



BUNNEVILLE BULLETIN

Bobcats

May 2016



Thank you for attending the FEST on Friday, May 6. All enjoyed fun filled activities in ART and SCIENCE to raise funds for ART and SCIENCE. Here's a report of how last year's proceeds have been used this school year:

- 29 % - Art and Science Supplies
- 27% - Hourly Artist to Teach Art (Mrs. Schiel)
- 26% - Hourly Science Teacher (Mrs. Bell)
- 14% - Art and Science Field Trips
- 4% - New Science Books for the Library

Creativity, the ability to use the imagination to develop new and original ideas or things, especially in an artistic context. Knowledge, the study of the physical and natural world and phenomena, especially by using systematic scientific observation and experiment. We are excited about our yearly ART and SCIENCE activities at school. Included in this month's newsletter is a report to parents on encouraging creativity.

Give to Enrich,

Donna

BONNEVILLE UPCOMING EVENTS

May	17	Tu	Pizza Studio Night
	20	F	PTA Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 8:30-9:30am in the Multipurpose Room, short day
June	27	F	No School (if no snow day)
	30	M	No School (Memorial Day)
	31	Tu	Awards Assembly
	1	W	Yearbook Day
	2	Th	Field Day Sixth Grade Promotion, 9am Multipurpose Room
	3	F	Last Day of School (short day)

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try."

~*Dr. Seuss*

"Curiosity about life in all of its aspects, I think, is still the secret of great creative people."

~*Leo Burnett*

Report to PARENTS

Encourage Your Child's Creativity to Flourish

Creativity has been called a key 21st century skill. That means it—along with skills like communication and critical thinking—will help students navigate the increasingly collaborative and information-rich world that awaits them once they leave school. The arts have been shown to boost students' academic performance, perseverance, self-confidence, and more. Here are strategies for supporting your child's creativity.

Take stock of your toys. Flashy electronic toys are fun, but they don't offer children opportunities for open-ended, imaginative play. Make sure to have basic art supplies—paper, crayons, glue, clay—at home, along with toys like building blocks, puzzles, or costumes for dress-up.

Cut the screen time. Set limits on TV and iPad time. Try designating a certain time during the week when your entire family will put down cell phones and work on a creative project.

Embrace mistakes. Children who are afraid of failure are less likely to think creatively. Teach your child that mistakes are opportunities for growth. Ask, "What could you do differently next time?" Be patient with your child—and model patience as he or she learns new skills or tries a new project.

Encourage curiosity. Don't squelch kids' natural curiosity by being frustrated when your child asks lots of questions. Embrace it! Ask, "What if" questions, and encourage your child to use his or her imagination.

Offer constructive praise... Too much praise can make a child "hooked" on success. Instead of offering general praise ("You're so smart!"), offer specific feedback that praises your child's effort or the process he or she used ("You found a great way to paint that scene," or "I can tell you've been practicing.") Offer non-verbal praise (a hug



or a thumbs-up), or implicit encouragement by displaying your child's work on the refrigerator.

...but step back sometimes. If a child feels constantly watched, he or she may be less likely to try new ideas. Give your child space to play on his or her own. Wait until your child is finished drawing to ask what he or she has made.

Look for community resources. Check your local library, museum, or community center for art

classes or workshops to try new creative skills. Keep an eye out for poster or story contests offered by community organizations, too. Or, try teaming up with a neighbor or friend to host an art playdate. Some projects can be time-consuming or expensive, but working together with other families can help ease the burden.

Web Resources

Visit Crayola's **Creative Parenting Web page** for activities and tips to spark creativity at home. bit.ly/creativeparenting

The **Tinkerlab** offers dozens of hands-on art, science, writing, and craft ideas for families to try. tinkerlab.com/

At **The Artful Parent** blog, explore interviews with children's art experts along with lists of the best supplies. artfulparent.com/

"There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and will be lost."

~Martha Graham

PTA CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with mixed emotions that we write our final newsletter submission. It has been a tremendous joy to serve the Bonneville community over the past two years! Before we say goodbye to the 2015-2016 school year, there are a few things the PTA would like to pass along. First of all, we want to express our gratitude to all family members who have shared their time and resources throughout the year for PTA events. We are having a Volunteer Thank You Brunch in the auditorium on Friday, May 20 from 8:30 – 9:30am. All are welcome!

The past week has been a great opportunity to see our school community shine. We are so proud of all students who participated in Bonneville Beat. Their concert was a huge success, and it's been remarkable to watch the students progress musically. The Art and Science Fest was another tremendous success. There was so much hard work and time that went into creating a fabulous evening for the many people who attended.

We would like to bid a heart-felt goodbye and Karly and Lillian

thank you to Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Mack, who are retiring this year. Their commitment to Bonneville students has been experienced by so many students and their families. Both Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Mack will be sorely missed, but we wish them well in the adventures that lie ahead for them!

Even though the year is winding down, we have a few things to look forward to. May 17 is our final fundraising Pizza Studio Night. So save yourself the trouble of doing dishes, and come out to join friends for a pizza dinner. June 1 is Field Day. Yearbooks will be distributed June 2, which is also the day of the 6th Grade Promotion. And then June 3 is the final day of school!

We hope everyone is excited for summer and having more time with our children! Once again, we would like to extend our thanks to all who have assisted the PTA and shared their time and energy. Happy Summer!

Thank you for your
service as 2015-16
Co-Presidents,
Karly and Lillian!

**VOLUNTEERS
DO NOT
NECESSARILY
HAVE THE TIME;
THEY HAVE
THE HEART**

A couple PTA positions are still available for the 2016-17 school year. Be part of an amazing community of volunteers that supports Bonneville teachers and students. If you are interested or have questions, please contact us at bonnevilleptasl@gmail.com

FEST SUCCESS!

Many thanks to the Bonneville community for overwhelmingly supporting the 2nd annual Bonneville Arts and Sciences Fest. We met our \$20,000 goal and overreached it by another \$15,000, for a preliminary total of \$35,000. This will allow us to continue supporting our current Arts and Sciences programs and hire a new part-time science teacher to double the time our students spend in the science lab.

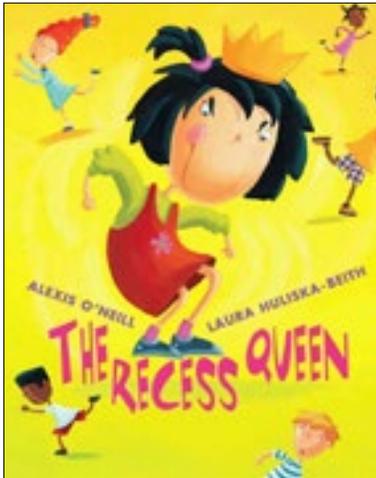
As public funding for the arts and sciences wanes, this kind of private support is critical to enriching and nurturing a creative environment for our children. Thanks to you, our students' art and science education will continue to thrive next year at Bonneville Elementary. And as Albert Einstein said, "Imagination will take you everywhere."

**BONNEVILLE
ARTS & SCIENCES**



GIVE TO ENRICH

**PROJECT CORNERSTONE
MAY FOCUS:
FRIENDSHIP FOR ALL**



In this last month of our ABC Program for the year, a volunteer will be reading, "The Recess Queen" by Alexis O'Neill. In this story, Mean Jean the "recess queen" rules the playground with an iron fist. No one dares cross her path for fear of being hit, punched, or kicked. One day, a new girl shows up on the playground and catches Mean Jean completely off guard. Katie Sue is not the least bit intimidated by Mean Jean. Katie Sue actually invites her to join in a jump rope game! In no time, Jean and Katie Sue become friends.

This clever book helps our students think of creative ideas to handle bully behaviors during lunch and recess. It also encourages children not to label themselves or others as bullies, but to look at every person as an opportunity for friendship.

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about our ABC program this year. More tools and strategies to improve school climate will be discussed in next year's ABC Program and can be found at www.projectcornerstone.org.



Summer is coming soon and we want to keep our children learning all summer long by **READING!** The Bonneville Summer Reading Olympics is a Bobcat Tradition. Please encourage your children to participate in the program this summer. It is fun and quite easy to do. Here's how:

Ten Steps to help your child be a Reading Gold Medalist:

1. Please watch their back pack for the Bonneville Summer Reading Olympics Calendar. If you lose the form, don't worry. You can go to the Bonneville home page and find the link to print another copy.
2. You can keep track of minutes OR pages (1 page = 1 minute).
3. Encourage your child (or children) to read every day. Every minute counts!
4. Take advantage of their public library card. Kids love to check out books on their own. Go to the public library frequently for fresh books. Don't forget the graphic novels section! Graphic novels and comic books are often the key to turning a reluctant reader into a reading addict.
5. If you read to your child it counts as well.
6. If one child reads to another—it counts for both of them.
7. It even counts if you listen to audio books (studies show an increase in vocabulary for children who listen to books.)
8. Just read, read, read!
9. Turn in your forms the first week of school in August 2016. The plastic bin will be in the front foyer at school.
10. In September 2016 there will be award assemblies by grade and kids will be awarded medals and prizes for their reading!!!

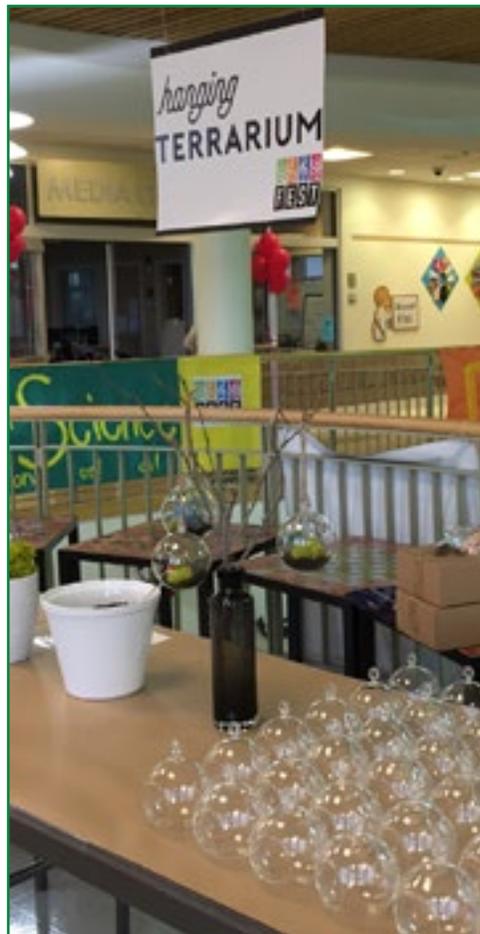
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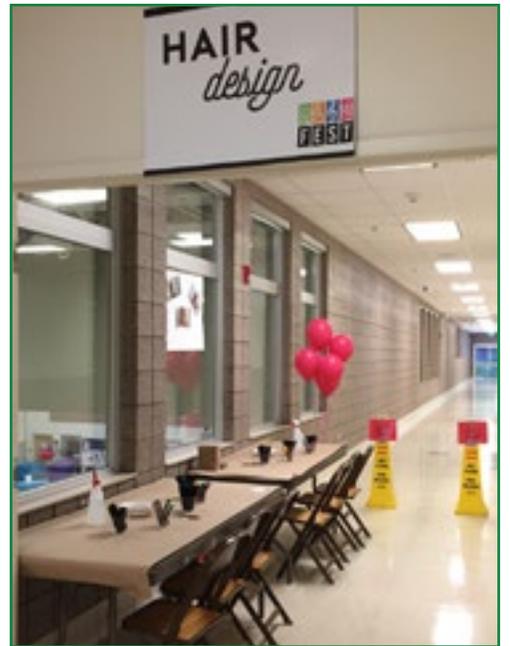
GOLD MEDAL: 60 minutes or 60 pages per day
SILVER MEDAL: 30 minutes or 30 pages per day
BRONZE MEDAL: 15 minutes or 15 pages per day

Fun Tidbits about Reading:

- Reading is a great way to get kids off the screens. Have you ever noticed how kids don't get grumpy after reading for hours like they do with hours of screen time?
- According to a 20 year study, having books in the home has a stronger correlation to the educational success of a student than whether the children are rich or poor, residents of the United States or China, or have illiterate parents or college graduate parents.
- Did you know that The Salt Lake City Public Library and its now eight branch locations received the 5 Star Public Library Status for the fifth straight year in a row in 2015? Amazing!

BONNEVILLE ARTS & SCIENCES FEST
Friday, May 6









Begin working on your 2016 Reflections Arts project over the summer! The new Reflections theme is:

What is Your Story?



**CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECE
IN ANY CATEGORY:**



Dance
Choreography



Film
Production



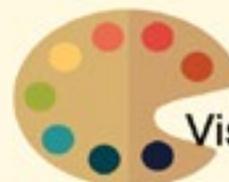
Literature



Photography



Music
Composition



Visual Arts



3D Art

ENTRIES DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016.

You can turn in one entry for each category!
Each entry is judged by several adults who are Creative Arts experts.
50% of the points awarded are based on your theme interpretation.

www.utahpta.org/reflections provides Reflections information and rules.