



# BEARS' BULLETIN

Sierra Bonita School News

Sept. 2016

## **Hello Parents!**

We extend a warm welcome to students, parents, and families of Sierra Bonita Elementary, Home of the Bears. We look forward to working with each member of our school community to achieve our school mission statement:

*In partnership with parents and community, our mission at Sierra Bonita Elementary is to create high levels of learning for every student, celebrate individual differences and abilities, and inspire responsible citizenship and lifelong success.*

During this upcoming school year it is our commitment each day to emphasize our theme “You Matter” with our students. As parents, “You Matter” to us and to your students and we appreciate all you do for students and our school. Thank you for your support for Sierra Bonita Elementary!

## **Back-to-School Night**

Our Back-to-School Night was a great success because of the great turn-out we had to support our students. I appreciate seeing the value each of you have in the education of your children. It means a lot to them that you were here to support them! Thank you!

## **School Picture Day**

School Picture Day for all students will be held this Friday, September 2nd. Picture information sheets have been sent home with students.

## **School Carnival Fundraiser**

We invite all Sierra Bonita families to attend our school carnival that will be held on **Monday, September 12, from 5-8PM. Wristbands, Tickets, and Meal Cards will be on sale in the front office beginning September 1 and will continue through Carnival Night.** Each person with a wristband will be able to enjoy unlimited rides and games (food not included). Tickets may be used for rides, games, and to purchase food. Food will include Pizza, Popcorn, Cookies, Drinks, and Candy. The money the school receives from our fundraiser will be used to further educational offerings for students. Thank you – We hope to see you at our carnival! In case of inclement weather, bounce houses and games will be moved indoors.

## **PTA News:**

On Thursday, September 1st our students will be introduced to the **National PTA Reflections** theme for this year which is: ***“What is Your Story”***.

The Reflections program is a voluntary program where students can express their creativity through as many of the 7 following categories as they would like:

**3-D Artwork, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Choreography, Photography and Visual Arts (2-D Artwork).**

Entries must be turned in from 8:20-9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 29th in room #53. A complete list of rules and entry forms are available at [www.UtahPTA.org/Reflections](http://www.UtahPTA.org/Reflections). Entry forms will also be available in the front office.

### **School Community Council Elections**

School Community Council Elections are scheduled to be held August 25-September 5 to fill 2 parent representative positions on the council. We will send out election results after September 5<sup>th</sup>. Our first School Community Council meeting will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-12:30.

### **Student Education Plan (SEP) Conferences and Sign-Ups**

We are excited to share that we will be using Sign-Up Genius, an online tool for creating and managing group sign up lists, to sign up for our September 29th and December 1st SEP conferences. ***(Our February Student Led Conferences will be according to a different schedule).***

On Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, a message will be sent to your email from the school through Parentlink that will provide a link and information on how to sign up using Sign-Up Genius. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 801-798-4480. Thank you!

### **Pick-Up Zone & Parking**

We appreciate the efforts of all parents and staff members in providing for the safety of students in our drop-off and pick up zones. Please help us to ensure that all students are accompanied by an adult when crossing through the pick-up zone. Also, thank you for reserving our handicapped parking spaces for those who have need for these parking stalls. We remind you to please park in a parking stall if you need to leave your vehicles to come inside the school. This allows the flow of the drop-off and pick-up areas to be maintained and keeps vehicles moving forward and not needing to back up! We have great appreciation for everyone's efforts to increase safety in our parking lots and drop off and pick-up zones before and after school.

**Note:** By law, bus zones cannot be used as drop off and pick up zones even if there are no buses present!

### **School Checkout Procedures**

Please follow the following procedures when you need to check a student out from school before the end-of-school bell rings. *First*, share with an office secretary that an early checkout is necessary, *second*, fill out information and sign name on the checkout sheet located in the office area, and *third*, wait in the office area until your student arrives in the office. Thank you.

### **End of School Day Checkout**

We ask for your help in reducing the number of interruptions classes could experience at the end of the school day due to students being checked out early. Our teachers are instructing right up to the end of each day, and it is increasingly difficult for them and the class when students are checked out early. Unless it is an emergency, we ask that students not be checked out during the last 15 minutes of the day. This practice helped last year and will continue to help teachers and students to make the most of every minute of the day.

### **Students Walking, Riding Bicycles/Scooters & Crosswalks**

We have many students who are walking and riding bicycles/scooters to school each day. We have provided training for students to use sidewalks and to follow the instructions of adult supervisors and our crossing guards. We have instructed students to use the crosswalk in front of the school when crossing 1800 East. Faculty members will serve as crossing guards at this crosswalk. We ask that all parents please instruct their children on these and other safety measures to better ensure that students safely make their way to and from school each day.

### **Spirit Day**

We have school spirit at Sierra Bonita, and have designated each Friday as our School Spirit Day. We have nice school shirts and encourage children to wear their school shirts (this year's and past years' shirts) or school colors (blue and maroon) on Fridays. We have a lot to be proud of at Sierra Bonita and want to do all we can to build school pride.

**Calendar of Events for September**

Thursday, September 1.....PTA Reflections Begins  
Friday, September 2 .....School Picture Day  
September 1-12.....Carnival Tickets/Wristbands on Sale in the Office  
Monday, September 5 .....Labor Day/ No School  
Tuesday, September 6.....Room Mother’s Tea (3:30 p.m.)  
Thursday, September 8.....Hearing Screening for grades K, 1, 3, 6  
Thursday, September 8.....School Community Council Meeting (11:30 am)  
Friday, September 9.....Birthday Lunch for September B-days (11:30-12:30)  
Monday, September 12.....School Carnival (5-8 p.m)  
Friday, September 16..... Constitution Day  
Monday, September 19 .....School Dismisses at NOON  
Tuesday, September 27.....Grandparent’s Night at Bookfair (6-7pm)  
Thursday, September 29.....Reflections Due  
Thursday, September 29.....SEP Conferences