

Bobcat Bulletin

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A note from our Principal, Mrs. Bollinger

As many of you know, improving student safety has been a top priority at BCE this past month. With the collaboration of our School Community Council, PTA, Unified Police Department, Herriman City and Jordan District, we were able to implement a safer drop off plan for our students. We are in the process of continuing this process to make some changes to our Student Neighborhood Access Program (SNAP). I am grateful for the feedback and suggestions that have been shared by parents who see student safety issues first hand. Working together we can keep our students safe!

Another improvement we are working on is the communication between school and home. Information will be shared in the following ways:

Skylerts – you can sign up through Skyward Family Access, or call our office for help getting set up. (801-254-0737)

School Website - <http://www.butterfieldcanyonelementary.org>

Facebook – Butterfield Canyon Elementary

Thank you for your support in meeting the educational needs of Every Child, Every Day!

☺ Mrs. Bollinger



Christmas Growth Mindset by: Anna

Did you know that during Christmas you can have a growth mindset? It's true! You can do lots of things to get a growth mindset during Christmas. First, during Christmas, you can do lots of things to serve others. Also, you can give during Christmas.

Does serving others help us have a growth mindset? Yes! Especially during Christmas time, there are lots of ways to serve others. For example: shoveling someone's driveway, making Christmas treats, or watching someone's kids while they wrap presents. Those are amazing ways to serve others. Serving others is an amazing, wonderful thing to do.

Did you know that giving is a great way to spread Christmas joy? It is!! When you give something to others, it makes them feel loved, appreciated, and happy. For example: donating something to charity, or even Toys for Tots. This year, we are doing Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is an amazing program where students buy new toys and put it in a box at school. Then, on December 8th, the school donates the toys to a charity and the charity gives them to children who won't be getting Christmas presents. It lights up their life to know that people bought those toys for them. I love knowing that when I give something to someone, it lights up their day.

Now you know how to get a growth mindset during Christmas. First, you can serve others. Also, you can give to others. Getting a growth mindset during Christmas is very helpful.



Christmas is a great time to show off your leadership skills!

Think Win-Win

By: Jessica

Thinking Win-Win isn't about being nice, neither is it a quick-fix technique. It is a character-based code for human interaction and cooperation. Thinking Win-Win sees life as a cooperative area, not a competitive one. Many people think in terms that you're nice, or you're tough. My 7th grade brother, Xander, told me how he Thinks Win-Win.

Xander said, "If he and his friends cannot decide on what to do, then he'll compromise with his friend." That is a very good example of Thinking Win-Win. Most of us think to base our uniqueness on likeness and competition. Which is very incorrect. This is a great bonding habit.



Teacher Spotlight

By: Sophie Brewer

This month's teacher spotlight is, Miss. Gardiner!

Her full name is Taylor Gardiner. She loves the color turquoise and Mexican food is her favorite food to eat! Her favorite candy is sour punch straws. She is a big fan of BYU and loves dogs! She has been teaching for 4 years. Her favorite thing about teaching is that she loves how the kids understand and are kind to one another. Well, that's all about Miss Gardiner! Make sure you say hi sometime.



What Have We Been Up To?

Kindergarten

by: Des

Kindergarten is having lots of fun this year but the most fun thing was going to the Butterfield Farm. At the farm they got to see a sheep get sheared, (wool cut off), and got to pet all the baby animals. They also learned about meat, milk, and a lot more. At the end of the field trip they got a creamie and a pencil with a hamburger eraser. The Butterfield Farm teaches you a lot about animals and farm work, and is the best place to go to have fun. So, when your teacher tells you that you're going on a field trip, you should hope it's the Butterfield Farm.



Odds and Ends

by: Jonathan

Hello! Welcome back to, ODDS AND ENDS! I hope this year we will have a white Christmas! It's going to be cold outside, so don't forget to wear coats, boots, snow pants, mittens, and hats. Ok, time for the coming days! Winter break is from Dec 22nd to Jan 1st. Christmas Eve is on the 24th, Christmas is on the 25th, and back-to-school, Jan 2nd. Now for todays comic.



Christmas Facts

By: Taylor

It is that time of year again, Christmas time, and just like the song says “ It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” Here are some fun facts I have learned about Christmas.

In other countries Christmas is celebrated a little differently than here in America. I lived in Australia, where Christmas time is very hot. One of my favorite things to do on Christmas Day was to go to the beach and have water gun battles with my family. We’d be a little cold if we tried that here in Utah! In Holland, children use shoes instead of stockings. In Armenia the traditional Christmas meal is fried fish, lettuce and spinach.

Here in the USA, Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as a national holiday in 1863. An interesting fact in England is they use to bake coins in their pudding so guests would receive money as part of their Christmas dessert. How crazy is that?! Well speaking of pudding some people who eat Christmas pudding would sometimes get a special surprise meaning that if they found a plastic ring in the pudding they would get married the upcoming year. Also, if they found a button that meant extended bachelorhood and if they found a bean they would be announced King or Queen of the day.

Christmas is celebrated in many ways, but is an amazing holiday. I hope you spread some Christmas cheer this year!!



Christmas Around the World

Christmas Traditions

By: Berkelee Baker

Christmas is around the corner and there are so many fun traditions families do. Some families open pajamas on Christmas Eve and wear them on Christmas morning. Some people have a big feast on Christmas Eve so they don't have to spend Christmas cooking. So many families have fun traditions for the holiday season. Many fun traditions come from their parent's childhood. Some people decorate their houses, pick out a special tree or even bake Christmas cookies. Some people sit by the tree and drink hot chocolate or egg nog. Others read Christmas stories or go sing carols. This is just a small idea of how people celebrate the season and however you get into the Christmas spirit I hope you enjoy your holiday season. Happy Holidays.

