

### **School Community Council Goal:**

For the 2013-2014 school year ALL students at Forbes Elementary will demonstrate at least one year of growth, shown by receiving 45 or higher on their SGP (Student Growth Percentile) and through DRA scores.

### **Forbes PTA Sponsored Programs**

Patriot Reading
Spelling Bee
Red Ribbon and Safety Weeks
PTA Reflections Program
Birthday Table
Teacher and Staff Appreciation
Patriot Fridays



# FORBES VALUES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

At Forbes we have a great partnership with parents through the School Community Council and the PTA. Together we support programs that make Forbes a great place to learn.

### **School Community Council**

Chair/Parent: Debbie Larson Vice-Chair/Teacher: Cathy Michaels

#### School Members:

Sam Rencher Principal
Annette Krueger Teacher
Carol Navarrete Teacher

### Community Members:

DeLinda Abbott Parent
Stacie Carter Parent
Andrea Ferrell Parent
Gina Jackson Parent
Krissy Shields Parent

### Forbes PTA Executive Board

President
President-Elect
Treasurer
Secretary
Faculty Rep.
Administrative VP
Debbie Larson
Christy Johnson
Brittany Tuckett
Penni Glazier
Sam Rencher



Joseph Forbes dedicated 62 years of his life to education in American Fork. He is considered the father of education in American Fork. The original Forbes building stood north of the current Harrington school on the site of the city's current Public Safety Building.

# **Forbes Elementary School**

281 North 200 East, American Fork, UT 84003 forbes.alpineschools.org



STAKEHOLDERS REPORT 2013-2014

School Mission ~

"Learning for All Through Excellence in Teaching"

Forbes is listed among the top elementary schools in the State of Utah, and was recently listed at #13 in a news report highlighting the top 50 Utah Elementary Schools.

Our students continue to demonstrate their achievement with testing scores higher than state averages.

### **HOW DO WE SCORE?**

**UCAS Scores** 

Growth Score 271 out of 300

Achievement Score 253 out of 300

Total Score 524 out of 600

Utah Dept. of Education School Grading

Graded Score 473 out of 600

Grade Letter B 4th Ranked Elementary in Alpine District



Target Time is a school wide system of intervention designed to address student needs. This is one of the ways that we answer the third and fourth essential questions which are:

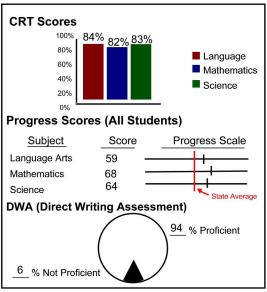
How do we respond when a student did not learn a specific concept?

What do we do with a student who already understands the concept being taught?

During Target Time, we address the third question by re-teaching the concept in a small group and with the teacher we feel has the best chance of success in teaching that specific concept.

Target Time also allows us to address the fourth question. During Target Time students who already understand the standard being taught are instructed on the same concept but at a more advanced level.

Simply put, during Target Time we address students based on their individual needs and provide targeted instruction.





### **Dedicated Faculty and Staff**

Average years of teaching12
Teachers continuing education15
Masters Degrees or Equivalencies10
Special Education Endorsement8
ESL Endorsement4
Reading Endorsement3
Other Endorsements/Training8
Regular Education Teachers20
Special Education Teachers4
Specialty Teachers4
Support Staff36



### What our School Land Trust Supports

The Forbes Elementary School Community Council has developed the following action steps and expenditures to help the school reach its improvement goal.

- 1. Lunch Time Learning an aide is hired to tutor students during lunch time. (\$2,300)
- 2. DRA testing prior to the beginning of school this allows teachers to know the reading abilities of students right from the beginning of school. (\$3,348)
- 3. Double Dose Program Qualifying students receive an extra hour and fifteen minutes of literacy instruction per day. (\$6,500)
- 4. Utah Write Computer Training this computer program augments the writing curriculum and helps prepare students for the DWA. (\$1,208)
- Technology Funds will be used to purchase technology that will be used in the classroom to assist with instruction. Purchases include projectors, document cameras, iPads and/or Chrome Books. (\$11,807)

### FORBES SCHOOL FOCUS AND VALUES:

The focus at Forbes continues to be academic achievement for all students. Whether students are at, above, or below benchmark our goal is to provide opportunities for students to learn at their level.

Reading is the language of learning, and we believe all success at school begins with the ability to read.

Other areas of school focus include: quality teacher collaborations, leadership, technology, and community relations.

# Teachers Working Collaboratively to Improve Learning

Each Monday, and during Professional Development Days, teachers meet in collaborative grade level teams. The meetings are focused on student learning. Teachers are guided by the following questions:

- What do we expect students to learn?
- How will we know what students have learned?
- How will we respond to those who are not learning?
- How will we respond to those that already understand?

These questions provide a framework for analyzing data, developing benchmarks and common assessments, comparing results, and implementing strategies to support student learning.

