

# 2019-20 AUGUST

# WELCOME BACK

Who is my teacher?

Parents may login to Skyward to see teacher assignments beginning the afternoon of August 14. School maps will be available if needed to find your classroom when you come to Back to School Night the next day. Please also update your student's information in Skyward at this time. A step by step tutorial to find teacher and update profile info accompanies this newsletter.

Updated info every year is vital for the safety of our students.

# **NEW YEAR NEW LOOK**

# Weekly Newsletter

The first newsletter of the year is always a little longer as it includes an introduction to our newest faculty members along with other important information. In the past, our newsletter consisted of 2-4 pages each month. This year it will be a little different. With the exception of this newsletter, there will be one page sent out weekly sharing upcoming school events and other information as needed.

This page will be in PDF format and will be a continuous form so you may refer back to any week of the year.

# TABITHA'S WAY

# Backpacks and Clothes Donations

Tabitha's Way provides backpacks with a few supplies inside for students who may be in need. Please come and see us in the office during back to school night if you could use a new backpack. You can support their clothes donations across Utah County by dropping your gently used, no longer needed clothes in the bin located at the west end of the drop off zone in front of the school.

**Back to School Night** is full of excitement and anticipation. Students and parents get the chance to meet their teacher and get familiar with their new new class-room. It's also the perfect time to pay for lunches, meet the PTA and get help with questions like busing. Check out the dates and times for first-sixth grades as well as for kindergarten in Upcoming Events.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 15 Back to School Night 4:00-5:30pm

SCC Nominations

**August 20** First Day School First-Sixth Grades

# August 26 Kinder Back to School Night 4:00-5:30pm

SCC Elections

August 27 First Day School Kindergarten

9:30 PTA Boo Hoo Breakfast 12:35 PTA Boo Hoo Breakfast (for kindergarten parents)

> September 2 No School Labor Day

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year of school. This summer our teachers have been in the building working hard to prepare for a fantastic school year. Many of our teachers have worked together as teams to better align their curriculum. They are excited to welcome your children into their rooms and to challenge and teach them new concepts. Our teachers love your students and welcome the opportunity to work with both you and your child.

We have worked hard this summer to prepare for a great year, but we also need help. A few tips to help your child have greater success in school are:

- Take a few moments each day and ask your child how their day went.
- Ask what homework they may have.
- Set a designated time and place for homework.
- Take the time to help your child with their homework.
- Encourage your child to read every night.
- Let your child see you reading everyday.

If you are driving your children to school we have a few safety rules that help to make our school a safer place to be. Our student drop off is at the front of the school. This area is designated for parents to circle, stop, and drop off/pick up their children. There are two lanes. The inside lane is for drop off/pick up, and the outside lane is for passing. We also ask that all adults use the crosswalk as well. This helps to teach our children safety habits as well as provide for your own safety.

For those who need to drop off their kids and assist them into the school please park in the parking lot and walk with your child. If you are using this option we ask that you accompany your child to the school using the crosswalks. Children should never use the drop-off crosswalk alone. Do not park in the parking lot and have your child walk through the lot without you.

#### Safety tips for children being dropped off by car

- Wait for the car to come to a complete stop before attempting to load or unload.
- Enter and exit your parent's car from the sidewalk side, never from the street side of the car.
- Wait for your parent's car to come to come to a complete stop.
- Do not run on the sidewalk next to the cars.

#### Safety tips for children near buses

- When you get off, take five giant steps away from the bus, out of the danger zone.
- Cross in front of the bus, and make sure you maintain eye contact with the driver.
- Never go back for anything and never bend down near or under the bus.

#### Safety tips for parents

- Do not use your cell phones in the drop off/pick up zone. This is a distraction drivers do not need while picking up children.
- A child's safety is far more important than saving a few seconds.
- Watch for children. They are small and easily can be hidden in the blind spot.
- Only drop your kids off when your car arrives at the designated yellow painted drop off zone.
- Encourage them to sit quietly in their seat and follow the bus driver's instructions.
- Never drop or pick up your child in the Fox Hollow bus zone or parking lot next to it.

Thank you for your help,

Darrin C Johnson

Darrin Johnson Principal, Fox Hollow Elementary

# **NEW FACES** Help us Welcome our Newest Faculty Members

## Tiffanie Littlefield, TAA

Hello, my name is Mrs. Littlefield, I will be working with Mr. Johnson as an assistant administrator this school year. I am excited to get to know the families and students at Fox Hollow.



I little about me, I previously was at Westfield Elementary. I have five children and seven grandchildren. I love to work at elementary schools with children and their families. My favorite food is ice cream!

## Marina Mackay, Third Grade

Hi, I'm Marina Mackay and I'm so excited to be joining the Fox Hollow team this year! My amazing husband and I got married in January and we are currently living in American Fork. I enjoy spending time with family, friends, listening to country music, Jeeping and camping.



### Rebecca Abbott, Kindergarten

I am Rebecca Abbott. I was born in American Fork, but moved to Dallas and Chicago for my Elementary School years. We moved back to Utah when I was 12 and I have lived in Highland since then. I met my husband in high school and we are inseparable. I studied Elementary Education at BYU and taught 6th grade for a year at Meridian School. I have 8 childrenranging from 6 to 24 years old and one little two month old grandson.



I am a costume designer and have worked on several children's plays. I love making dresses and costumes.

I love to run, do Yoga, hiking, and other sports. I find these are stress relievers. I love being a mom.

Teaching Kindergarten has been a dream of mine. Children are my greatest love. I love their little personalities and their individuality and uniqueness. I believe kindergarten is the most important year of a child's education!

## Lauren Call, Fifth Grade

My name is Lauren Call. I grew up r ight here in Lehi, just a few minutes down the road from Fox Hollow! I've been married for almost two years now, and we don't have any kids yet. I love music and going to concerts, playing games, watching



The Bachelor and hanging out with my family. I am a teacher because I want to be the person I needed when I was younger for my students. I want to watch them change the world!

### Abigail Workman, Special Educatio

I grew up in the Portland, OR area. I am 4th out of 5 girls. I came to Utah for school, and graduated from BYU. I am not married but I have an adorable one-year-old niece! I love reading, going to the movies, going to concerts, collecting postcards, and spending time with my family. A little known fact is I love NFL football, and I am



planning on going to my first game during Fall Break! I have always loved working with students and seeing them learn and understand how the world works. What I love most about working with students in special education is having them get a concept that we have been working at and being so excited about learning.

### Wendy Bennett, Art

My name is Wendy Bennett and I will be teaching art here at Fox Hollow. I am really excited to share what I know about art and get to know the students at Fox Hollow. I have loved art ever since Junior High. It was my favorite class. I received an art scholarship to Snow College and also had a painting displayed at the Springville art museum while I was in high school. I graduated several years ago from BYU with a degree in Art Education. I finished my degree in December. That is a hard time to get a teaching



job. A friend told me about an airline job. I applied and got the job as a flight attendant.. Traveling is also a passion I have. I have been very blessed to be able to travel all over the world. I have been able to see a lot of famous works of art throughout Europe. It is amazing to see these great works in person. A few years ago I felt impressed to re-certify and get a teaching job. I have also been taking oil painting and watercolor painting classes the past 4 years. I have 3 amazing and busy kids. They are involved in a lot of activities and keep me very busy. I look forward to a great year.

### Janna Bush, Education Technology

I'm a proud Canadian and am going on my 11th year at Fox Hollow. I am married and have 3, almost grown, children. I love Disneyland and riding my horses. My dream is to own a farm and "live off the land". As a teacher I am passionate about



teaching the "whole child". Helping them not only acquire academic knowledge but also life skills which will serve them well into their adulthood. I am excited to be teaching Computers this year!

### Corrina Reid, PE

This is my first year at Fox Hollow. I have coached gymnastics for the past seven years. My favorite food is watermelon. I have always enjoyed physical education and sports, and have participated in many different sports including



gymnastics, dance, basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, soccer, and more. I recognize that physical education is important for academic school work and to live well throughout life. I am excited to be teaching PE this year!



We are excited to welcome three of our teachers to new grades. Mrs. Ireland will be teaching sixth grade, Miss Forbes will be on the fourth grade team and Mrs. Madrian will move to first grade.

Mrs. Cunico is no longer in second grade but we are thrilled to have her as our Intern Coach and TSA, she might not be teaching a class but she's still a Flyer!

**Hello Fox Hollow Families**, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and the new PTA Executive Board. I'm Jennie Best and I'm PTA President. I've been a part of Fox Hollow for the last 11 years. I love the students, teachers, and staff at our school, and I am honored to help make this a wonderful year. Jenna Jensen is our President Elect, Heather



Burns and Hayley Dye are VP's, Carissa Rassmussen Secretary, and Julie Huffaker is our Treasurer. I have 3 goals for this year. #1 - Recognize the good things our students, teachers, and staff are doing. #2 - Increase communication. #3 - Increase involvement. Please look for opportunities to volunteer at Back to School Night and in the packets your child will bring home the first day of school. Many hands make light work and allow us to do more. If you have questions, concerns, want to share ideas/suggestions, or help out, feel free to email me at jenniesbest@gmail.com .

**School T-shirts** - This year's t-shirt design was voted on by the students in May. Almost 90% of the students voted for this particular design. There will be order forms to purchase school t-shirts and hoodies at Back to School Night as well as in the packets your child will receive the first day of school. (Credit Cards will be accepted if you purchase at back to school night.) Sample shirts and hoodies will be available at back to

school night to help determine sizing. Children are encouraged to wear school t-shirts or the color blue on Fridays to show school spirit.





**Kindergarten Parents, please join us** - On the first day of Kindergarten (Aug. 27th) after dropping your kindergartener off and waving goodbye to them join the PTA and Principal Johnson in the gym. (Approximately 9:30am for early bird parents and 12:35pm for later gator parents.) You'll hear a brief message from Principal Johnson and the PTA about some things to be aware of as a kindergarten parent. Donuts will be provided.