
  - Reflections entries due – 8:45am
  - Election Day
- Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Fundraiser order due (no orders will be accepted after this date)
- Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** –
  - PTA meeting – 9:00 am
  - Lockdown drill – 11:05 am
- Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Re-take Picture Day
- Mon. ~ Fri., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 20<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fair - Library
- Tuesday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** – NO Chess Club today
- Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Book & Breakfast – Gym & Cafeteria – 7:45am
- Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** – End of trimester (63 Days)
- Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** –
  - Regular day of school – Dismiss at 3:15 pm
  - NO Chess Club today
- Wednesday ~ Friday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 27<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Recess

## COMING Soon:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** – SCC Meeting – Library – 7:45 am
- Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** –
  - **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades** Winter Music Performance – Gym – 2:00 pm
  - Last Mad Science class
- Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** – Report cards sent home
- Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Dibels Testing – All school
- Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Grades** Combined Music and Dance Performance – Gym – 2:00 pm
  - **Mrs. Woodruff 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** Dance Performance – Gym – 2:00 pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** –
  - PTA meeting – 9:00 am
  - **Ms. Anderson's & Mrs. Bradley's** Kindergarten Combined Music and Dance Performance – Gym – 10:00 am
  - **Mrs. Davies** Music Performance – Gym – 10 am
  - **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades** Winter Music Performance – Hillside Middle School – 1:30 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Fundraiser non-perishables items delivered
- Friday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fundraiser perishable items delivered

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## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

### WITHDRAWING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

If you will be withdrawing your student from school due to a move, change of school, etc., please be sure to let your child's teacher and the office know.

### LEAVE ME HOME

As a reminder – SLCSO is not responsible for lost or stolen personal belongings brought to school. The following items, if brought to school by students, will be confiscated and returned only to the parents upon request. Some items may occasionally be brought for show-and-tell or classroom activities. The following should not be brought to school:

- **Sports equipment** such as hard balls or bats, basketballs, footballs, etc.
- **Musical equipment** such as radios, recorders, cassette players, tapes, CDs, CD players, iPods, other mp3 players, etc.
- **Electronics** such as cell phones, iPhones, cameras, electronic games, Game Boys, pagers, etc.
- **Toys** such as trading cards, board games, card games, stuffed animals, Legos, Hot Wheels cars, toy weapons, etc.
- **Pets - Animal Control will have to be called** if pets follow students to school and remain at the school.
- **Grooming** such as makeup, perfume, nail polish, hairspray, etc.
- **Weapons** such as knives, firearms, matches, guns, darts, bullets, arrows, caps, firecrackers, stars, etc.
- **Food** such as gum, candy, snacks (unless required for health purposes), bottled soda pop, etc.
- **Money** except for lunch money or book orders
- **Inappropriate reading material.**
- **Wheels** such as bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller blades, roller skates, and tennis shoes with roller skate insoles can be used to and from school. Once on school property, these items must be put away.

### SCHOOL VISITORS

All visitors to the school, including parents, must stop by the office to sign in and pick up a "Beacon Heights Visitor" sticker.

## *Sci-X* November Schedule

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

**11/2<sup>nd</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - \* Labs will focus on science fair preparation

**11/3<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Anderson (8:45-10:00); Dewey (10:30-11:40);  
Gianelo (12:45-2:00)

**11/4<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Foster/Mortensen (1:40-3:15pm)  
(include 20 min parent training)

**11/5<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Marcy (1:40-3:15pm)  
(include 20 min parent training)

**11/9<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - \* Labs will focus on science fair preparation

**11/10<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Woodruff (12:30-1:45pm);  
Lau (2:00-3:15pm); Johnson (TBD)

**11/13<sup>th</sup>: K** - Bradley (8:45-9:45am); Davies (10:45-11:40am);  
Anderson (12:00-1:00pm)

**11/18: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Giles (10:15-11:45); Hammons (1:45-3:15);  
Johnson (TBD)

**11/23<sup>rd</sup> : 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Callister (8:45-10:00am);  
Wolfe (10:30-11:45am);Jardine (12:10-1:25pm)

## **Book Fair 11/16~ 11/20**

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 16-20th in the Library. The Book Fair raises money for books and technology in the Library and Mr. Tim has built a great place for learning! The Fair will be open Monday-Friday from 8:15 am-3:45 pm, closing at 1:45 pm on Friday. Come in any time during the day. Books and Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th**, starting at 8:15 am. Come with your child before school to get a free light breakfast and peruse the books!

We will need some volunteer help during the week of the fair. A \$5 Scholastic credit will be given to all volunteers who give 2 or more hours to the fair! If you would like to help set up, take down, or man the cash register, look for the sign-up link in the school's Monday e-mail or contact Anna Pearce at [annawpearce@gmail.com](mailto:annawpearce@gmail.com).

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## Smash Night

SMASH Night was a wonderful experience to those who went. At SMASH Night, we had a pumpkin smashing thanks to the fire department, and pumpkin selling thanks to Mrs. Foster/ Mrs. Mortensen's class. Also we had a delicious dinner brought to us by Wallabys. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, kids had many activities to enjoy. Thanks to everyone's support we were able to meet our funding goals for Sci-X!

We were able to watch pumpkins get smashed from a high height. The screams filled the air as we watched the pumpkins dropped from the ladder.

Kids of all ages were then able to pick up the scrapes from the pumpkins and take them home as a memory of the day. Furthermore, thanks to Mrs. Foster/ Mrs. Mortensen's class for picking pumpkins and cleaning them for SMASH Night. They were able to sell all the pumpkins! If you decided to come to the dinner provided by Wallabys, their BBQ was delicious along with their mashed potatoes. Children had lots of fun at each center. We had wagons for kids to play on and drag friends on, we had fun drinks thanks to Liz Conde, and we had activities thanks to booths set up by parents and faculty. Children had fun guessing how many were in a jar, playing games with Coach Aaron, and getting hats and souvenirs from the Fire Department! Thank you to all those people who volunteered! After counting how much money the kids raised during Marching for Microbes, we were able to reach our goal of \$14,000! Thank you to all the kids and adults that helped contributed to the Sci-X program at our school and we hope to keep it going for a long time. Once again, Beacon Heights would like to thank you for helping to make this years SMASH Night unforgettable! Beacon Heights was thankful to have so many wonderful people at hand willing to contribute to help make this SMASH Night the best ever!



By Anna Lee

## Piñas Family Story



Our family is composed of mom, dad and three beautiful children (Francisco, Joaquin and Emma), who attend Beacon Heights. Our kids were born in Argentina. Argentina shows a very active social life and family is a mainstay of our society. One of the most common Sunday activities is to spend the day with family and friends, preparing monumental meals, specifically our traditional asado (grilled beef), and drinking our famous mate, an infusion of *yerba mate* that is hot and bitter. Every national holiday, we enjoy typical foods such as *empanadas*, *locro* (a sort of yummy bean and pork stew) and *humita* (a sweet corn-rich soup) while beautiful parades of *chinas* and *gauchos* are carried out in the big cities.

We celebrate the Carnival with a lot of people wearing garish costumes who dance in parades with music, where fake snow and water sprays are used to play between the participants.

Mom and dad are scientists. Dad was offered to join a lab at the U of U four years ago and since then we have been living in Salt Lake City. Moving to a different country was exciting and a whole new adventure for us, but at the same time very challenging, like speaking a different language and getting used to different food. Even though our societies are not very different, we had to learn that kisses and hugs are not used to say hello as we do in Argentina and also that dinner time here is around 5 pm when in Argentina it is around 9 pm. It took us around one year to get used to Salt Lake City but then, we started to feel that this city was home and now we are totally in love with it. People are welcoming, kind, and friendly; strangers say hello; streets are very wide; sidewalks are clean; lots of parks to play and great libraries to enjoy!

**ODYSSEY  
OF THE MIND**



**We are still recruiting students to create division teams.**

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving program that consists of teams of 7 based on grade and age. We are still looking to recruit students from Beacon Heights.

We are also still looking for parent coaches that are willing to volunteer about an hour a week to coach teams. Coaches training will be at Beacon Heights on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 2:00.

Please contact Judi Marcy at [judi.marcy@slcschools.org](mailto:judi.marcy@slcschools.org) or 801-481-4814 ext. 108.

**Happy Birthday to**

**Ms. Deana Anderson**

**Ms. Rebecca Gifford**

**Ms. Kris Lancaster**

Thank you for making  
learning fun!



Happy Birthday!!!