



WASATCH PEAK

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# PATRIOT NEWS

January 3, 2018



## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

### January 4

PTO Board Meeting  
@1:30 PM

### January 12

End of Term 2  
Early Out

### January 15

Martin Luther King,  
Jr. Day  
No School

### January 16

First Day of Term 3

### January 17-24

Class spelling Bees  
(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

### January 26

School Spelling Bee  
@1:00 PM  
(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

### January 31-

### February 1

-Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
-Early Out

### February 2

Comp Day  
No School

calendar of events

## A NOTE FROM MS. PILKINGTON:

Hello WPA Families,

We hope that the winter break left you feeling refreshed and ready to jump into the second half of the school year. It was wonderful seeing all our students smiling faces coming through the door this morning! January is the month we are focusing on the Patriot Trait of Social Intelligence. If you are looking for ways to support this Patriot Trait at home, below are some talking points worth discussing with your child.

### **Why does Social Intelligence matter?**

Whether it's in the boardroom or the classroom, individuals need the skills to communicate, work in teams, and let go of the personal and family issues that get in the way of working and learning. Such skills add up to what is known as social/emotional intelligence, and they are even more important as educators realize that these skills are critical to academic achievement.

Individuals with these skills stand out. Their ability to empathize, persevere, control impulses, communicate clearly, make thoughtful decisions, solve problems, and work with others earns them friends and success. They tend to lead happier lives, with more satisfying relationships. At work, they are more productive, and they spur productivity in others. At school, they do better on standardized tests and help create a safe, comfortable classroom atmosphere that makes it easier to learn.

### **What does Social Intelligence look like?**

- identifying and communicating about one's own emotions
- noticing the needs of others
- ability to collaborate with other on projects and common goals
- empathizing with other's feelings
- working through emotions, forgiving, letting go of the negative
- working on goals that benefit the greater community

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Lastly, we would like you to take a minute to mark your calendars with our end of year SAGE testing dates. We have found that students do their best when they take these assessments at the planned times. Because of the generous donations of parents at the Fall Fiesta and some grants awarded to buy technology this year we are able to cut the testing window down significantly this year, leaving more time for classroom instruction! If you can please try to have students attend school on these dates, we greatly appreciate it.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 24<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 1<sup>st</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

May 1<sup>st</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup>

Work hard and be kind,  
Ms. Pilkington

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## A Warm Winter for Everyone

Dear parents,

It is getting colder outside and lots of people don't have clothes to keep them warm. If you have any extra winter clothes, (items shown below) DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY. Bring them to us, and we will find a great home for them. We would like to donate the following to the Salt Lake Road Home:

- Coats
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Scarves
- Winter hats
- Winter boots
- Warm clothes
- Blankets
- Ear muffs
- Warm socks
- Jackets
- Anything else that will keep someone warm

« These items can be old or new. Just as long as they are useable and not too worn down.

« Make sure before you donate, you know you are willing to let it go!

« Do not feel pressured to bring these things. Only bring if you have extras!

In the front entrance, there will be a bin where you can donate the items above. Your donations can help cold children be happy this winter! We will be starting donations after winter break.

Thank you!

-Keely, Brynne, and Aleah (6th Grade)