



Science Fair!

March 2011

Teaching the Virtues

William J. Bennett, named Secretary of the Department of Education in 1985, delivered a speech at a Hillsdale College seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado on October 3, 2002. Following are excerpts from that speech.

“I think the answer regarding how to teach the virtues is pretty straightforward. Aristotle had a good read on it, and modern psychology and other contemporary studies back him up: We teach by habit, we teach by precept, and we teach by example...if we want young people to take right and wrong seriously, they must be in the presence of adults who take right and wrong seriously.”

“It’s an old notion and an old responsibility, the teaching of virtues. Virtues don’t come in our genes, so it is the duty of every generation to pass them on. It is a duty we are not allowed to surrender.”

As parents, let us be the best teachers – let us teach by habit, precept, and example. Susan Kirby

Things heard at Ivy Hall Academy

The other day a Kindergarten student had used a hoodie from the Lost & Found box for recess.

When he came in and was taking the hoodie off to return to the box, he said, “This is a rental from the Lost and Found.”

Children make our day!

Calendar:

March 10	Textbook Check
12	Regional Spelling Bee: 9:00 a.m. @ Scera Thomas Freedman participating
14	Pi Day
16	Kindergarten Assembly 9:00 a.m.
17	Science Fair 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. St. Patrick’s Day
18	March Break
23	4 th Grade Assembly
25	Spring Pictures – free dress
30	JH Assembly

World Studies: Africa
Values: Courage, Conviction

Open Enrollment

Our open enrollment has begun for those not currently at the school. There are now no guaranteed spots for Ivy Hall students. Enroll now to avoid disappointment.

With our present economy and many local cutbacks in education, we should highlight that there is no uncertainty here and we:

- Maintain small classes
- Are not adding additional or hidden fees
- Are fiscally sound
- Have no furloughs

Ivy Hall is a place of old-fashioned, solid education. Recommend us to others.

Earn a \$200 Tuition Credit

If you are influential in having a family enroll at Ivy Hall, we give you a \$200 tuition credit the month after they become current students. Word of mouth is our best advertising—so open yours and be rewarded!



Science Fair Display Boards

Each student in grades 1-8 needs a display board. They are available at Xpedx or Walmart. We have scrapbook paper available if it’s needed for matting info on the board. All writing on the display should be computer-generated.

Science Fair

On March 17th, we’ll hold our Science Fair from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Preschool and Kindergarten will do a class project and all other students will prepare a project at home.

Come and enjoy a great evening!
Family and friends are welcome.

Science Week: Camp Invention

This summer, June 13-17, we are sponsoring a national science program: **Camp Invention**. It is an excellent curriculum which helps students ages 5-11 evaluate and

problem solve. This skill of thinking, knowing there is a solution, and working to achieve that end will be an advantage to students for their entire lives.

It is \$215 for the 5-day (all day) week. If you register by March 30th, there is a \$25 discount.

All Children are invited and we are the only program in Provo/Orem.

If you have friends in public schools or who home school, they are invited.

We'll have flyers out at the Science Fair and you may always speak to Mrs. Shumway.

Power Hours

For March, we are going to spend time cleaning up our playground from winter's effects.

For April, we are collecting books in good condition for Fiji. A student club at UVU is going over for 2 weeks to build an elementary school. They would like to supply a library since this village has few books and a school library would contribute much to the children's educational experience. We will collect books in the office until the end of April.

NO glass in Lunchboxes

For safety reasons, we ask that students have no glass containers in lunchboxes. If they drop on the floor, it is a dangerous situation.

Teacher Evaluations

At the west entrance, we have forms to help us meet your needs. Your input is essential for us to continue to offer a quality program. Please fill out a teacher evaluation form and return it to us.

Well-Rounded Education

Along with a strong academic program, Ivy Hall has offerings to provide our students with a well-rounded education. Here are a few:

- Each day our students have a drawing assignment to help them learn to draw. Once a week there is a more involved art project.
- We are just concluding two months of dancing—we had a ball and raised our heart rate!
- Choir will resume this week. Classes sing often in their classrooms.
- Each month we study countries of a continent, have flags up in the gym, and a poster of indigenous animals above the drinking fountain.

Teacher Ease

For students in grades 2-8, parents may go online and check grades at any time. We appreciate those who visit the site regularly and keep their student up-to-date.

The program keeps track of who logs on and how often—so, big brother is watching you! ☺ Seriously, this is a great

service for parents and we appreciate our teachers taking the time to enter grades and print out lists of missing assignments. At the present time, less than half of our parents ever access this benefit.

Homework Habit

Remember that homework is a part of attending Ivy Hall Academy. In William Bennett's book, *The Educated Child* (pg. 99) he lists the Ten Signs of a Good School. Number 7 is: Homework. "Achievement rises when teachers give homework and children conscientiously do it." We feel we've found a good balance between time spent on homework and time available for outside interests and family. Please support us by having your student consistently complete assignments.

Make-Up Work for Trips

When families take trips, many ask for work to keep students current. Generally, it doesn't get done, and we feel that a family vacation should be a time to make memories—not do homework. When students return to school, teachers will give them what they need to avoid "holes" in their learning, and allow a week for them to get caught up. We feel that this is the most advantageous for all concerned.

Thanks, Parents!

Our ski program would not happen if it were not for you parents who drive. Special thanks go to the parents who drive their children and others every week. You are a vital part of what we offer and are much appreciated.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found has more lost than found! Items will be set out during the Science Fair. Look through and see if anything belongs to you.

Fabulous Friday Treats

We want to thank all of you parents for the yummy Friday treats you've brought in for the teachers. We all look forward to Fridays. Know that you're the greatest parents!



Spring Pictures

On the 25th, we will have Spring pictures. They are OPTIONAL. Students have a free dress day and may wear whatever you'd like for their pictures. This package has many options.

Business Card Book

Our parents at Ivy Hall represent many resources in our community. We thought it would be a Win-Win for us to have a book of businesses/offices affiliated with our parents. Please send in your business cards and we'll compile them into a reference book. Then, when services are needed, the book would be here as a reference. We will look into having this info on our web-site next year.