



Wasatch Peak Academy

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Dear Parents,

Once again, Wasatch Peak Academy is preparing for a terrific school year! Approximately 375 students are enrolled in K-6 grade. We encourage all parents to get involved this year! You will soon recognize that volunteering and service will be a major theme for 2010-11 with The WPA Board, PTO and staff actively involved in continuing to have our parents engaged in our learning community. WPA is dedicated to helping all students reach their potential. Teachers teach using a variety of strategies and technology that keep students interested and enthusiastic about learning. We are well known for the nurturing, friendly, and challenging environment we have created for our students.

The August Calendar is now posted on the WPA website. On August 16th the **Patriot August Opener** is scheduled from 3-6 p.m. Each enrolled student must have a parent attend this event. The activities for that afternoon are as follows:

Breakfast and Lunch sign-up 3-6 p.m.

Registration 3-6 p.m. Registration forms will be available August 6th for parents to download and bring to registration on the website. *Please also check the website for new student requirements such as immunization, school and birth certificate records.*

Parent Organization Booths and Information 3-6 p.m.

Volunteer Planning Agreements 3-6 p.m.

This year parents will need to come prepared to indicate how they plan to complete their 30 volunteer hours for the 2010 -11 school year. PTO will provide a great list of ideas and assignments to choose from!

Uniform Fashion Show Every ½ hour beginning at 4:00 p.m. – last show at 5:30 p.m. Presented by the WPA 2010-11 Student Council

**** New family meetings with the Principal – (scheduled every 15 minutes) 2:45-4 p.m. and 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

Academic Preview with the Principal 4:00- 4:30 p.m. (Repeat session) 6-6:30 p.m. A preview of our programs and practices and a short introduction to Singapore Math

****If your student is attending WPA for the first time you will need to call the WPA office after August 2nd and schedule this 15 minute meeting with the Principal**

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If your student has a Health Care Plan or 504 Plan or possibly may need one of these plans in place you may schedule with us for a Thursday August 19th or Friday, August 20th appointment during the registration process at The Patriots August Opener.

This year, new initiatives include implementing Singapore Math strategies in the classroom, a revised 2010-11 dress code, a Conservation theme for Service Learning, Math Fact Calendar Themes, and teacher training in The Leader in Me by Stephen Covey on how schools and parents inspire greatness one child at a time!

We offer Spanish instruction to all students, Special Education and Title I services, Service Learning, Power Hour, Rad Kids training and a superior academic program. Parent involvement and volunteering is very important at WPA, which encourages visitation and assisting in the classrooms, communicating with the teachers, helping with projects outside of school hours, and attending school events such as our Patriot August Opener, Back-To-School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Literacy Night and the annual Fall Fiesta, Service Learning Fair and numerous other PTO engaging activities that bring the student, parent and staff together. We hope you chose our school for your student(s) because one of your goals is to be engaged in your child's education. We honor that partnership we have with each of you!

Wasatch Peak is a state recognized charter school. Currently we are participating as a leader in the C_MAP (Charter Mentor Assistance Program) as trainers to other charter schools on how to assist new teachers. We are also one of five schools in Utah participating in The Performance-based Compensation Grant allowing us to reward teachers for excellence. One of the most exciting news items is that we just made the second round of consideration in The Blue Sky's solar panel installation grant we applied for last spring with Rocky Mountain Power. What a great learning tool if we have our own panels right here at WPA. We will know the final awards in early September. This year I will focus efforts to have additional after school activities and also provide creative problem solving sessions during our Friday Power Hour time.

Your children truly are enrolled in a remarkable school. WPA is dedicated to helping all students reach their potential. We hope your children have continued to learn and grow this summer by reading good books, using technology to explore and taking time to express themselves by writing stories or poems.

The teacher and class supply lists for each grade are posted on the website. As always we hope parents will support us in these requests, realizing it is optional to donate. What is donated in our classrooms makes a huge difference in what we continue to be able to purchase to support our classroom programs. Thank you in advance!

The staff and I are excited about the academic program we offer students and look forward to the first day of school on August 23rd. Our WPA Board also looks forward to working with and representing your families. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready to begin a new school year!

Sincerely,

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