

# CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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*Our Mission: To develop and enlighten the mind, encourage compassion and integrity, and promote responsible citizenship.*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There will be some big changes soon in Utah's public schools. As a public school, our instruction is driven by the concepts and objectives contained in the Utah State Core Curriculum. For the past few years our State Office of Education has been in the process of adopting a new state core. We will begin implementing the new core this Fall. Since these changes will affect every child enrolled in a public school in Utah, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce some of the changes to you.

Changes in the Core Curriculum are actually pretty common. It seems like every 4-5 years the State Office of Education modifies some specific concepts or the sequence of objectives we're required to teach. Whether it's a new math core or switching the Rock Cycle from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, our teachers are accustomed to adapting their teaching practices to match the core. The Alpine School District is providing several days of training during the summer to get our teachers ready for the changes. Although we haven't experienced a totally new core in recent history, I am

confident that our teachers will be ready to go in August.

How will this affect our students next year? Starting in August, our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will learn from the new Math core, and students in grades K-5 will be taught the new Language Arts core. The other changes will be rolled out in the following years. For more information, please go to [www.uen.org/commoncore](http://www.uen.org/commoncore).

Personally, I am excited about our new curriculum. It will be more rigorous and students will gain a deeper level of understanding that will better prepare them for life beyond school. The skills will focus more on problem solving and real world applications. Please come to the parent night on March 14<sup>th</sup> to learn more about specific changes and the timeline for future implementation.

Sincerely,  
*Jeremy Brunner*  
Principal

**Stay Informed!**  
Check out the school's website:  
[cedarridge.alpineschools.org](http://cedarridge.alpineschools.org)



## Upcoming Events

### March

- 7, Chick-fil-a Night, 5-8pm
- 12-23, March Math Madness
- 14, New Core Parent Night, 7pm
- 15, 3rd Grade Math Night, 6-7:30pm
- 16, 2nd Grade Donuts For Dads, 1pm
- 20, 4th Grade Utah Program, 7-8pm
- 22, Spring Pictures, 8am-12pm
- 26, Minimal Day, Short School Day
- 28, Love and Logic Begins, 7-8:45pm

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Science Fair Winners

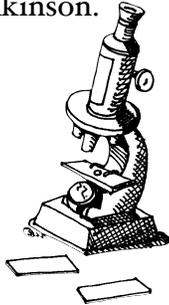
The following students won at the district science fair and will compete at the regional competition at BYU:

Autumn Petersen, Brooke Petersen, Logan Johnson, Sierra Young, Mckell McIntyre, Sabrina Ceraso, Rachel Richards, Celeste Welcker, Maggie Hartle, Sabrina Bezzant, John Stitt, Michael Judson, and Camryn Clement.

The following students earned honorable mentions:

Bailey Dayton, Rachel Seamons, McKenzie Bybee, Joseph Davis, Koby Escalante, Lily Simons, and Cortney Wilkinson.

Congratulations!



## Attend A Caucus Meeting

If you have ever wanted to make a difference in the state, here is your chance! Attend a caucus meeting for your political party.

The delegates who are chosen at caucus meetings are the few people who determine who gets to run later in a general election. Even if you don't have any interest in being a delegate yourself, you should get involved to ensure that your values will be represented.

The dates are:

3/13/12 for the Democratic Party  
3/15/12 for the Republican Party

You can find out where your neighborhood caucus meeting will be held by going to:  
[www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org) or  
[www.utgop.org](http://www.utgop.org).

## Google Challenge

Does your child love to draw? Google is holding its annual doodle art contest and your child is invited to participate!

The theme for this year's contest is "If I could travel in time, I'd visit..."

The deadline is March 23, 2012.

Go to [www.google.com/doodle4google.com](http://www.google.com/doodle4google.com) for more information.

## Shakespeare Play

In lieu of having a school-wide dance festival this year we are excited to announce that our drama specialist is planning on having a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Shakespearean production. Look for more information to be sent home in the next few months.

# Put the Fun Back Into Parenting!!

- Become a Love and Logic Parent®
- Improve communication skills
- Help children solve their problems
- Teach children to be respectful, responsible, and fun to be around
- Let empathy and consequences be the teacher

March 28, April 4, 18, 25, and May 2  
Wednesday from 7-9pm in the  
Cedar Ridge Elementary Media Center

To register, call Cedar Ridge Elementary  
801-785-8726

Registration Form (Return to  
Cedar Ridge Elementary front office)  
Registration \$25

Workbooks and materials, \$8  
(checks to Cedar Ridge Elementary)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



# Spring Photos

*...are coming soon*

**Cedar Ridge Elementary  
Spring Picture Day Will Be  
Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

*Retratos primaverales seran en la fecha de arriba*

Non students and infants welcome.

Please come between 2:00-2:30

sorry, not set up for groups.

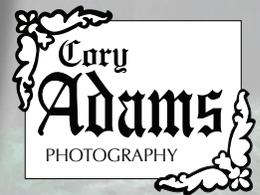
*Fotos para los no estudiantes e infantes bienvenidos.*

*Vengan en la fecha de arriba*

*lo sentimos no tomaremos fotos de grupos.*



**Don't forget to  
look your best!**  
*No te olvides de lucir lo mejor!*



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