



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

May 2021

Hello Panther Families,



We want to thank our entire school community for joining together to make the most of this unusual school year. Our online, parent-led, and in-person students and teachers demonstrated perseverance and determination to make this a year of learning and growth. We were able to do this because of the incredible support of our Panther families. Thank you. We are sincerely hoping for a 2021-22 school year with all of our students in one place.

Best wishes as we approach our last few weeks of school.

Ms. Jewkes

GOING, GOING, GONE!

With the demolition of the building complete, we are excited to move to the construction phase. The beautiful view from our campus hints to the inspiration of the Cottonwood Canyons for the aesthetics of our new building.



As we transitioned to our temporary home, we wanted to remember some of the wonderful educators who taught the Panthers over the last decade. Take a peek at our Teacher Appreciation video. <https://youtu.be/2rH4kCzm-Eg>



Kindergarten Orientation

Once again this year, we missed seeing our newest students at a traditional kindergarten orientation. We hope the families of our incoming kindergarten students were able to view our [virtual orientation on our website](#). In August, our littlest Panthers will visit their classrooms and meet Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Sharma before school begins. We will be emailing more information about a.m. or p.m. placement before the end of this school year to parents who have notified us of an incoming kindergartener. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Sept 1, please make sure we have him/her on our list.



CHROMEBOOK RETURN

We hope the Chromebooks that were checked out helped families who chose to learn from home this year. We have scheduled **May 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** for you to **return the device** to the school.

- Please place the Chromebook and its cord in a bag **labeled with your child's name**. We want to make sure your child gets credit for returning the device so district fines are avoided.
- Come into the front foyer by our office and scan the green tag on the back of the Chromebook at the scanning station table.
- When the scan is successful, please return the Chromebook to the labeled bag and place in one of the boxes on the tables.
- **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GET ALL CHROMEBOOKS BACK INTO OUR INVENTORY.**

MEET OUR NEW PANTHER TEACHERS

I would like to introduce you to the new teachers that will be joining us as Peruvian Park Panthers next year. We will have a few staffing changes for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Marchant will move to 2nd grade SALTA to replace Mrs. Evans who will teach in the Canyons online program. Mrs. Peterson will join Mr. Beck in 1st grade SALTA. Mrs. Smith will job share in 2nd grade, so she can spend time with her new baby boy. We are thrilled that she will be remaining as a member of our faculty. We have hired outstanding experienced and highly-recommended teachers to join the awesome faculty already at our school. They are excited to get started in August. In fact, they've already started meeting with their teammates! Here's a little information about these great educators.



ANGIE STEWART- 1ST GRADE

Teaching at Peruvian Park next year will be Angie's tenth year as a first grade teacher. She received a B.A from Utah State University, then continued her education to receive an ESL endorsement. She also earned a Master's Degree in English Language Learning.. One of Angie's references said, "She is an incredible educator. She is the best of the best." In her free time, Angie loves exploring new parks, going on walks, camping, and being together with her family.

ANDREA LINDQUIST- 2nd Grade

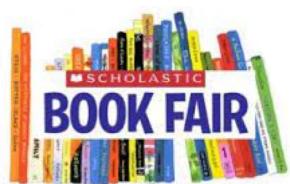
Andrea comes to Peruvian Park with seven years of teaching experience in 2nd grade from Alpine School District. She earned a bachelors degree in elementary education from UVU. One of her references said, "She is an incredibly positive teacher who always puts her students first." Andrea loves to travel, quilt, garden, and visit national parks.



KATIE WALKER - 2nd Grade

Katie is joining the Peruvian Park staff... again! She taught 2nd grade at our school before taking time off to be with her family. Mrs. Walker received her B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Utah, earned a Masters Degree with an emphasis in Gifted/Talented Education from USU, holds an ESL endorsement, and is finishing up her reading endorsement. She will be joining Mrs. Smith in a job share position, and they will definitely be the dynamic duo. Katie will teach language arts in the morning and Mrs. Smith, who holds a math endorsement, will teach math and science in the afternoon. Mrs. Walker's first and second grade teaching experience will allow her to hit the ground running in our second grade position. Katie comes to us very highly recommended as an excellent teacher, a team player, and truly possessing the heart of a teacher. She loves reading, hiking, and going to the beach.





It's Book Fair Time again! We are excited to offer a Virtual Book Fair this Spring. You can shop the book fair through May 16

at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=peruvianparkelemschool>

Be sure to have your kids try out the Virtual Fair Walk-through where they can experience the joy of bookcases, characters and more!

FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION – May 27

Congratulations to our outstanding fifth grade class of 2021! They have endured so much over the last two years and demonstrated great resilience. Covid and a mid-year move couldn't stop this great group of kids!

The PTA has taken graduation pictures of each student and will present a slideshow for them on Thursday, May 27. This will be followed up with a party outside. Thank you to Heather Musser and the PTA for all of their work making this a special day for our 5th grade Panthers as they leave Peruvian Park.



Reminder: The last day of school, May 27, is early dismissal at 12:20 p.m. No breakfast or lunch will be served on this day.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the PTA for a great school year! You adjusted to our new normal and still helped create a great environment at our school. We would like to give a special shout-out to PTA President Emily Tippetts, our PTA president, who put in many hours to make sure the students had a wonderful year.



Upcoming Events:

May 12 -- SCC 3:15

May 17 – Readathon

May 19 – PTA 1:30

May 25 – Field Day

**May 26 – Chromebook Check In
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

May 27 – Report Cards/Progress sent home

May 27 – 5th Grade Video/Celebration

May 27 – Last Day – Dismissal 12:20 p.m.

Tentative Schedule 2021-2022

Aug 12 -- Panthers and Popsicles/Back to School Night 3:30-5:00 (We hope!)

Aug 16 -- First Day of School 1st-5th

Aug 16-18 -- Kindergarten Assessments by appointment

Aug 19- First Day of Kindergarten

September 6 -- Labor Day

Sept 22-23 – Parent Teacher Conference

If you have a question or concern, feel free to call and leave a message 801-826-9100 or email me at leslie.jewkes@canyonsdistrict.org

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