

**WASATCH PEAK**

A C A D E M Y

*home of the patriots*

# PATRIOT NEWS

September 6, 2017



## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

### September 7

PTO Board Meeting  
@1:00 PM

### September 8

Teton Information Meeting @2:00 PM  
For all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students

### September 15

Fall Fiesta  
4:30-7:30 PM

### September 20

School Pictures (Uniforms)

### September 27-28

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
-Early Out  
-Book Fair

### September 29

Comp Day/No School

calendar of events

## A letter from Mrs. Pilkington:

Hello WPA Families,

We hope that you enjoyed some extra family time during the long weekend. We are less than two weeks away from the Fall Fiesta. We are excited to see this year's fundraising go towards supporting the PTO in all of the amazing work that they do and to support our school wide goal to increase student access to computers.

If you missed out on the Back to School Night parent meeting, we would like to take a quick minute and review our school wide goals.

- Academic Rigor through Measurable Growth and Data Driven Instruction
- Creating 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners through Technology
- Ongoing Fiscal Sustainability

An important part of cultivating 21<sup>st</sup> century learners who are capable of complex problem solving is having access to computers. A strong body of research indicates that it is beneficial for contact with technology to be timely in relation to the learning that is taking place. With that in mind, it is our goal to grow our student's access to technology incrementally over the next three years. We recognize that balance is an important part of this learning and it is not our objective at Wasatch Peak to have students on a screen full time. It is our goal to have the resources available when needed for the teacher to lead instruction with technology as a tool to improve rigorous learning.

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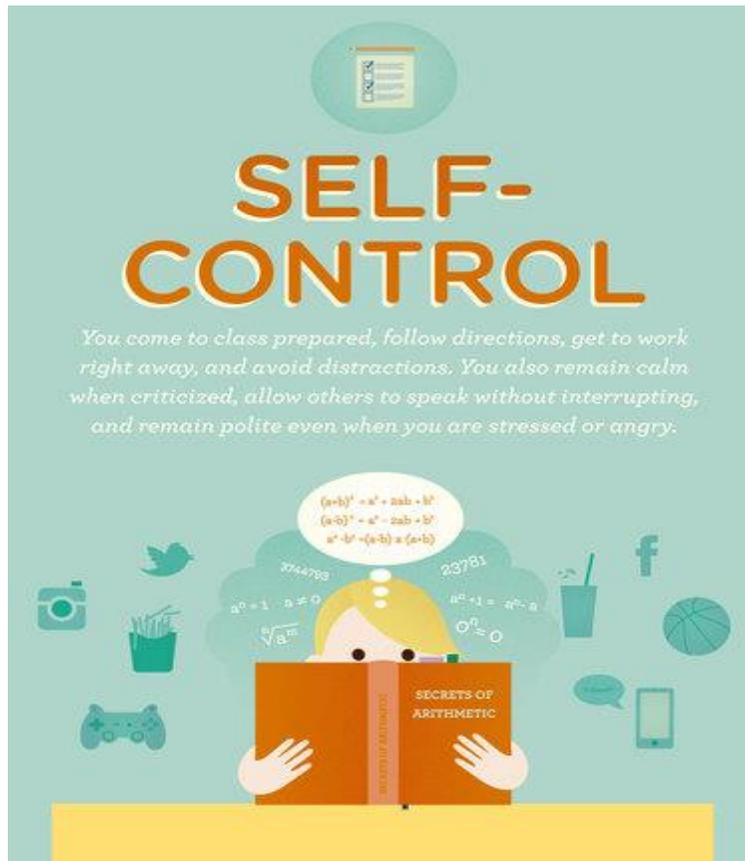
We have worked hard over the summer to secure grants and other funding from multiple sources to replace and update much of the school's infrastructure. Making students access to the internet faster, more reliable, safer, and better able to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century demands. We have brought in outside specialists to train teachers and staff on resources available and how to better utilize technology in student instruction. We will increase the number of devices that students in the school have access to from last year as well. One way to measure our progress is to chart the number of minutes that students have access to technology each day. Below is an outline of where minutes stood last year, where they are at now, and our goals for the future.

	Last Year's Daily Access Time in Minutes	Current Daily Access Time in Minutes	Target Daily Access Time in Minutes
Kindergarten	0 minutes	37 minutes	45 minutes
Grades 1-3	51 minutes	132 minutes	180 minutes
Grades 4-6	105 minutes	184 minutes	360 minutes <i>(one-to-one access)</i>

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Fiesta next week and thank you for any support you can give to our PTO, our teachers, and students in helping us to get closer to this goal!

Work hard and be kind,

Ms. Pilkington



## Taking the Patriot Traits HOME

The Patriot trait for September is...

# Self-Control

Self-control is defined as...

*“Self-control is controlling one’s own responses so they align with short- and long-term goals. Self-control is about harnessing your energy toward a particular end goal—it is not the same as obedience or following rules.”*

Two important types of self-control for students are work self-control and interpersonal self-control. Having work self-control allows you to stick with your long-term goals and stay focused on a task that may be difficult or even boring. (This is the sort of self-control that also helps you stick to an exercise plan or make healthy eating choices in the face of temptation.) Interpersonal self-control allows you to maintain your temper, hold back from interrupting, and respond to others in ways that are socially appropriate.

Someone displaying self-control can delay a short-term temptation to play games on her phone if it interferes with her long-term aspiration to do her homework each night. Someone with high self-control **who aims to run a marathon will not press the alarm clock’s snooze button on the morning he** scheduled a training run. In this way, self-control is linked to grit, growth mindset, and optimism.

# Just a reminder

If you are on free and reduced lunch you will need to fill out a new form for the new school year. New families that are coming from other schools, need to fill out one for Wasatch Peak Academy. To fill it out you can get a form from the office, on the website under the breakfast and lunch information tab, or in Aspire. We need them filled out and returned by **September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions please call the front office. Thank you!

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We are needing more volunteers for Fall Fiesta. Teens, grandparents, etc... can sign up and work toward completing your volunteer hours. Please sign up at the link below to volunteer.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ox\\_9tjfW7i64bAYoEdudOrK6iEJjVck8OIpQBZxZkXs/edit?ts=57bc6836#gid=1361422639](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ox_9tjfW7i64bAYoEdudOrK6iEJjVck8OIpQBZxZkXs/edit?ts=57bc6836#gid=1361422639)

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**We are looking for a part time TA for 14 hours a week.  
We are also looking for more subs. If you are interested,  
or know anyone interested please send your  
resume to Mrs. Pilkington.**

**Thank you!**

Teton Information Meeting for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
parents and students on  
Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM  
in the gym.

## WPA Orchestra Class

Right after school on Thursday's, in the Gym.

Starting September 7th, 2017

This class is a beginning introduction to Orchestra; stringed instruments played with a bow. That is the Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass.

There is a \$30 fee per term, due the 1st week of each term. Paid to Melissa Stauffer by check or cash.

Students and parents are responsible for obtaining their own instrument and needed materials. Instruments may be rented, "rent-to-own" or purchased at most Music stores.

### Needed Materials:

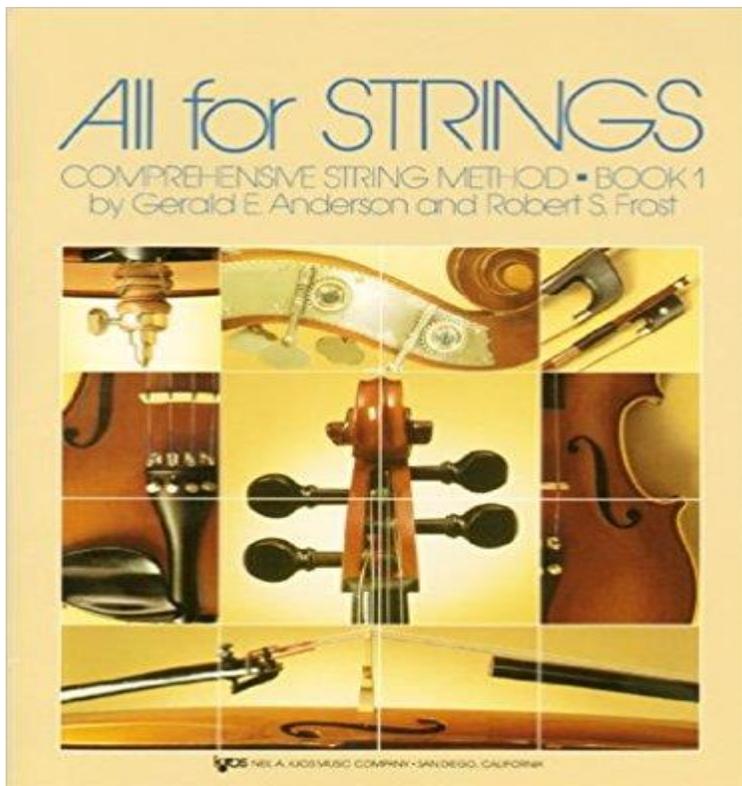
\*Instrument of choice with bow (violin, viola, cello, or bass)

\* Rosin

\*Shoulder rest or Rock-stop

*(Shoulder rest for violin or viola, rock-stop for cello or bass)*

\*Book: "All for Strings, book 1 *(for respective instrument of choice)* by Gerald E. Anderson and Robert S. Frost



You can find these materials at:

Day Murray Music

Summerhays Music

Bountiful Music

[Sharmusic.com](http://Sharmusic.com)

Peter Prier and Son's violin shop

Etc.

Some materials can be found on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) but I would strongly advise against buying the instrument from Amazon, the ones found on there are mostly toys **not** actual instruments worth learning how to play on.

If you have any questions please feel free to email - Melissa Stauffer - [a.violin.teacher@gmail.com](mailto:a.violin.teacher@gmail.com)