

Eagle Feathers

PTA Newsletter for Aspen Elementary School
(www.aspen.alpineschools.org) March 2016

PTA President's Corner

Happy March, Aspen Eagles! February was a great month at our school! We had a wonderful Chinese New Year celebration featuring the talents of our own Chinese immersion students, yummy food donated by Panda Express (thanks, Panda!), and a fantastic performance by the Lehi High School Chinese Club. If you missed it, ask someone to tell you about the dragon dance, which had all the kids spellbound! During the evening, the PTA presented Mr. Davies with a monetary gift to purchase Chinese books for our immersion classrooms. We're excited to create libraries for our immersion students to accelerate their learning! All in all, it was a wonderful night. A huge thanks to Tiffani Morse for spearheading this fun event. If you have students in the immersion program, get ready to jump on the party-planning bandwagon, as next year's Chinese celebrations will be hosted by our immersion classes and families, themselves!

We also had the chance to honor some outstanding PTA volunteers at the Alpine School Board's meeting held at Aspen last month. Ashley Boice, Jen Walker, and Christine Finlayson were presented to the board as stellar examples of the talent, commitment, and heart of our entire PTA board. These ladies are three of the 27 PTA board members who collectively run 22 different programs that help our kids read, run, socialize, serve, learn, and celebrate all year long. We couldn't be more proud of what they do!

Looking ahead, we're so excited about our **Literacy Night**, happening on **Wednesday, March 2 at 5:30 sharp!** It's an event you won't want to miss, so bring the whole family and enjoy a "**Storytelling Lab**" presented by professional storyteller, playwright, and Timpanogos Storytelling Conference Program Director, Wendy Gourley. Growing up with a chemist father, Wendy had a real science lab in her garage, where crystals were grown in volcano-like furnaces. Using stories and interactive science experiments, she'll show us how to grow stories using the same process! We'll also be doing a book swap, so bring a few books you're finished with and take a few new ones home. Can't wait to see you all there!

Lastly, we're already making plans for next year! If you'd like to be involved in PTA in ways big or small, please let us know! We'd love to find the perfect job for you...We can promise it'll be one of the best investments you make in your children. Thanks for all you do to make Aspen great!

-Tanya Wilkinson (twilky5@yahoo.com) and Kari Woolf (kariwoolf@yahoo.com)



Principal's Corner

Wow! It's March already!

Hopefully the sun decides to shine more and more each day!

It's a great day and a great month to be an Aspen Eagle. Hey...it's been a great year to be an Aspen Eagle!

We had so many wonderful opportunities this last month!

- Parent Conferences
- Science Fair
- Chinese New Year
- Alpine District Board meeting – with recognitions
- Storytelling festival
- Donut dates – every month
- 4-H parent showcase

It's amazing how many things go on at a school during the month! And then...we have awesome things going on in the classrooms all day/every day!

We have some great things coming up as well!

- Literacy Night
- Battle of the Books
- World's Fair
- Spring pictures
- Spirit Week
- Various grade level field trips

We couldn't do it without your support! Thank you!

Mr. Davies – Principal – Aspen Elementary

Go Eagles!

Road to Success

Parents and students,
We are doing awesome in
our reading goal! 444,219
minutes have been recorded
so far, that's 89 % of our
goal!! Way to go everyone.
We drew out a lucky student
last month Carter Walker
from Miss Mortensens class
for one of the grad prize
drawings.

This next April we will be
drawing for another Walmart
vouchers at that morning
assembly and one more in
May. Each of these vouchers
is worth \$60 toward a bike, a
scooter, or an iPod shuffle!
AWESOME!!

Students K-3 that have read
and recorded 3000 minutes,
and the students 4-6 grade
that read 5000 minutes were
recognized for their individual
reading goal for the whole
year. Each received a
certificate and treat for
reaching that goal. We have
a list of names on the RTS
banner in the hall. We also
recognized Davi Cloward and
Isaac Johnson for recording
over **10,000** minutes already,
way to go . And many more
students are so close, so
keep up the great work.
We are lucky enough to have
the opportunity to participate
again in the Ken Garff Road
to Success Program. Ken
Garff and other sponsors
provide prizes for students
that meet their reading goals.
Help your child to read
EVERY DAY and he/she will
get extra tickets into these
drawings. We will also be
giving out monthly prizes to
encourage the students of
Aspen Elementary to read
every day. Remind your child
to read, and we hope to see
the number of minutes read
by students in our school go
up, up, up!

Thanks Jen and Christine



Road To Success



Storytelling winners...

-Lower grades -

1st - Elly Young

2nd - Gavin Jensen

3rd - Ladd Nelson

-Upper grades -

1st - Anaiah Whittle

2nd - Sam Wilson

3rd - Eli Frisbie

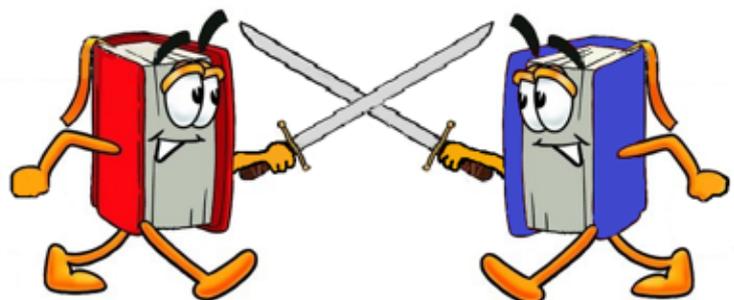
Battle of the Books is almost
here! We're looking forward to
some great battles on March
8 & 9 for the 3-4 grade teams,
and March 10 & 11 for the 5-6
grade teams. Your kids have
been reading up a storm, and
it will be great to see all their
hard work pay off!

PARENTS: In order to run the
battles we have planned we
need the help of MANY parent
volunteers. This is also a great
opportunity for grandparents,
aunts, uncles, anybody who
loves our kids, to be involved
in a small but fun way. Even if
you don't have kids involved in
the Battles, you're welcome to

join us. Please take a moment
now to click on the link, look at
the schedule, and see if there's
a time that you can help out on
any of the 4 days. Please send
the link to anybody else who
may be interested and
available. This program will only
succeed if we have enough
adults to staff the battles.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IQAtL2x_4Sxav2_SC4Yg2AcWbao6Ve0HBoMChycr4wE/edit?usp=sharing

Thanks for helping out. This is
going to be fun! Any questions
call or text Liz Ibarra at
[801-651-7951](tel:801-651-7951).



Our First Grade donut date will be on Tuesday, March 29th at 9:25 in the gym.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a Donut Date? A Donut Date is an informal gathering where a parent or other adult comes to the school to READ with the student on their special day. A donut will be available for both students and adults to partake of during the “date”.

Why do a Donut Date? This gives the parents or other adults the opportunity to come to the school and be involved in the child’s education. Plus, there are all of those wonderful yummy Donuts.

Who can come to the Donut Date? Any adult that has an interest in the education of their student may come to the Donut Date (ex. Father, Mother, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Neighbors or Special Friends). Each month a different grade will be invited to participate in the “Date”.

Where is the Donut date? Due to the potential messy combination of students and donuts, the Donut Date will be held in the lunchroom. Adults will go directly to the lunchroom where they will meet their students.



Running Club is starting up again. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, when the weather is nice, come and run at lunchtime. We have run a total of 654 miles so far. Let's add to that total!

1st Grade Chinese Immersion
Aspen Elementary

Now Accepting Applications
for 2016-2017



Applications are available in the front office:
Aspen Elementary
945 West 2000 North
Orem, Utah 84057
801-610-8100

or

<http://aspen.alpineschools.org/>
<http://alpineschools.org/dual-immersion>

Aspen Literacy night

When

Wednesday March 2nd
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Storytelling Lab and book swap!

Featuring
Wendy Gourley

We are so excited for this fun evening to relax
as a family and listen to great stories by
Wendy Gourley!

Also featuring · A used Book Swap!

Come bring some fun gently used books and trade
with other families that night after the show.

All Ages Event

Drawing! Come and put your
name in the jar as you come in for
some fun prizes !

Storyteller

Please arrive early! Bring blankets if
you want to sit on.

BOOK SWAP

We will have tables set out for k-3
grades and 4 grade and up to collect
books.

We will have the book swap after the
activity as you leave.

BOOKS!!

Bring gently used fun books to swap
with others and go home and enjoy a
new book!