



# Willow Springs

September 2018



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## Principal's Message

Welcome to a new school year! We are off to a great start for 2018-19. I sent our Drop-Off and Pick-Up procedures to you through Peachjar. If you did not receive it, or if you are not signed up for Peachjar, please contact the office and we will get you a copy, or we will help you sign up to receive Peachjar notifications.

Here are a few other items relating to student safety.

- Adult supervision starts at 8:45. Do not drop off your students before that time.
- Students must walk bikes, scooters, and skateboards on school property.
- All bikes, scooters, and skateboards must be left outside. The bike racks are not secured, so I highly recommend sending a lock with your child. We cannot guarantee the safety of your bikes, scooters, or skateboards without a



lock. We have had some stolen in the past. A U-lock works great for scooters.

For the safety of your children and their belongings, let's all remember these guidelines.

Principal Yule

## PTA Message

Welcome back Wildcats!! I am thrilled to be the PTA President this year. We have many fun activities planned for the year.

Our theme this year is "Choose Kind." We would like the students to focus on being kind to each other and performing random acts of kindness. To paraphrase Aesop, "No act of kindness is ever wasted no matter how small." Our vision for the year is to have the students learn to think about others and the positive difference they can make. By doing so, the students will become stars in others people's lives. Here are some simple examples that can make a big difference:

- Say hi to someone you don't know.

- Hold the door open for a classmate
- Write a thank you note
- Give up a seat on the bus
- Sit by a new friend at lunch
- Compliment a friend or a teacher
- Smile at 10 people
- Slip a nice note in someone's backpack
- Help a younger student
- Hug a friend
- Lend a pencil to a friend
- Give a teacher a flower
- Say thank you to the office staff

I hope the students at Willow Springs Elementary succeed in all that they do and spread kindness around the school. Remember kindness is contagious.

Thank you for those who signed up to become a PTA member at registration and Back to School Night. By joining the PTA, you are supporting your school and our students. To join it costs only \$6.00 and there is no obligation to volunteer. However, if you are interested in volunteering we always have a need. The PTA has many fun programs and

activities throughout the school year. These sponsored activities include: Field Trips, Emergency Kits, Meet the Masters, Reflections, Box Tops, Jog A Thon, Red Ribbon Week, Chess Club, Book Club and our newest program Watch Dogs. We take memberships all year long. Check our new PTA website for more info on all of these programs and to sign up for PTA.

[willowspringspta.com](http://willowspringspta.com)

Here are my **STARS** for August:

**Amy Bench** for providing lunch and dinner for our teachers and staff at Back to School night and their first day of school. She did a fantastic job.

**Kathy Kimball** for Back to School Night. We loved having it the day before school and the decorations in the lobby looked amazing!

**Jocelyn Oliverson** for our membership campaign. We brought in many memberships at Back to School Night and the kids are so excited about the contests she has planned for them. Your membership campaign is "out of this world"!

**Jill Wade** for organizing the Room Mom Social and taking care of our teachers. Room moms are so important for our classrooms. We appreciate all your time and effort.

**Jessica Smith** for taking on our Newsletter for this year. We are very happy she is willing to

do this every month. Thank you very much.

**Dave Cook and Andria McQueen** for launching Watch Dogs. We are so excited about this new program. Can't wait for all those dads to be a presence on our Willow Springs Campus. Go Watch Dogs!

**Jared and Katie Glazier** for taking charge of the Jog A Thon. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and it snuck up on us early this year - September 14th!! We can't wait for the dunk tanks, they were huge success last year. Thank you for all of your hard work. Run Wildcats Run!!!

I know this year will be an amazing year full of kindness. I am excited to work with Ms. Yule and our wonderful teachers and staff. Thank you for your support, time, and willingness to volunteer.

Sincerely,  
Becca England  
PTA President

## Watch Dogs



This year we will be starting a new program called Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) to bring in all of our amazing dads and other father

figures in the school. We will be having a pizza party on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm** to introduce the program. All dads and their students are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## Join the PTA

A BIG Thank You to all those who supported our "OUT OF THIS WORLD" PTA and signed up to be a member at Back to School Night and online School Registration. With Parents, Teachers and our Wonderful Wildcat Students, we are truly "REACHING FOR THE STARS" to have a GREAT year! If you haven't had the chance to join the PTA, it is definitely not too late! Membership forms are at the school or you can easily sign up online at

[www.willowspringspta.com](http://www.willowspringspta.com)

and pay your \$6.00

Membership fee. Once a member, your child will be entered into a raffle for some "Out of this World" Gifts and Prizes! And each classroom will be competing to WIN a \$50 classroom incentive prize. The class that has the most memberships by November wins a \$50 prize of their Choice! So, Support your WONDERFUL WILDCAT Students and their OUT OF THIS WORLD Teachers by joining today!!



## Reflections

The theme for Reflections this year is "Heroes Around Me".



Entries will be due September 26-27 before school. Entry forms and rules can be picked up in the office or downloaded online at

[www.utahpta.org/reflections](http://www.utahpta.org/reflections).

For questions, email [chelsaadamson@gmail.com](mailto:chelsaadamson@gmail.com) or [janistaheli@yahoo.com](mailto:janistaheli@yahoo.com).

## Book Fair

The book fair will be held the week of February 25- March 1, 2019 in the conjunction with the parent teacher conferences.

## Choir



The Wildcat Chorus is back for the 2nd year and we are off to a great start! We have started rehearsing for our Halloween Spooktacular and would love any 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to join us! We practice every Friday morning before school at 7:55 behind the curtains on the

stage. Questions? Contact Mary Pugh @ [marylpugh@gmail.com](mailto:marylpugh@gmail.com)

## Jog-A-Thon

Please support our students and PTA during our Jog-A-Thon!! Pledge donations are due September 10<sup>th</sup> but we will accept them through the Jog-A-Thon on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is for each student to raise \$30. Be sure to come celebrate at the after party, where you can buy concessions; pizza, Chick-Fil-A nuggets, soda, donuts, and an assortment of candy. All money raised goes directly to our school!! We will have dunk tanks again this year! At the spirit concessions table you can purchase a ticket for \$2 to try and dunk our awesome Principal & Teachers!! We will also have a few spirit items to buy as well!!

We are always looking for volunteers. Please call Katie Glazier 801-979-9791 if you are able to help us out!!

Approximate running times are:

Kindergarten 10:00 am  
5<sup>th</sup> grade 10:30 am  
4<sup>th</sup> grade 10:45 am  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade 11:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade 11:15 am  
1<sup>st</sup> grade 11:30 am



## PTA Board

### PTA Executive Board for the 2018-2019 School Year

President.....Becca England  
President Elect.....Kathy Kimball  
Secretary.....Shannon Felts  
Treasurer.....Rachael Horstmann  
VP Legislative.....Jinjer Donaldson  
VP Membership...Jocelyn Oliverson

## Chess Club



### CHESS MEETINGS

Start Oct 5 (new students) / Oct 12 (all students)

We will be starting up another year of Chess meetings at our school soon! The meetings introduce chess to the students in a gradual, fun and supportive way. We have a complete program that can take any level of chess player and instruct them from the basics to strategy. You can find our guidebooks at <https://sites.google.com/site/wschess/guidebooks>.

Chess Meetings are held Friday mornings before school from 8 am - 8:50 am in the Cafeteria. We will hold chess meeting every Friday that school is in session.

- **5 October** - First year students\* / New student orientation

- **12 October** - First meeting for all students, New and Returning.

### Sign Up Online

at: <http://bit.ly/YwD13f> .

**Please register even if you did chess last year.**

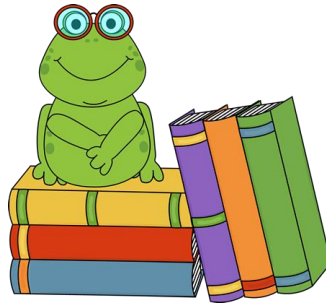
There is no cost to attend Chess club (thanks to the PTA's support!).

All grades and experience levels are welcome (AM/PM kindergartners are welcome, but it helps if a parent attends with them to help read the materials).

Additionally, we need parent/grandparent help at our meetings! The chess program is run by parent volunteers. We can ALWAYS use more help, but especially the first 6 weeks. We mostly need parents to help guide students as they progress through the program. Student progress is slowed when we don't have enough parents. Chess experience is helpful, but not necessary! We don't have a volunteer schedule, just come when you can. Check out our Volunteer Quick Start Guide for more information at <http://bit.ly/1lkxHKT>.

We look forward to a fun year playing chess! For additional questions, you can contact Lynleah Smart at [willowspringschess@gmail.com](mailto:willowspringschess@gmail.com)

## Book Club



Did you know Willow Springs has a book club for 4th and 5th graders? We have a fun group of kids who like to read and do reading activities. We are looking for parents who can volunteer time to help out. If you are interested or want to find out more information please contact Liza Nelson. [lizajanelson@aol.com](mailto:lizajanelson@aol.com) or 801-870-9216

## Box Tops

The Box Tops Store will return this year in October, January, and May. Please start saving those Box Tops and remember to neatly trim! If you have any donations for the Box Top Store, or would like to volunteer during store days, please contact Kelly Olson at [olson.kelly1@gmail.com](mailto:olson.kelly1@gmail.com). Thank you!!!



## Meet the Masters

Meet the Masters is a three part program: First the students attend an assembly to learn about the artist and his/her technique. Next the students complete a technique practice packet in their

classroom. Third, a parent volunteer (docent) comes to the classroom equipped with an artist, grade supplies and lesson plan to help the students complete a project inspired by the artist of the month.

If interested in helping with this wonderful program, please contact:

Heather George, [heathergeorgephoto@gmail.com](mailto:heathergeorgephoto@gmail.com) and Emily England, [ejburdette@gmail.com](mailto:ejburdette@gmail.com)

This will be our 13<sup>th</sup> year with this amazing program! Your students will love learning about these famous artists!

These are the artists students will study this year:

October: Rembrandt van Rijn  
November: Joan Miro  
January: Rosa Bonheur  
February: Jacob Lawrence  
March: Toulouse-Lautrec  
April: Paul Gauguin

## Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 5 – PTA Meeting 10am in Cafeteria

Sept. 14 – Jog-A-Thon

Sept. 21 – No School

Sept. 26&27 – Parent Teacher Conference

Sept. 28 – No School