

Lakeridge Junior High



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Newsletter

May 2014

Upcoming Events

May

May 1 9th Grade Panoramic Picture during Flex

May 1 7th Grade CTE Assembly

May 1 Spring Fling Dance 3-5pm

May 2 Sage Science Testing begins

May 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6-9 Election Videos during Flex

May 6 AP Spanish Exam 8am

May 7 Choir Concerts 6pm & 7pm

May 7 PTSA Mtg 10am

May 8 Lagoon Permission Slips due

May 8 Community Council Mtg 12:30pm

May 9 Band Concerts 6pm & 7:30pm

May 10 Elevate Fun Run 8am

May 10 Jr. Honor Society Clean Up 9-12am

May 12-15 Election Videos during Flex

May 12 AP Biology Exam 8am

May 13 AP Human Geography Exam 8am

May 13 Orchestra Concert 7pm

May 14 9th Grade Celebration 7pm

May 16 Elections during A1

May 16 Fines and Text Books due

May 16 9th Grade Night Dance 6-8:30pm

May 17 Choir, Band & Orchestra Lagoon Day

May 19 9th Grade Talent Auditions 2pm

May 20-21 Locker Clean Out

May 20 Foreign Film Night 3-5pm

May 21 Lagoon Grade Check

May 21 9th Grade Talent Auditions 3pm

May 21-22 Armageddon Chess Tournament during Flex in the Media Center

May 22 Lagoon Wristbands handed out during lunch

May 22 Adobe Voices Film Festival 7:30pm

May 23 Last Day of Flex

May 26 No School-Memorial Day

May 27 9th Grade Lagoon Day

May 27-28 AB Days

May 28 9th Grade Talent Assembly-AB Assembly Schedule

May 28 9th Grade Yearbook Party 3:15pm

May 29 Yearbook Day

May 30 Last Day of School-School Dismissed at 9:45

May 30 Orem High Graduation 12:30pm at

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Principal's Message



For spring break I flew to North Carolina to see my son who is serving in the Army. As we were descending, the pilot came on the loudspeaker to let us know that we would be landing in fog at the Raleigh airport. I could sense the plane was on a downward slope and I thought we were getting near to landing, but I was unable to see the runway until just a few seconds before we touched down.

That moment got me thinking about life—how we often can't clearly see what is ahead. I then contemplated how pilots are able to figure the way to get us in exactly the right place to land, even though their vision is limited.

This first year as a principal has been full of ups and downs, and I often felt that I couldn't see, understand or know exactly the best direction to go. I came across this article by William D. Parker, a school administrator, and this is his [paraphrased] take on how to get through challenging times.

1. Remember your flight plan.

Remember what the ultimate destination of your journey is. Remind yourself of the goals you have set and refocus your energy that direction.

2. Know your instruments.

When you start to lose sight, hold onto routines, procedures, and policies that keep you safe and on track.

3. Rely on best practices.

Rely on your training. This will help you navigate even in the worst conditions.

4. Teamwork.

No one does well alone--constant communication with your team and listening to their feedback will help you become better.

5. Keep your cool.

Be passionate about your goal but stay calm when things become rough.

6. Keep the well-being of others as the first priority.

Use your experience, wisdom, and good judgment to make sure what you are doing is best for those you serve. Keeping the well-being of all parties in mind will help keep you humble and on the right path.

As I am "flying" toward the end of my first school year, I am grateful for the wonderful people around me who have been so helpful, patient, kind and wise as I have learned the instruments that will keep Lakeridge on track and continually guiding us to success. This is a great community and school and I am so appreciative of the opportunity to be here and work with you!

Kathy Knudsen

PTSA

Thank You PTSA Volunteers

For a Successful 2013-2014 School Year

It's not for the money;
It's not for the fame;
It's not for any personal gain.

It's just for love of your fellow man,
It's just to give a helping hand;

It's just to give a little of one's self,
That's something you can't buy with wealth;

It's not for a medal worn with pride,
It's for that feeling deep inside;

It's that feeling that you've been a part
Of helping people far and near,

WE VOLUNTEERS

That makes you a [**Lakeridge**] volunteer!

We would like to extend a very sincere and heart felt thank you to Andrea Crockett, Tina Glover and Angela Heaton for their many years of dedicated service to the students of Lakeridge and the PTSA!

PTSA Announcements

You are invited! Everyone that has served on the 2013-2014 Lakeridge PTSA Board and all those who will be serving on the 2014-2015 Lakeridge PTSA board are invited to come to our meeting on **Tuesday, May 7 at 10 AM** in the front office conference room. A light brunch will be provided. Please plan to be there as we wrap up the year!

Anyone can join PTSA! Dads, moms, teachers and students are encouraged to join! Even if you only have a small amount of time to give, there is something you can do and we can all benefit from your help. We still need to fill the following positions for 2014-2015 school year:

Legislative VP
Leadership VP
PTSA Volunteer Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinating (Internet and/or Sweatshirt/t-shirt sales)
Newsletter Translator

Annual Assessment Coordinator
Awards Coordinator
Constitution Week Coordinator
Literacy Specialist
Cultural Outreach Coordinator
Student Recognition Coordinator
Student Involvement Commissioner
Safety Committee
Goblin Chase
Track Parents

Please contact Joleen Liston ([801-224-8066](tel:801-224-8066) or layneliston@yahoo.com) for more information, or come to the next PTSA Meeting on May 7, 2014 at 10:00 for more information. Get involved and make a difference in your child's education!

President's Volunteer Service Award



Congratulations to the PTSA volunteers! The Lakeridge Junior High PTSA was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award was given for 500+ hours of PTSA service this year.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is coming! We will celebrate the wonderful teachers at Lakeridge May 5-9, 2014. Please show your appreciation for our great teachers by sending a **Thank You note** from you, or better yet, from your student. You can also send your student with some sort of a treat or gift and encourage your student to do a service for his/her teachers throughout the week to show appreciation. Our teachers work very hard to educate our children. Let's take this opportunity to show them how much we appreciate all that they do!

Reflections

The Reflections Theme for the 2014-2015 School Year is:

The World Would Be A Better Place If ...

Start working on your entry this summer! Then, watch for more information in September 2014.

Lakeridge Track Repair

As some of you may have seen our track was finally repaired after many years of dire need. A few parents, together with the PTSA, were able to raise funds due to the generosity of anonymous contributors. However, once the company began repairs it was apparent enough money had not been raised. At the hope of finding more generous people, the project continued. If you are willing and able to donate to this project it would be very much appreciated. Any amount would be helpful and much needed. Please email lakeridgetrackrepair@gmail.com and we will be able to answer any of your questions or set up a time to pick up your donation. Thank you in advance for your help!

Lakeridge Leopard T-shirts

NEW!

Lakeridge Leopard T-Shirts



Designed by 9th Grader

Hyrum Thompson!

Available in a variety of sizes

Purchase at the financial office

or at the next school event!



Lakeridge Announcements

9th Grade Panoramic Picture

Panoramic Picture - this Thursday, May 1, during FLEX, all 9th graders will be called out on the field to have the 9th grade panoramic picture taken. They are available for sale and picture packets can be found in the main office.

9th Grade Celebration

Save the date! **May 14, 2014** is the 9th Grade Celebration from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Lakeridge Auditorium. All 9th graders and their parents are invited to attend. Mark the date on your calendar and bring your 9th grader for a night of celebration.

9th Grade Lagoon Day is Tuesday, May 27th, 2014

Cost: \$30.00 Admission (paid at the Lagoon Gate) and \$12.00 Bus Fee (paid online)

Lagoon Day is less than a month away so have your student start saving now. 9th Graders will come to school as usual and will leave from their A1 class around 8:30 a.m. They will return from Lagoon at approximately 5:30 p.m. and will be dropped off at the school. Your 9th grader will bring home the permission slip and flyer on **Wednesday, April 30th**. It needs to be reviewed and signed by both parent and student, and returned to the main office no later than **Friday, May 9th**. **Note: If you went to Lagoon with the Choir, Band or Orchestra, save your ticket and you can bounce back for a cheaper admission price!**

Locker Clean Out

Please encourage your student to begin cleaning out his/her locker now. Lockers will need to be completely empty and cleaned out by **May 20 & 21**.

Community Council



Congratulations to the Lakeridge Junior High School Community Council for winning Best of State for the Educational Volunteer Category! We want to also recognize Lynn Eyestone for her personal contribution as the Chair for these many years and for significant involvement in making the Community Council a model for other schools to follow. Congratulations to the entire Council. This is an award that recognizes the contribution of parents, faculty, staff, and administration working together to bring about incredible things at Lakeridge.

Excellence in Education Award



Caius Hansen grew up in the Seattle area at the base of Mt Rainier where he liked to spend time in the outdoors and playing sports with his five brothers and his friends.

He was always a good student, and in High School you would find him skateboarding and playing music. Caius plays the guitar and trumpet, and other instruments as well.

After school Caius spent 6 years in the Navy where he trained as a Nuclear Engineer. He was deployed on the nuclear powered USS Theodore Roosevelt, also known as "the Big Stick". While on duty he earned the "Navy Achievement Medal" for protecting the nuclear power supply of the ship after fire had broken out. He was also awarded the "Commanding Officer's Personal Excellence Award" and the "Academic Achievement Award."

In the Navy he traveled the world, but spent most of his time in Virginia and Florida. While in Florida he earned a BS in Aerospace Engineering. He then came to BYU where he earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

During and after school he worked in the Seattle area designing airplanes for Boeing, and after a few years of that he decided to follow his passion and relocated to UT to teach math. He LOVES his job working with students. He is an exceptional teacher—his lessons are never tedious or quiet! His students respect, admire and learn math and life lessons from him.

Caius currently resides in Provo and loves to spend time with his niece and 3 nephews, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters-in-law who all live nearby.

National History Day Contest

Congratulations to our Lakeridge students who competed at the state *National History Day contest*. Lakeridge had 21 students compete this year. They were all very impressive and did a wonderful job with their projects which they have been working on for months. This year we have more Lakeridge winners going to the national competition in Washington DC than ever before. All first and second place winners will represent Utah at the National History Day competition:

- Anna Rowe, first place with her historical paper on Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- Diana Baird, first place individual documentary on the Downwinders
- Jenelle Zimmerman and Emily Hayes first place for a group documentary on the Vietnam War
- Ruth Patterson and Elizabeth Patterson first place group performance on The Dust Bowl
- Abby Dunn and Emme Clark with a first place group website on Women's Rights in England
- Ryan Vandebos second place with a website of Kurt Flood
- Hope Bates and Anika Nield third place with an exhibit on The Homestead Strike

District Art Show

The Alpine School District is sponsoring a District Art show for selected art works from schools in the district.

Dates: May 2nd through 17th
Location: UVU Library, 3rd Floor
Reception: May 13th, 6:30-8pm

Students from Lakeridge that are included in the art show have received a special announcement of their selection. There will be 20 works displayed by the most outstanding artists at Lakeridge. The public is invited to view during May 2nd - 17th and to come to the Reception on the 13th.

Band

Final Band Concert Announcement:

The final band concert of the year, "A Night of Heroes", will be held on Friday, May 9 at 6:00 and 7:00 pm in the Lakeridge Auditorium. It will feature some of your favorite heroic songs, such as "Gonna Fly Now--Theme from Rocky", "Pirates of the Caribbean", as well as a medley of hero themes such as Superman, James Bond and Batman. Don't miss this fun night of awesomeness! We will also be selling chocolate bars for \$1.00 a piece, all proceeds going to the band program.

Summer Band Announcement:

Be a Part of the Band! All incoming 7th graders taking band next year and anyone interested in learning a new instrument are welcome to join us for Summer Band 2014, June 9-27, Mondays-Thursdays for a half hour per day. It is the best way to start off the school year on the right foot musically and meet some new friends as well! Cost is \$40, payable before May 23rd online at the Lakeridge website or to the finance office. Please contact Ms. Fehr if you are interested in signing up, as well as receiving more details.

National Junior Honor Society

Saturday, May 10 from 9am – 12pm the Junior Society members are having their **final Service Project** at Lakeridge. We work from 9 - 11, then come in for new officer elections and lunch (potluck).

- Watch the halls for signs to stay reminded.
- Sign up at Mrs. Hunter's room for planned potluck (JrHS will provide Barbecue).
- Mark any yard tools you can bring with a piece of masking tape. You may want yard glove also.
- Meet in lunchroom at 9:00 am for assignments for grounds-cleanup/beautification. (Bring your potluck).
- SIGN ROLL FOR SERVICE CREDIT.
- Work until 11:00 am.
- Come in lunchroom to elect officers -- applications will be available for 2 Vice Presidents (8th grader) and 1 Pres. Elect (8th grader).
- Have a terrific lunch and socialize!!!

Thank you for a wonderful year!!!!!!!

Elevate 5k Run





On May 10th we will all have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of the Ricky Stafford family. Ricky is a student at Lakeridge JHS and his father Rick is also at Lakeridge as an assistant principal. Ricky Stafford is a happy and social 15 year old boy who dreams of one day playing professional basketball. He plays the violin, sings, and is fluent in German. Ricky is a great example to his 7 younger siblings. He loves to laugh and dance in the kitchen with his mom.

Ricky was diagnosed with Leukemia in February 2014. The Elevate 5k is a fun race for the entire family and the entry fee nearly all goes directly to the designated family of your choice. Please visit www.elevateutah.com to sign up or donate.

Media Center

Armageddon Chess Tournament

The Media Center will be sponsoring our annual Armageddon Chess Tournament during Flex **May 21 & 22**. Participants must sign up in the library by **May 20**. There will be prizes! Come and join the battle!

Rules

- Chess Clocks will be used: use online chess clock at www.online-stopwatch.com/chess-clock/.
- Time: 2.5 minutes per side, 5 minutes total
- 2 ways to win: 1) checkmate & 2) Opponent runs out of time
- If opponent exposes his king to check, you can capture king for victory
- Double Elimination

Library and Text Books Due

All Library books and Textbooks will be due **May 16**. All books not returned will be considered lost and the student will be charged the cost of replacing the book. All library charges will go to the financial secretary on **Tuesday May 27**. Please contact the library if you have any questions.

