

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we wind down the 2015-16 school year with summer coming quickly, I'd like to make you aware of some fantastic summertime learning opportunities for your middle schooler. Jordan School District offers several USTAR courses. USTAR courses give opportunities for students to accelerate their progress in mathematics and science. Some of these courses provide a full credit designed to accelerate student progress, while others are offered to enhance learning with fun, engaging topics. There is no charge for JSD students.

West Hills is pleased to host two of these USTAR courses. Lego Mindstorm Robotics and Computer Programming will both be offered through Jordan School District, with classes held here at West Hills.

### Lego Mindstorm Robotics

West Hills Middle School

- **Dates:** June 8-24  
Monday - Friday
- **Dates:** July 26 – August 12  
Monday - Friday
- **Times:** 9:00 am - 11:30 am
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### Computer Programming

West Hills Middle School

- **Dates:** June 8-24  
Monday - Friday
- **Dates:** July 26 – August 12  
Monday - Friday
- **Times:** 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
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Visit the Jordan School District USTAR Classes webpage for information about these and other classes being offered this Summer: <http://departments.jordandistrict.org/curriculum/science/secondary/ustar.html>

Summer can be a great time to continue the learning experiences for your child!

Stacy Evans  
Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Our community is blessed with a great group of dedicated PTSA volunteers offering many selfless hours of service for the benefit of our students! Since our previous newsletter two months ago PTSA has sponsored many activities. The Spring Dance was well attended. Our Pirates of Penzance musical production would not have happened without many parents working together. Thank you for your support in allowing us to work with your children to make it a reality. Our PTSA student representatives enjoyed a great day at Capitol Hill meeting legislators, engaging in debates and seeing how government works. We've been able to staff Book Fair and offer meals to teachers to keep them going during conference days. Basically, we are just striving to make a difference by supporting students, faculty, staff and administration. If not already a PTSA member, please consider joining! Fundraiser money stays completely in our school, and membership dues help fund efforts to safeguard educationally-friendly legislation--our student representatives were able to see this first-hand! We could always use more volunteers, too! Please feel free to contact me any time at [david@octappella.com](mailto:david@octappella.com) and we can tailor-make a service opportunity that fits your schedule! Thank you.



## CHOIR

The end of the year Choir concert will be on May 26 at 6:30 pm. The Intermediate Choir and Concert Choir will both be performing.



## *GEOGRAPHY FOR LIFE*

In ninth grade Geography for Life we are currently studying the region of East Asia. Along with our study, as has become a West Hills tradition, we have been folding paper cranes. Japanese legend has it that if someone folds a thousand paper cranes they will be granted a wish. This year, the Geography students are hoping to fold enough cranes for two wishes by the time of our fourth quarter Wildcat of the Quarter assembly. At this assembly they will be given to a couple of West Hills community students who are facing difficult health challenges. Helping others is just one way we show that West Hills is the Best Hills!



## NICE JOB!! - Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Orchestra, Drumline, and Colorguard



Congratulations to all of our students on amazing performance evaluations this spring. The Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and Choir earned "Superior" (Division I) ratings. The Orchestra earned a "Excellent" (Division II) rating. West Hills Students competed with the Copper Hills

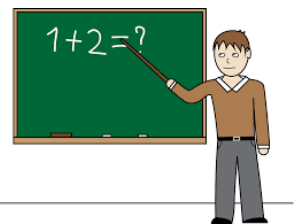
Drumline and earned second place in the state at the Intermountain Marching Percussion Association (IMPA) Championship. West Hills Students competed with the Copper Hills Color Guard and placed sixth in the Utah Winter Guard Association (UWGA) state contest.



## TEACHER OF THE QUARTER - MR JONES

Students nominated Mr. Jones as our 2015-2016 third quarter "Teacher of the Quarter". Here are some things that were written about our winner:

- \* Mr. Jones is a fantastic teacher.
- \* He makes math lessons fun.
- \* Mr. Jones is funny and is always smiling.
- \* He listens to his students and is really great with them.
- \* Mr. Jones respects his students and their opinions.
- \* He really wants his students to succeed and is willing to stay after school to help them.



Mr. Jones is a great teacher and we are lucky to have him. Thanks for all you do for West Hills! And thank you to all the students who turned in nominations; we had nearly 450 forms filled out. That says a lot about our awesome students as well as our great faculty!