



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

I truly enjoy our students here at West Hills, and have daily opportunities to see our students engaged in learning activities at the school, showing the many wonderful things they are learning. Lately, I've especially enjoyed seeing our students involved in musical rehearsals, dance practice, choir, band and orchestra rehearsals, CATFOOD cooking after school, and after school tutorial help. It's exciting to see so many of our students get involved beyond the regular school day!

Many of the programs, services and materials at West Hills come directly from School Trust Land funds.

- Tutoring after school
- 17-hour classroom aide for ESL students (monitors grades and reading score progress, assists with one-on-one tutoring in the ESL Study Skills class, helps students who struggle with their classes, visits with teachers to help them understand how to better meet ESL student needs.
- Computer lab upgrades (40 new computers with monitors in the lab adjacent to our library-media center were purchased this year)
- Professional development for teachers in support of middle level philosophy and professional learning communities where teachers learn best practices from one another
- In-school beginning teacher assistance program that funds substitute teachers to allow newer teachers to benefit from observing their effective teacher colleagues here at West Hills and in surrounding middle schools.

For more details about how West Hills uses School Trust Lands funds, please visit our webpage at <http://westhills.jordandistrict.org/community/scc/>.

I would like to thank our School Community Council for their support, and help, in writing the School Land Trust proposal each year. We would also like to thank the Utah Legislators for their continued support for the School Land Trust Fund; we see tremendous benefits each year.

West Hills Middle School loves School Trust Lands funds!



PTA PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hello Wildcats and Parents!

I hope you are having a fantastic year so far. Our PTSA has been hard at work. We have the Valentine's Day dance coming up. It is free to all PTSA members. If you haven't signed up, don't despair. You still have time, and there will be people at the door to sign you up even if you wait until the last minute.

Next month is the production of our school musical, *Mulan Jr.* I hope you'll come out to support all the talented students that have worked so hard these last few months.

Also coming up soon is student led conferences and the book fair. If you'd like to help with either of these events please let us know. You can contact me via text at 801-755-8625 and I'll pass it along to the correct person.

Finally, we are looking for people for our board next year. Joining the PTSA is a great way to stay in the loop and meet some great people. The great thing about PTSA is that every position is only over one thing. It makes it very easy for you to decide how much time you have available and then take a position based upon that. We'd love to see some new people!

Until next time... Take care!

Sharna Harrod

SCIENCE FAIR NEWS



On January 15, the 8th and 9th grade students at West Hills Middle School participated in the annual science fair. We had a lot of great projects and the winners were difficult to select. Without further ado, the winners are:

Best in Show: Olivia Farey

Biology

1st Place: Rylee Southwick

2nd Place: Jake Korpi

3rd Place: Kathryn Wallace

Chemistry

1st Place: Brandon Checketts

2nd Place: Landon Schwenke

3rd Place: Holli Cochran

Physics

1st Place: Kody Crapo

2nd Place: Jake Korpi

3rd Place: Daniel Quintana

Social Science

1st Place: McKenna Rich

2nd Place: Marcus Gibbons

3rd Place: Kaylie Ann Brown

The West Hills Science Team would like to thank all those who participated. We're glad that students had the opportunity to apply the scientific principles that they have learned in class to a real life problem that they chose. Congrats to all our young scientists!



Book Fair



The Book Fair will be after school and during Student-led Conferences on March 5-6 in the Media Center.

This will be a BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE event! Come in for some great deals and reward your student for their hard work.

All A+ Book Fair purchases benefit our school. You could also help add books to our classroom shelves by purchasing books and donating them to your child's class. Thanks for helping get more kids reading and kids reading more. See you at the Book Fair!



Student Reps



Thank you to all the parents who came to our parent breakfast in January. It was great to have you there and get the kids signed up for our field trip! We're excited to take the students downtown to Capitol Day on Feb. 12th. Everyone wear your shirts as we will be taking our yearbook picture while we're there. See you next month!
- Heather Pugmire and Lori Ingham

Mulan Jr

Our rehearsals are underway and going great! We have 76 students in the cast this year and it's going to be a wonderful production. Our performances will be March 21st, 22nd, 24th, and 25th at 6:30 in the auditorium. The student body can pick up tickets for their families the beginning of March during lunches. We'll let them know the exact dates we'll be passing those out as we get closer. Thank you to all of the families who are letting us borrow their kids for these next few months. They're a great bunch of talented kids and we're having fun with them!

- Heather Pugmire, Judy Binns, Jenni Shelton, Lori Ingham, Clarisse Offen, Andrea Seely, and Ms. Coakwell



GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Congratulations to Mr. Maughan who has been nominated by the West Hills PTA for the Utah PTA Golden Apple Award for outstanding educators. We think you are truly "outstanding"!



PTA Board Member Positions Available for 2014-2015 School Year:

- **President Elect**
- **Treasurer**
- **Reflections**
- **Memory Book**
- **Book Fair Assistant**

Get involved and make a difference in the lives of our students at West Hills Middle School! Anyone interested in any of these positions, please contact Alishia Huefner in the Front Office @ 801-412-2300.

Memory Books



A message from the memory book staff:
We encourage you to check on Skyward to see if you have paid for your student's memory book. They are still only \$25 for a full color memory book. The price will go up on March 1st to \$30. Order and pay for yours before the price increase. We do not order extra books at the end of the year. We order what students have paid for, so please don't expect extras to be available. (Last year a lot of students left disappointed that more books were not available.) You can pay online through Skyward with a credit card. You can also pay in the front office with cash or a check. Just be sure to pay ASAP. The students have a few days at the end of the year to sign each other's books. Make sure that ordering one for your student is moved to the top of your "to do" list! Order your memory book TODAY!

Breakfast

Breakfast is available from 7:15 - 7:45 Monday - Thursday and from 9:15 - 9:45 on Friday. The price for breakfast is \$1.00 for regular price, \$0.30 for reduced and free to students who qualify for free lunch. We will be trying out some new items in our line-up for breakfast. Start your day out right with a school breakfast.