

Mountainside News

February 2024



February 5 - School Community Council, 3:45 PM
February 16 – Teacher Professional Development Day – No School
February 19 – Presidents’ Day – No School
February 23 – PTA Block Out Bullying Day – wear black
February 23 – 1st Grade Program 1:30
February 26 – Teacher Prep Day – No School
February 27 – 5th Grade Field Trip
February 27-29 – No REACH program
February 27-29 – Book Fair
February 29 – School out at 1:00, Parent Teacher Conferences from 4pm-8pm; No Preschool or Kindergarten
March 1 - No School, Parent Teacher Conferences from 8am-12pm
March 4 – School Community Council, 3:45



Parent Teacher Conferences will be February 29 and March 1

Monday, February 19-Monday, February 26 – Sign up for appointments
Thursday, February 29–Dismiss at 1:00pm; No half day Kindergarten or Preschool;
Conferences from 4pm-8pm
Friday, March 1 – No school for all students; Conferences from 8am-12pm

Sign up for an appointment between February 19 – 26 at:

<https://www.canyoncreeksoftware.com/scheduler/ut/cache/index.cfm>

Password: mountainside

Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home before they come to school. We understand that occasionally plans change so if you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please call the school office – do not text or email teachers. Often, they do not check their phone and email during the school day. Also, just a reminder that phones and smart watches need to be turned off during the school day. If your student is using a device during class or recess, it will be taken away for the day. Please call the school office if you have any questions about this policy.



Mountainside Families,

February is here and love is in the air. Love of learning that is! Our students showed great growth on our January reading and math schoolwide assessments and we are excited about what the rest of this year holds in store.

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to our Neon Dance Party last Monday. Our PTA does incredible work and we are learning they know how to throw a PARTY!

As a school, we wanted to mention one item about student attendance. Before COVID during the 18-19 school year, our school had a Chronic Absenteeism rate of 12%. Chronic Absenteeism is when a student misses more than 18 days of school for any reason which means on average it would be greater than 2 absences a month. Research has shown that chronic absenteeism affects a student's academic achievement. Our school currently has 22.3% of students chronically absent. Based on our current enrollment of 532 students that means that Mountainside currently has 118 students identified as chronically absent.

We want all of our kids to learn at their highest capacity. We need them here to do it. We know there are good reasons not to be in school, illness being one of them, but we hope you can help make school attendance and being on time to school a priority for your kids. We care about every student here at Mountainside and want them to feel happy and successful!

Student safety continues to be a top priority at Mountainside. January's fire and evacuation drill went exceptionally well. Our teachers know how to respond to specific protocols and students are listening for instructions. February's drill will be a lockdown drill. Teachers have been reviewing expectations for a lockdown drill with their classes. During a lockdown we announce "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" indicating that doors should be shut and locked, lights should be turned off, and the class will move to a corner of the class that is out of view of hallway windows. Please take a moment to talk to your child this month about our lockdown drill.

Our bus drivers have reported that several students are requesting to get off at a friend's bus stop or ride a different bus home with a friend. If you would like your child to get off at a different bus stop or ride the bus home with a friend, please send a signed note indicating you are aware of the situation.

Finally, we have our parent-teacher conferences at the end of February. We are asking for everyone's help to get the word out that we would like every student who will be attending kindergarten next year to either register before or on the night that their student has parent-teacher conferences. Our office staff will be here until 8:00 PM on February 29 and the next morning on March 1st from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM ready to help register new kindergarten students. Kindergarten students can be registered before then as well. An accurate number of next year's kindergarten students is critical as we begin to plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

I am beyond grateful to work at this incredible school, with the best students, teachers, and parents in the world.

Thank you for all you do to support Mountainside.

Cam Amott
Principal
Mountainside Elementary

A yellow and blue poster for Cache County School District Kindergarten Registration. At the top left is the Cache County School District logo with a mountain range. The main text in a dark blue oval reads "KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION *NOW OPEN*" in yellow and red. Below this is the website "www.ccsdut.org/kinder" and "REGISTRATION STARTS ONLINE THEN DELIVER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024." A section with a blue background and yellow text says "UNAVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS? SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 PM ON THURSDAY, Feb 29 TO ACCEPT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS". Below that, in yellow text on a dark blue background, it says "Children who will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024". At the bottom, it says "Questions? Contact your local school." The poster features photos of three children: a boy on the left, a girl in the center, and a girl on the right.

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Literacy Night Silent Auction March 25

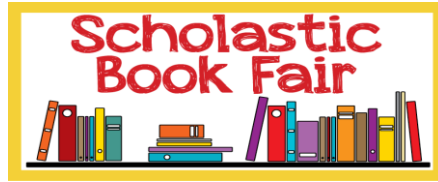
Mountainside is now accepting donations to our
**Silent Auction
Fundraiser**

If you are interested in donating items or services for our silent auction or in sponsoring our literacy event, please contact Cheryl Henrie at 435-792-7688 or cheryl.henrie@ccsdut.org

REACH Changes

There will be NO before or after-school programming during the week of Feb. 26-March 1.





February 27th: 3:35-4:35 pm

February 28th: 3:35-4:35 pm

February 29th: 4:00-7:30 pm

Come and find some great books at our Book Fair!
Students will be able to browse during their library time and
can purchase items after school.

Volunteers are crucial to a successful book fair! If you would be willing to
volunteer, please contact Mrs. Tye at sara.tye@ccsdut.org