

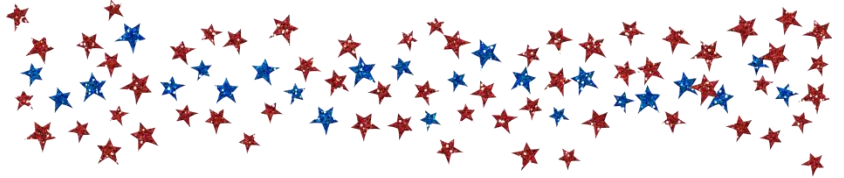
WASATCH PEAK

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PATRIOT NEWS

March 6, 2019



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

March 7

PTO Board Meeting
@1:30

March 14

Class Group
Pictures

March 15

-Spring pictures
(Uniform, Casual, &
Siblings)
-End of 3rd Term
-Kindergarten
Roundup @1:30 PM

March 18

Start of 4th Term

March 25-29

Teacher
Appreciation week

March 29

-Early Out
-Dollar Dress Down

calendar of events

A NOTE FROM MS. PILKINGTON:

Dear WPA Families,

Huntsman Education Awards

Do you have a favorite WPA teacher? Someone who just went above and beyond to help your child? One way that you can help recognize educators is to nominate them for a Huntsman Education Award. Their nominations are open now through March 15th at 5:00. You can nominate a favorite teacher [here](#).

Personal Devices and Digital Resources

I had the wonderful opportunity to meet with some WPA students last week after they reached out to me regarding the use of cell phones in school. They shared the following [Tedx video](#) with me. Collin Kartchner (the presenter in the video) has spoken at a lot of Utah schools and brings a powerful message about our role as adults in helping students to use technology appropriately. The Utah State Legislature recently requested that the Utah State Office of Education outline requirements for each school to write policies regarding personal devices in school. We have also had a few parents reach out with questions about our school's approach to students bringing personal devices to school. WPA currently has a [policy](#) that addresses the use of student and personal devices.

We work very hard as a school to manage and monitor how devices provided by the school are utilized. We evaluate the online tools we utilize carefully. We set the expectation that education at WPA is designed to be interactive between teachers and students and that the bulk of the school day should be spent in collaborative learning between teachers and students. That being said there are some great programs like I-Ready, Imagine Learning, Utah Compose, and No Red Ink that help teachers individualize the time they spend with students to best meet their needs.

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With all of this in mind we thought it would be a good idea to review WPA's policies involving the use of devices in school. We would like to remind parents and students that this policy restricts the use of personal devices during the school day. The policy includes recess and lunch as part of the school day. We would like to encourage students to spend their lunch and recess time engaging in social activities with other children. We feel the opportunity to work with others and co-operate is every bit as important in a student's education as reading, math, science, and history. We would appreciate you taking a bit of time to talk with your student about their own use of devices during the school day and remind them that devices need to be off and tucked away during instruction, recess, and lunch. Our teachers will also be reviewing these expectations with their classes.

We recognize that parenting in the digital age can be challenging. Throughout the month of March, we will be providing some tools and resources that we have found to partner with parents in raising responsible users of technology. We hope you find these tools helpful.

Night of the Arts and Dads and Donuts

Thanks to everyone who helped out with night of the arts and Dad's and Donuts. Thank you to all of the families who attended these events as well. Events like these sure help make WPA an amazing place to learn.

Late Work and End of Term

We would like to send a friendly reminder that next Wednesday is the last day for students to turn in late work before the end of 3rd term. Now is a great time to sit down with your student and go over Aspire together and collect the things they need to complete any late work over the weekend.

Gifted and Talented Opportunity

One of our goals of this school year is to improve the program that we offer to our advanced students. We have attended additional trainings for teachers and begun the self-evaluation process for our school. We have also shared some resources with parents that are specific to the Utah community. We wanted to add this opportunity to the list.

"UAGC invites parents and students to an educational and entertaining evening on **Monday, March 18th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Utah University's Roots of Knowledge Mural.**

The UVU Roots of Knowledge Mural is a part of the entry way to the Fulton Library. This is an incredible backdrop to the UAGC Family event which will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. with a musical introduction to the mural. Guests will then engage in a close-up look at the mural using a search and find activity to get acquainted with this amazing work of art. Then guests can hear from Debora Escalante, a professional storyteller, who will use the mural to tell her story. Finally, learn more about the making of the mural through the perspective of an artist and student.

UVU has Spring Break the week of this event so guests may park by the library. Click [HERE](#) for a UVU map to locate Fulton Library. Seating is limited but students may sit on the floor during the music and storytelling.

UAGC Family Events are FREE for UAGC members. [Join UAGC](#) for \$20 and bring the entire family to all Family Events during the year for free. The cost is \$15 per event per family for nonmembers."

Work Hard and Be Kind,

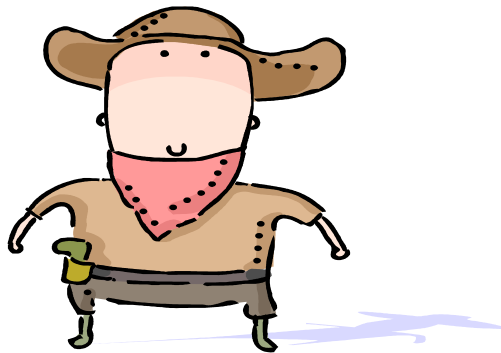
Ms. Pilkington

Announcements:

HELP WANTED

Our wonderful kitchen manager will be out March 19-29 due to health concerns. We are looking for a volunteer to help out in the lunchroom during that time. We need one person a day from 10:45-1:00. Please contact the office if you are able to help at all during that time.

Thank you!!



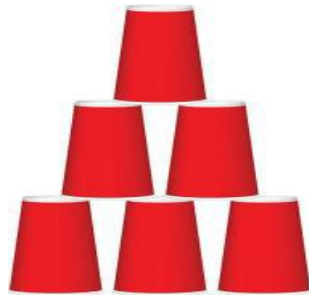
**Kindergarten roundup is around the corner.
Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have a kindergartner sibling, or any other siblings attending next year, so we can make sure they are added. Thank you!**

Dear Parents,

My name is Leslie Thompson and I am the Title 1 Reading Specialist here at Wasatch Peak Academy. I love helping students improve their reading skills. I also love giving our students books. My donated supply of books is running low. If you have any "GENTLY" used books that you would like to donate to the Title 1 program I would be glad to find them a new home. My students love receiving a book for their hard work during my lessons. Please leave your donated books in the box by the office labeled, "Title 1 . . . Books for Readers"

Thank You,
Mrs. Thompson
Title 1 Reading Specialist





The After School

Sport Stacking Club on Wednesdays

Developing Young Minds Through Sport Stacking

This club is designed to develop, improve, and foster student's cooperation, ambidexterity, hand-eye coordination, self-improvement, and competition skills by stacking 9 or 12 specially designed cups in pre-determined sequences as fast as possible. It is an individual or team sport that engages students at any age and at different skill levels.

Grades: K-6

Where: WPA GYM

When: Wednesdays

Time: 2:30 -3:30

Cost: \$20.00

Start Date: Wednesday, February 27th

End Date: Wednesday, April 10th

Duration of Club: 6 weeks

Teacher: Miss Randi

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Pre-Order

The PTO is now accepting pre-orders for the
Wasatch Peak Academy 2018-2019 yearbook.

\$15.00 until **March 31st, 2019**

Order forms were handed out to your students last week. More order forms are available on the desk at the WPA entry way. Cash or check orders can be turned into the office (checks should be payable to WPA PTO).

Credit Card orders can be placed online at ybpay.lifetouch.com

School code: 13389819



Orders placed **after March 31st** are **\$20.00**



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