

Bobcat Bulletin

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A note from our Principal, Mrs. Bollinger

We are off to a great start at Butterfield Canyon Elementary. This year focuses on our theme of “Building Leaders with a Growth Mindset.” BCE students and faculty are integrating a Growth Mindset in their teaching and learning, an idea discovered by world-renowned psychologist Carol Dweck. Our students are being taught that feeling like they are in a “learning pit” when exposed to new tasks and challenges is part of the learning process. We encourage students to view mistakes as learning opportunities and a chance to “grow our brains” like a muscle. I would like to invite you all to join our theme by encouraging our students to have a Growth Mindset both in school and at home.

This year we have started a Principal’s Pride program to highlight students who exhibit the 7-Habits from the Leader in Me. Teachers pick a student each week based off of our Habit of the Month to attend our Principal’s Pride award ceremony on Wednesday mornings in the Media Center. I thoroughly enjoy seeing all of the amazing leadership skills and abilities that our BCE students are learning with the Leader in Me. Seeing the progress that each child makes warms my heart and reminds me why I love being an educator! Thank you for your support in this journey of learning for Every Child, Every Day!



What have we been up to?

Third Grade

by Aylah Shipley

This month third grade has been up to a lot of learning. They are starting their Dragons (1-minute timed test), testing. They're learning multiplication and division. In writing, they are learning how to write an informational paragraph. They've been doing a lot of language arts activities like prefixes, suffixes, cursive and spelling.

In November, Third Grade is going to the Bean Museum for a field trip. The Third Grader's favorite things are science and Dragons. (Besides recess and C.L.A.M.P.) Third grades scores are so much better than the beginning of the year! . Keep it up Bobcats!



Second Grade

by Desmond Burdge

Mrs. Tarpenning's Habitat Hunters

Second grade had a curator come from the Bean Museum who taught them to be Habitat Hunters. A Habitat Hunter is someone who can identify where an animal or bug would live by looking at what it does and what it looks like. They also saw some bugs and reptiles that have things to help them in their habitats. Like the Madagascar hissing cockroach and a tortoise. Did you know they can live up to hundreds of years old? I bet it would be cool to see one of those. Now you know where to go when you want to be a Habitat Hunter.



Growth Mindset

How Mistakes Help You Learn

By Anna

A growth mindset is when students enjoy learning and look for opportunities to learn. Here are three main things that help you have a growth mindset when you make mistakes. First, learn that mistakes aren't a bad thing. Second, mistakes can help you learn. Last, if you make a mistake, don't give up.

Most people think mistakes are bad things. They aren't though! When you make a mistake, you can always try again. For example: If you accidentally hurt your friend's feelings, you can realize what you did wrong and correct it by saying sorry. When you make mistakes you know that it is okay to make mistakes. Also, when you make a mistake you have to admit it to yourself before you can learn from it. When asked in an interview about if mistakes are bad things or not and why, Dylan Woodruff replied, "Mistakes aren't bad things because mistakes show that you're human." Next, when I asked him if he had an example about how he learned from his mistake, he responded, "I ditched a best friend to play with other people and I lost him for a month!" Finally, I asked him what a growth mindset means to him and he said, "A growth mindset means you learn from what you do." That is why mistakes aren't a bad thing.

Do you think mistakes can help you learn? They can!! When you make mistakes, you can learn from your mistake! It is okay to make mistakes because when you do, you learn and improve on it. When asked in an interview about how mistakes help us learn, Ashlynn Rypien responded, "Once you know what you did wrong, you can learn from your mistakes and try again." Also, when I asked her if she has any examples of learning from mistakes, she replied, "I got one problem wrong on a metaphor test and was confused. I then realized I could fix my mistake and try again." Next, I asked her what a growth mindset means to her. She said, "To have a growth mindset is to think positive, to learn from your mistakes and try again." That is how mistakes can help you learn.

When you make mistakes, should you give up? I don't think giving up is a good solution. If you just give up, when do you learn from your mistake(s)? I don't think you do. For example: If you make a mistake on doing a dance routine, and give up, how will you ever become a good dancer? If you give up, you won't be able to understand what you did wrong and try again!! When asked in an interview about if you should give up or not if you make a mistake and why, Ella Sandberg said, "You shouldn't give up because giving up is stupid." Also, I asked her if she had an example of when she's made a mistake and wanted to give up, she replied, "After a spelling test, I got a really bad grade. I wanted to give up and throw my test in the trash can. But I didn't." Last, I asked her what a growth mindset means to her and she responded, "A growth mindset means that when you complete a goal, your mind grows." That's why you shouldn't give up after you made a mistake.

A growth mindset is when students enjoy learning and look for opportunities to learn. Every student at Butterfield Canyon should be trying to get a growth mindset. The three main things to help you have a growth mindset when you make mistakes are, first, learn that mistakes aren't a bad thing. Second, mistakes can help you learn. Last, if you make a mistake, don't give up!

Teacher Spotlight Ms. Anderson by Sophie

Ms. Anderson went to college at University of Utah.
She has been teaching 1st grade for 7 years! Her favorite sports team is the Utes.



Thanksgiving it's her favorite holiday because she gets sit and talk with friends and family.



Her favorite colors are red and blue.
Favorite food is Italian. And favorite candy is Snickers. Her all time favorite animal is a Monkey.
Thanks for reading all about Miss Anderson. I hope you get a chance to meet her sometime!

Odds and Ends by Jonathan

Our Battle Of the Books has begun! Don't forget to get started reading your four or five books! The Battle's will begin the week of March 19th. Here are the upcoming events:

Fall Break Oct. 19 - 20

Halloween Oct. 31

Parent - Teacher conferences Nov. 8-9

No school Nov. 3 or 10.

The weather will be mostly sunny and in the 50's and 60's.

In college football the Utah Utes are currently 4-1 on the season. The BYU Cougars are 1-5 for the season so far. These two rivalry schools played each other on Sept. 9th in which the Utes won 19-13. The Utes next game is Oct. 21st against Arizona State. The Cougars next game is Oct. 21st against East Carolina.

Locally, the Herriman Mustangs high school football team wrapped up their regular season on Oct. 13th.

Leader In Me

Begin With the End in Mind

by Jessica

Begin With the End in Mind means, to begin each day, task, or project with a clear vision of your desired direction and destination. Then, continue by flexing your proactive muscles to make it happen. One of the best ways to incorporate habit two into your life is to develop a personal mission statement. Your mission statement makes you the leader of your own life.

Begin With the End in Mind mainly focuses on what you want to do and be in life. It is also your plan for success and certifies who you are, puts your goals in focus, and moves your ideas into the real world. The habit 'Begin with the End in Mind' was introduced 25 years ago by, Dr. Stephan R. Covey. This principle in leadership can help you take charge of what you create and make it more likely for you to achieve it. You create your own destiny and secure the future that you envision.



What have we been up to?

Fourth Grade Fun

Written by Berkelee

Fourth grade is having lots of fun this year. They are learning many fun things in math, and science. They also have had some fun field trips as well. In math they are learning to multiply 2 digits by 2 digits. In science they are rotating to the 5 different fourth grade classes to learn about the given topics: The Water Cycle, Weathering, Soil, Fossils, and Utah Environments. The Fourth Grade has had the opportunity to go to the conservation gardens, where they learned about what kind of plants do best in what environment. They also went to the Utah S.T.E.M Fest where several places from Utah came to showcase different ways that science, technology, engineering and math are used to make communities better. Lastly, they had The Natural History museum bring their rocks and minerals to our school to explore. Fourth grade is having so much fun this year and have much more fun ahead of them.



First Grade Fun

by Taylor

First graders are sweet, nice, and love doing activities and with classmates and their teachers and I will be writing about those fun activities.

Well, first of all, they learned about community and neighborhood and how they can be a good part of it. They also made community art with Mrs. Barnes in their 1st grade halls. You should check it out! Another really fun activity they are doing is that Smokey the Bear will be coming in their classroom and talk about fire safety.

In the end, First graders are sweet, nice, and helpful and we do not know what to do without them.

