

Lakeridge Junior High



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Newsletter

April 2015

Upcoming Events

April

April 1 Advanced Band at Vista 8am-3:30pm

April 1-2 Lakeridge Idol Auditions 3-3:30pm

April 2 Intermediate Orchestra at Canyon View & Timberline

April 2-3 Battle of the Ivory 11-11:30am

April 6-10 Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

April 13 Student Council Election Packets Available

April 14 PTSA Meeting 10am

April 16 BYU Language Fair 8am-2pm

April 16 Great Utah Shakeout 11-11:30am

April 21 Utah HS MUN at U of U

April 23 CTE Assembly during Flex 11-11:30am

April 23 Art Show Open House 6:30-8pm

April 24 Leopard Spirit Day

April 27 Student Council Election Packets Due

April 28 Midterm

April 28 Community Council Meeting 12pm

May

May 1 Special Ed Drama Class 8-9am

May 5 Red Iguana Dinner for Spanish Students

May 5-6 World Language World Cup 8am-3pm

May 8 Student Council Elections in A1 8-9:30am

May 12 PTSA Meeting 10am

May 12 Choir-Big Show 6pm & 7:30pm

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PTSA

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Jeniel Zimmerman! She won our school Spelling Bee and then went on to the regional Competition. She made it through six rounds of regional competition. Way to go!!

PTSA Announcements

The Family Movie Night held on March 6, 2015 was a success! Everyone enjoyed popcorn while watching the newly released to DVD movie, Big Hero 6. It was a fun family activity!

April 24, 2015 is Leopard Spirit Day! **Wear school colors!!** Wearing school colors/t-shirt gets you an entry in the drawing for a prize, PTSA Membership gets you a second entry, but you **HAVE** to be wearing school colors.

Lakeridge Announcements

Important Dates:

Midterm

April 28, 2015 is Midterm! Be sure to check your student's grades on Skyward!

Media Center

Battle of the Books

March 25-26, the Lakeridge Media Center held the Battle of the Books. We are pleased to announce our champions for this year! They are Sophie Mugerian, Abby, Mugerian, Leah O'Barr, Tiffani Cookson, and Ava Sandberg. Congratulations! The battle books this year were: House of Hades, Maze Runner, Allegiant, Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25, Wonder, Doll in the Garden, and My Story. Students answered questions from the battle books. Some of the prizes were iTunes cards, headphones, t-shirt, and candy.



Past is Present

70th anniversary celebration of Auschwitz liberation



Merinda Davis, center, poses for a picture with other teachers on Jan. 26 at The Past is Present survivor reception in Poland.

Merinda Davis was chosen to take part in the 70th anniversary celebration of the Auschwitz liberation in Poland as one of 24 international educators. Davis participated in a four-day professional development program and shared her experiences with the Daily Herald.

“Silence is not an option,” said Paula Lebovics, a Holocaust survivor who was liberated from Auschwitz on January 27, 1945. Meeting Paula was a highlight for me; she is a beautiful, tenacious woman who is incredibly sweet. Without realizing it at the time, I think she taught me lessons that no other source could: There is strength in kindness — moving on from the anger and hate through being a positive force in the world.

There are many lessons I hope to pass on to my students as a result of participating in the Auschwitz: The Past is Present program. As one of 24 international teachers to embark on this journey, while honored, I feel the weight of the responsibility given to us.

We, as educators, are the bridge between the past and the present. In the words of Roman Kent, “Teach what happens when hate is allowed to flourish, we must teach tolerance and understanding, we must teach that hate is never right and love is never wrong.”

We must teach the lessons that will help our students “make this present a past we can be proud of,” said Soljane Quiles, a Rhode Island teacher.

Our hope is to teach the Holocaust in a humanizing way, to use testimony to help our students see into the soul of the individuals affected by these atrocities. My goal is to empower my students to make a positive impact on the world through their actions no matter how small; you don’t need to be courageous and put your life on the line. It can be the tiniest kindness as it is those small acts of kindness that are remembered 70 years later. I hope to be able to make my students into global citizens that recognize multiple perspectives. The profound impact of this experience has changed me. I will, “reflect the light,” as Johanna Soderholm from Finland said.

Teachers have the power to bring the world into their classrooms. It is increasingly important for teachers to be trained with international education experience as they have the greatest impact on student learning. The USC Shoah Foundation and Discovery Education have partnered to create classroom-ready resources for teachers.

While in Poland, we were trained how to incorporate testimony into our classrooms. We designed student-approved projects using testimony and primary sources. Using these resources — the testimonies of survivors — we are better equipped to help our students understand the atrocities of the Holocaust and to empower students to have a positive impact in their communities. Like Roman Kent said at the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz Commemoration, “We do not want our past to be our children's future.”

The power of information is truly astonishing and reinforces the importance of good teachers. Education is the most effective way to make positive long-term changes; the earlier you stop hate the more understanding you have in a community.

While in Auschwitz we had the opportunity to be there with survivors, who were there with their families. One survivor said, “The Germans were basically good people, but Adolf Hitler poisoned them — too much power, too much hate.”

It all started with an idea; that idea grew into something truly horrifying. We will never be able to precisely measure the loss caused by the Holocaust. Not only were generations of families and people destroyed, there is a void left in communities and in the world that we will never get back. Oświęcim, the Polish city that was named Auschwitz by the Germans, was more than 50 percent Jewish in 1932. By 1945 that number went to zero percent until 1962 when Szymon Kluger moved back and became the only Jewish resident of the town until his death in 2000. Today there are no Jewish residents of Oświęcim.

Attending the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz, meeting Holocaust Survivors and visiting authentic sites has been one of the most powerful experiences of my life. Although we were able to meet important people like Steven Spielberg and David Zaslav, it was the survivors and the lessons that were most poignant. I am not sure if I will ever be able to eloquently state what I learned or how profound of an effect it had on me, but I hope that my students will, in the words of Roman Kent, “embrace tolerance and understanding for all people and oppose antisemitism or any prejudice.”



View from inside the gates of Auschwitz during the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz Commemoration

Green Fiber Community Paper Recycling Program



Recycle with Green Fiber and reduce waste, conserve natural resources and earn money for Lakeridge Jr. High! Lakeridge receives and depends upon money each month from this valuable program. Bring your recyclable items to the Green Fiber container located at the east side of the back parking lot.

Acceptable Items:

Newspapers, Phonebooks, Office Paper, Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, magazines, Brown Paper Bags, Construction Paper

Unacceptable Items:

Glass, Metal, Aluminum, Plastic Bottles, Plastic Bags, String, Styrofoam

For more information visit:

http://www.greenfiber.com/community_paper_recycling_program_corporate.html

Not only are you helping the environment, you are supporting your school!

BYU Chip Camp



THIS SUMMER, BYU ENGINEERING STUDENTS WILL BE

INSPIRING STUDENTS WITH HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY

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Application deadline is May 1, 2015
Selected students will be informed by May 15, 2015

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SESSION 1: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JUNE 23-25, 2015
SESSION 2: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2015

CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **COMPETITIVE CHALLENGES**
3... 2... 1... ROCKET LAUNCH
- **PROBLEM SOLVING**
BUILD PING PONG HURLING CATAPULTS
- **ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS**
PROGRAM A MICROCONTROLLER
- **ELECTRONICS**
BUILD AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
- **CHEMISTRY**
START A REACTION
- **INNOVATION**

To Apply Visit:
ce.byu.edu/cw/chipCamp/

GET EXCITED ABOUT SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH

For the summer of 2015, the Micron Foundation and IM Flash will sponsor a three-day Chip Camp at BYU for girls and boys who have completed seventh or eighth grade. With hands-on science activities especially related to the semiconductor (computer chip) industry, Chip Camp lets students have fun learning about what scientists and engineers do every day.



Smith's Earn & Learn Program

Parents, did you know you can earn money for Lakeridge every time you use your Rewards card at Smith's? To enroll, follow the directions below:

*New online customers

1. Register online at www.smithscommunityrewards.com
2. Click on the "Register" box in the upper right corner.
Or, if you are on the Community Rewards page, click on "Create an Account" box.
3. Sign up for a Smith's Rewards Account by entering your email address, creating a password. Enter your zip code in the "Your location", then by selecting your favorite store, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
4. A message to check your email inbox will appear.
Check your account, you must click on the link within the body of the email.

*Existing and new customers to link your rewards cart to an organization:

1. Click on the "sign in" box in the upper right corner and use your email address and Proceed to the next step.
2. Click on "My Account" – box will appear when you are signed into your account, Replacing the sign in box.
3. In Account Summary, click on "Edit" rewards Card and input your Smith's reward Card number. Confirm your information.
4. Click on ""Edit" Community Rewards (last selection on Account Summary.) Enter the The first few letters of Lakeridge, select Lakeridge from list and click on "Enroll".
5. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the Account Summary Page.
6. REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your rewards card and Link to an organization. Members must swipe their registered Smith's Rewards Card or use the phone number that is related to the registered Smith's Rewards Card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you for helping support Lakeridge Junior High School.

Utah Parent Center



Utah Parent Center and Alpine School District Special Education Department

Parent Night

UVU Autism Conference Friday, April 3 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

www.uvu.edu/chss/autism

Save-the-date for April's Parent Night

Thursday, April 23 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Legacy Elementary Media Center, 28 East 1340 North, American Fork

Summer-time Activities – including fine and gross-motor activities, fun and educational apps, summer programs, speech and language ideas and more.