



February 2015

## ADMINISTRATION

***“You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.”***

**~Aristotle**

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Dear Jaguars,

I don't know if this year has gone as fast for you as it has for me. Thanks to the students, teachers and parents for all of your hard work so far.

End-of-Level testing is just around the corner. We have several things in place at our school to encourage the students to do their best on these assessments. Here are some things students can do to maximize success on any test:

- ◆ Focus first on understanding the major concepts or methods of dealing with problems.
- ◆ Avoid negative self-statements, such as, “This is a disaster”, or “I am so stupid.”
- ◆ Get a good night's sleep the night before.
- ◆ Eat a moderate breakfast with no caffeine
- ◆ Relax
- ◆ If you notice the others rushing ahead, instead of saying “Oh no, they're ahead of me!”, say, “They'll pay for rushing too much.”
- ◆ Make sure you understand each question. Watch for tricky qualifying words: “only”, “most”, “not”, etc.
- ◆ On multiple choice questions, read all of the answer options first, then the question. Eliminate the obviously wrong alternatives. Then, if in doubt when choosing from the remaining alternatives, rely on your first impression and move on.
- ◆ On essay questions, first make a sketchy outline of your answer. Begin your answer with an overview or summary sentence.
- ◆ Re-check your answers for carelessness.

Keep up the Good Work,

Mr. C

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## Staff Spotlight

I teach 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies. This is my 43th year teaching. I taught one year for Sevier School District in Richfield, UT and the rest of the time I have taught in Washington County. I have taught at West Elementary, Bloomington Elementary, and Hurricane Intermediate. Prior to teaching I worked as a Sales Clerk in a music store and as a secretary at a law firm.

I have 4 children (Emily, Holly, Michael and Becca). I have 4 grandchildren (Anna, Carson, Henry and Sklyer). I enjoy baking, tole-painting, sewing and being with my family. My favorite color is pink and my favorite food is pumpkin pie and Almond Joy candy bars.

My favorite teacher growing up was Mrs. Braiser, my 4th grade teacher. She was super tall and not very pretty. One day while playing softball with the class, I accidentally threw my bat after hitting the ball. The bat went flying and hit Mrs. Braiser in the shin. It was horrible! She used to hit the side of her desk with a yardstick if the class got too loud. One day she hit the desk so hard that the yardstick broke and pieces went flying everywhere. She read the book *Where the Red Fern Grows* to the class and started to cry at the end. It was the first time I saw a teacher cry and it was then that I realized how powerful books could be.

I have always wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember. I constantly played school while growing up. For Christmas instead of asking for dolls and toys, I would ask for school stuff like a stapler, red pencils, teacher edition books to teach from. I would dress up in my moms "high-hill" shoes and fake glasses to pretend that I was a teacher. Kids in my neighborhood would run and hide from me because I always wanted them to be my students in my pretend classroom.

I grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah and moved to St. George, Utah when I was 18 years old. I love being a teacher and working with kids. I have been married to Gary Woolsey for 37 years. My favorite grade to teach (right now) is 6th grade, and Hurricane Intermediate is a wonderful school to teach at. I plan to teach as long as I can because I love it so much (and I need the insurance).



**Wendy Woolsey**

## LOST AND FOUND

Did you loose something? Check with the office we may have it.

## GROUND HOG DAY FUN FACTS

February 2, 2015 will be Punxsutawney Phil's 129th prognostication! Punxsutawney Phil has been making predictions for over 125 years and is the only true weather forecasting groundhog. He is correct 100% of the time, of course! He gets his longevity from drinking the "elixir of life," a secret recipe. Phil takes one sip every summer at the Groundhog Picnic and it magically gives him seven more years of life. On February 2, Phil comes out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob, in front of thousands of followers from all over the world, to predict the weather for the rest of winter.

According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring. Phil's forecasts are not made in advance by the Inner Circle. After Phil emerges from his burrow on February 2, he speaks to the Groundhog Club president in "Groundhogese" (a language only understood by the current president of the Inner Circle). His proclamation is then translated for the world.



The celebration of Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May..."

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the 1800s. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob was made on February 2, 1887. So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

## NEWS FROM THE LUNCH LADIES—Click Here for [February Menu](#)

If your student does not have the full amount for a meal, they will not be allowed to eat that day. This is district policy. THERE IS NO CHARGING FOR LUNCH.



The lunch payment amounts for February are: full pay \$45.60, reduced \$7.60. Breakfast: full pay \$19.00 reduced \$5.70. If you have questions on your account please call 635-8931 and ask for Pauline. She is available from 7:10 am to 12:45pm.

You will now have the option to pay for your student's lunch online at [www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com). We have also sent home a flyer with your student for you to have for a reference.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- February 10: Piano Concert 6pm
- February 13: 2nd Trimester Ends
- February 16: Presidents Day NO SCHOOL
- February 17: SUPAF Choir at Pineview High School
- February 19: SUPAF Band at Desert Hills High School
- February 25: SUPAF Orchestra at Snow Canyon High School

**FROM THE OFFICE****Our office hours are Monday–Friday 7:10am to 2:45pm**

Doors will be open for students at 7:10 am and closed at 2:45 pm. Please be aware that there should be **NO cell phone use** during school hours. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen during these hours. Also, please be aware that our school is a “GUM FREE ZONE”. No gum is allowed at school.

Parents, just a reminder that your PowerSchool I.D. and password and your student’s I.D. and password are on the schedule that they received at registration. If you have problems accessing your student’s grades online, please let us know.

Please remember to call the office at 635-8931 if your student will be absent. If you are checking your student out of school, **you will need to come in to the office** and sign them out. **You must have I.D. in order to check out a student.** We will not release students to anyone who is not on your contact list.

**Dixie Direct  
Books Still Available  
for purchase in the  
office.  
They are \$35**

**ATTENTION****7th GRADE IMMUNIZATIONS**

**The following immunizations are required for your child to attend HIS as a 7th grade student.**

⇒ **Tdap**

⇒ **2 Varicella (chickenpox)**

⇒ **Meningococcal**

**The immunizations may be done anytime from now until the next school year starts in August 2015.**

**Click here for more information**

**[Immunization Requirements](#)**

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our school receives  
\$10.**

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