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From the Desk of Mrs. Berntson

Throughout the course of a school year, we who have chosen the career path in education, participate in Professional Development to improve our instructional skills, learn new applications for students to use in their classes and how to improve our school climate. All of this preparation for our students and our school is still not enough when we encounter tragedies such as the one involving two students' deaths in Park City. This comes as a reminder for all parents, myself included, to diligently check in with our students daily on what is happening at school, with friends, and the classroom. Hillside Administration, teachers and staff strive to keep our communication with students in an open, trusting, and positive manner. We want our students to have a safe environment for learning not only academically but socially, emotionally, and physically.

Our students, your children, are the reason we are in education, without them we would not be doing what we love...teaching.

Best Regards,

Jane Berntson

Important Dates for September

- Monday, Sept. 5th = Labor Day (No School)
- Friday, Sept. 23rd = Mid - terms
- Tuesday, Sept. 27th =Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, Sept. 29th =Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30pm
- Friday, Sept. 30th = Non-Student Day (No School)



School Musical



Join us this year for the production of The Lion King! If your child is interested in participating in this great event, there is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, October 3rd @ 6pm in the auditorium.

School Community Council

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5 Reasons to Join SCC:

1. Benefit your Child!

Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and at school.

2. Get Connected!

There is no better way to know what's happening at school.

3. Minimal Time Commitment!

One hour meeting once a month.

4. Have a Say in Your Child's Education!

Share your opinions for making our school great.

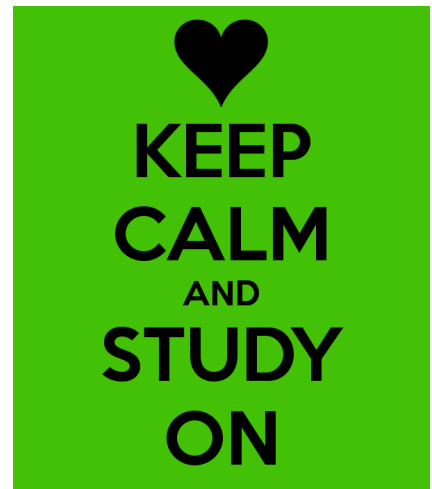
5. Help Make School Decisions!

We discuss issues such as budgets, discipline, internet safety, school activities, & more.

Contact Christina Leavitt: cmleavitt@msn.com for more information. Join us Tuesday, Sept 20th at 7:30AM.

Study Skills for Success**STUDY SKILLS FOR SUCCESS**

Setting up a specific study time and space, and having study tools available for your student is essential for his or her success. You can help your student succeed in school by establishing homework and study rules, a place for them to work, and the tools they will need to complete his/her homework. The following are some ideas to help your student get into a homework routine.



1. Set up a time (the same time) each night for your student to study. Example: Immediately after your student gets home allow him/her 30 minutes to have a snack, then start his/her homework. Make this part of his/her daily routine.
2. Establish the length of study time. Example: Student will study for 1 hour per night with a 10 minute break after 30 minutes of work. Use a timer to notify student of breaks and/or when study time is over.
3. Do not allow cell phones, iPods, or other digital devices that will distract your student during study time.
4. Identify a space where your student will do homework and study. Examples: The kitchen table or a designated desk.
5. Stock the study area with supplies so your student does not have to leave the study area. Example: Have pens, pencils, erasers, paper, notecards, and highlighters at the designated area or a nearby drawer.

Look for more Study Skills in the next Newsletter!

Orchestra News

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The Orchestra classes are working hard refining their skills and learning new ones. The Chamber Orchestra (audition group) will be performing on October 5th at the Capitol to celebrate 100 years of the Capitol. They will perform at 10:00 in the rotunda, then tour the Capitol building.

All Orchestra classes will perform on **December 13th in our Winter Concert at Hillside**. It begins at 7:00pm and all students need to arrive by 6:25pm to tune and get ready. All performers must wear concert black and white.

The Highland and Hillside Concert will be January 26th at Highland. All orchestra classes must attend, and will perform at 7:00pm.

For further details go to our web page: hillsideorchestra.weebly.com

Please remind your child to **practice at home** and turn in their practice chart every Wednesday! Practice is the only way to make progress on any instrument. Thank you for your support!

Michelle Misco

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Orchestra Teacher
Salt Lake City School District



College and Career Readiness

Plan for College and Career Readiness Conferences are coming up soon.

These conferences are an opportunity to speak with a school counselor and get information to assist your child in preparing for their future.

College and Career Planning helps students:

- explore possibilities and learn about opportunities
- plan for both education and future career goals
- review progress toward achieving those goals
- learn about important career and/or college readiness skills, and make connections between work, school and post-secondary training

7TH GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS GROUP CONFERENCE INFORMATION

(classroom presentation):

- **7th Grade College and Career Readiness Planning Conference** invitation letters will be sent home with your child towards the end of September.
- The 7th grade conference is a group session that will occur during your child's 7th grade College and Career Awareness Class. The dates for the conferences will be on October 11th (Platt's CCA students) and October 13th (Streba's CCA students). A specific time will be on the letter.
- Materials will be sent home with students for parents to review if parents are unable to attend the conference.

8TH GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

(individual meeting with a counselor):

- Students will bring home invitation letters around the first week of October. The 8th grade conference is an opportunity to review and obtain important information to assist students in transitioning to high school. We would love to meet with all of our parents and students.
- **8th grade College & Career Readiness Individual Conferences** will begin October 25th and go through December. *(Please note: There are no conferences available November 1-4 due to counselors attending a training.)*
- Parents are requested to review the invitation letter with the details about using the online scheduler for creating your own appointment. If you are unable to use the online scheduler, you can also call Luana Hofeling, 801-481-4828 x 1017. Also, please feel free to contact us if the online appointments will not work within your schedule. We will try to build an appointment time that will work for you.