

# Give Thanks Always

November 2009

## Building Bridges Rather than Walls

I recently listened to a speaker refer to the Three Cups of Tea philosophy. In that discussion, he suggested we work on building bridges rather than walls. Our society often separates our elders from the younger generation. In a survey, 5-20% of American children spend time talking to their elders about experiences and advice. In Pakistan, the percent is 90-95%.

As Thanksgiving is coming and families often gather, let's link generations by sharing time together. It's nice to have children enjoy activities geared to their age level; however, it's good to also spend time with elders. It's an anchor for the soul.



## Calendar

Nov 4	Non-Music Talent Assembly
11	Junior High Assembly
18	Picture Re-takes and Class Pictures – no assembly
20	Progress Reports go home
21-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2	PK Assembly
9	Music Talent Assembly.
11	Christmas Programs – here
18	Half day, dismiss at noon

World Studies: British Isles

Values: Gratitude, Tolerance, Forgiveness



## Pick-Up from 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

We feel 15 minutes is sufficient time to load our students. It also limits the time our teachers are out in the cold. If you pick-up after 3:00 p.m., please come to the office.

## Week off at Thanksgiving

To facilitate families who leave for the week of Thanksgiving, we are taking that week off. In the past we have been unable to cover new material because of the number missing from class.

If this puts you in a difficult position, we are offering a supervised program on Mon., Nov. 23 and Tues., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> for \$20 per day per student.

Some of our regular teachers are available; however, we need to know if you're planning to have your child here by this Friday (Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>) so they can get things ready. When you call, please indicate who will attend and their age/grade.

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For parents of students in 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades, our online grading program is invaluable. Grades are recorded and missing assignments are indicated.

Our disappointment is that some parents never access this information. We encourage you to take advantage of this service.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Sundance Skiing is coming

Immediately after Christmas Break, we begin our ski program. Prices are as follows:

Cost is \$200 Includes 2-hour lesson and lift pass

\$145 Lessons only (You must have your own Season pass)

### **Sundance Rental Rates:**

Rentals Discount applies to 6-week package

Skis \$ 90

Snowboard \$120

One-time rentals are available at regular rental rates.

### **Nyman's Ski & Snowboard Rental Rates**

1313 E. 800 N., Orem, 801-368-8639 (mouth of Provo Canyon):

Rentals Discount applies to 6-week package

Skis \$60

Snowboard \$75

Or

Season Ski Pkg. \$ 90

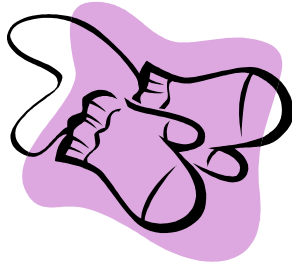
Season Snowboard (board & Boots) \$125

For safety and liability reasons, participants need to be at least **8 years old to participate, 9 years old to snowboard.**

Please make checks payable to Ivy Hall Academy. Lesson and Rental fees need to be paid to Ivy Hall in advance: **by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

- No refunds allowed once program has begun.
- No refunds for missed lessons, late arrival, late sign ups.
- Students must have everything paid for in advance. No one will be allowed to participate until payment is received.
- Rental & Liability Release forms need to be turned into the office before students are allowed to participate.

### Warm Clothes for Recess



Unless it is snowing or excessively cold, students will go outside every day for recess.

Please have them wear coats, boots, mittens, and hats so they can enjoy their time outside and avoid sickness. If they are sick and need to stay inside, please send a note and they will be sent to the office during recess.

### Second Term: No Shorts

In the second term of school, no shorts are to be worn. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, students may again wear them.

### PK Students Leave by 11:45

From now until Spring, preschool students are to be picked up by 11:45. Staying for lunch will again be an option in March. (If weather is inclement and students stay in for recess, preschool students are supervised in the office because their teachers leave at 11:45. This results in a difficult situation for all.)

### Picture Retakes/Class Photos

If you are not satisfied with your child's pictures, send the entire packet back to school and let teachers know you want retakes.

Send the packet back with your student on **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for retakes.**

That day class pictures will also be taken. A copy of the class picture is included in any package you purchase. If you do not buy a package, class pictures cost \$7.00.

Please remember that all students are to be in dress uniform for pictures.

### Box Tops

We collected 2273 box tops! Mrs. Shumway's class had about 1000. We will continue to collect box tops all year and have a second deadline in May. Thank you for your help with this.

### Lehi Roller Mills Mixes

Lots of baking will take place in Utah Valley thanks to your support of our fund raiser! Mixes will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving so you have ample time to deliver them before Christmas if they're gifts—if not, enjoy!



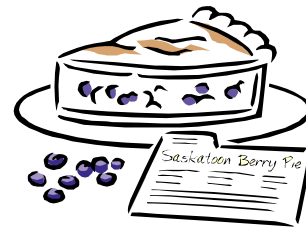
### Cranberry Pie Recipe

Susan Kirby, Director

Cover bottom of unbaked pie crust with a layer of cranberries.

1 c white sugar                      ½ c water  
1 egg (or 2 yolks)                  1 tsp vanilla  
1 Tbsp flour

Mix together and pour over berries. Cover with lattice top. Bake at 375 for 10 minutes, then lower temperature to 350 until crust is lightly brown (approximately 1 hour). May serve with vanilla ice cream.



### Power Hours

Currently, 45% of college graduates want to make the world a better place. The "Me" generation has become the "We" generation because of community service. Our Power Hours are designed to make our students more community minded.

This year, classes are in charge of projects as part of our leadership focus.

October Power Hour is under the direction of First Grade.

They chose to rake and bag the leaves on the school playground. We're now just waiting for nature to co-operate

and drop the leaves off our trees. We'll keep in touch and let you know when we need rakes at school.

In November we are collecting items for the Family Support & Treatment Center. See the list below and send in items all month.

**Household:**

- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer (ideally alcohol-free and with moisturizer, but any kind will still help!)
- Trash bags (kitchen or outdoor)
- Kleenex
- Ziploc bags (esp. sandwich/quart size)
- Band-aids

**Misc:**

- Kids belts, all sizes (new or gently used)
- Kids underwear, esp. for 2-3 year olds
- Kids clothing sizes 3-6 (new or gently used)
- Kids gloves/mittens/hats for winter (new or like-new)
- Blankets/quilts, all sizes (new or like-new)

**Upcoming Power Hours**

To give you a heads up re upcoming Power Hours, be aware of the following:

December: coats for those in need – United Way

January: toy drive

For these 2 drives, please involve your children in choosing what to give away so they feel part of the project.

**An Attitude of Gratitude**

The staff at Ivy Hall appreciate the wonderful parents of our students. There is always someone doing something—whether it's treats on Fridays, driving for field trips, supporting a fund raiser, clipping box tops, and many more acts of service. You are a bright spot in our lives and we don't take you for granted. Thank you SO much!