

Santaquin Sentinel

November 2013

Red Ribbon Week

The week prior to October 28 the student council, teachers, and parents prepared the students and faculty for Red Ribbon week by hanging posters of the daily events in the hallways. Teacher's doors were also decorated reminding us that DRUGS ARE SCARY!

Monday morning, October 28, the students and faculty at Santaquin Elementary, wore red to show their support for Red Ribbon week. As the students went to lunch, they signed their name on the "Don't Get Caught in the Web of Drugs" poster.

Tuesday they showed their support for Red Ribbon week by wearing tie dye shirts, a tie, or a ribbon tied in their hair.

Wednesday the students and faculty at Santaquin Elementary were "jean-ius" as they wore jeans.

Thursday the students and faculty paraded around the school in their best attempt to show how "SCARY" drugs can be.

Friday our school was "CRAZY" from head to toe as they wrapped up our Red Ribbon week.

Teachers kept a daily record of those who participated in the daily theme. One class from each grade, with the most participation, will be chosen to receive a class party.

Message from Mr. Argyle

What an exciting year we have had so far! So many wonderful things have happened, i.e., Summer Reading Celebrations, Successful Red Ribbon Week, Many Grade Level Parent Literacy Nights, and 30 Student Council Members from 5th and 6th grade attended a full-day leadership conference at BYU.

Each of these things have helped to reinforce the mission and vision of our school. Our Mission continues to be: **All students learning at high levels!** Our School Vision remains: **Everyone caring, everyone involved and everyone improving ... Celebrate success!** As we look toward November, we are excited for our *It Pays to Read* Assembly, acknowledging the excellent reading efforts of many of our students.

Parents, students and teachers were able to participate in our wonderful 3rd, 2nd, and 1st **Grade Parent Literacy Night**. Families received instruction on reading with their children, using comprehension and word work to make reading meaningful, and utilizing technology to reinforce learning taking place at school and many other teaching strategies. We are looking forward to our 4th, 5th, and 6th **Grade and Kindergarten Literacy Nights in the near future.**

"Road to Success" Reading Program

We are so excited to officially begin our "Road to Success" reading program for the 2012-2013 school year. Our **School-wide Reading Goal** was determined by adding all grade-level daily reading expectations and calculating for the year. This year we will shoot for **2,736,820 minutes!** This will earn the *whole* school a Pizza Party! **We want all students reading!**

November: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

December: *Gingerbread Houses* celebration with Mr. Argyle

January: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

February: *Valentine's Day cookie decorating* celebration with Mr. Argyle

March: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

April: *Pizza Party* celebration with Mr. Argyle

May: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

November Calendar

PTA Board Meeting	1 st
Daylight Savings Time Ends ... <i>Fall Back</i>	3 rd
Election Day	5 th
Early Out at 12:00pm ... <i>Staff Development</i>	6 th
Veterans' Day	11 th
Literacy Collaboration	11 th
6 th Grade "Falling for Learning"	14 th
PTA Family Movie Night at 6 pm	15 th
School Community Council at 3:30 pm	21 st
Faculty Social (PM)	21 st
Thanksgiving Break, No School	27 th -29 th

Ideas for Parents

Read a story together and discuss the **characters**. What are they like? What clues did the author leave you, but not *expressly* tell you about these characters? Can you make any connections?



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Counselor's Corner

To be an effective parent and have a healthy family, you need to spend time together. A number of families have found creative ways to do this so they can connect in meaningful, positive ways.

- **D**esignate a regular family time as part of your routine. Some families have a weekly family night. Others have a monthly family outing. Others have a daily family check-in during dinner or before bed. Figure out a routine that works for you and your family.
- **H**ave fun together. Do activities that make you laugh and enjoy being together. Some families play sports together. Others tell jokes. Others have special nights for watching movies or playing board games.
- **G**et your kids' input on how to spend family time. You may be surprised to learn that they want your family to get out more—or stay home more. Kids often have good ideas.
- **I**f you belong to a faith community, go to services together as a family. Participate in family-friendly events, such as family volunteering.
- **E**at meals together as a family. For discussion starters, visit Make Mealtimes Family Time.
- **Y**our family often will bond more if you can get out of the house and do something together where you don't know other people. Take a trip to another city, suburb, or county and discover what's there. Go to a sporting event or a play. Visit a free museum. Spend some time in the park playing catch. Explore a playground across town.
- **A**ll parents want to spend time with their kids—but it can be easy to lose sight of that sometimes. Make accommodations in your life so you can spend quality time with your children.

Pledge of the Santaquin Chieftains

I pursue excellence in everything I do.

I accept responsibility for myself.

I show respect for myself and others.

I will make a difference for good in the world.