

August 2017

Dear Parents or Guardians:

School staff and district administration want to welcome you and your family to a new school year in Washington County School District. As parents you play a key role in helping your child succeed in school. Your understanding and support of our efforts to help your child acquire the knowledge and skills for success are critical for both of us. Water Canyon Elementary is a Title I school. This means that our school receives special funding for additional programs. Title I is a federal program administered through the state of Utah that is designed to:

- Help students to achieve academic success in Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics
- Increase student performance in high poverty schools
- Assist English language learners to take on academic language (provided through Title III)
- Build teacher capacity through quality professional learning and
- Enhance parents' abilities to help their children succeed through quality parental involvement activities.

Title I schools involve parents in the development of a school improvement plan, the parent involvement policy, and our school/parent compact. Water Canyon Elementary Community Council serves as our parent advisory council; however, all parents are invited to give input and any parent is welcome to attend the regularly scheduled Community Council meetings posted on our website and listed in our school newsletters. As these documents are developed, copies will be shared with all parents.

As a Title I school, we offer the following services to children:

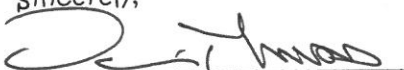
- Preschool for 4 year-olds
- Free and reduced cost Breakfast and Lunch
- Small group and individual tutoring
- Extended (or all day) kindergarten
- Access to technology
- Computer assisted remediation and acceleration of curriculum
- Before/After school tutoring and instruction

Throughout the school year you will be receiving information through flyers, emails and website posts that show how our students have done on annual testing compared to how they have done in the past and how they rank against other students in the district and in the state. You also have the right to request information about your child's teacher's professional qualifications and about our school's para-professionals. All teachers at our school have been certified as highly qualified and all our para-professionals have been certified by the state of Utah to work with elementary children. This information is available on our school web-site and by request in the school office.

During the first SEP conferences, scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, you will receive information about how your child(ren) scored on the end of level tests given last spring and receive a copy of our parent involvement policy, and our school-parent compact. You will also receive information about your child's pre-tests for this school year and how you can help your child at home. Each child will have an appointment time so that you and your child can meet with the teacher to discuss strengths, yearly progress, needs and goals specific to your child. Both day and evening appointments will be available to accommodate different family schedules.

If you have any questions about Title I, your child's teacher or any para-professionals working with your child, please contact me, the principal, by letter, phone or email. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) at Water Canyon Elementary.

Sincerely,

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