

WAPITI TIMES

Elk Ridge Middle School

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Message from the Administration

We, as a new administration and veteran teaching staff, are happy to welcome all of our students to school at Elk Ridge. Elk Ridge is great school, presenting worthwhile education to each of our students who works hard to do his/her best.

We are grateful to be working with your children. We are continually excited for each of them and are working hard to present opportunities to them that will help them grow and develop into the wonderful men and women that you as parents envision them being.

We look forward to having a great year here at Elk Ridge. This year, the school has adopted the slogan; "This Is Elk Ridge". The slogan refers to the pride that we want each student to have in their school. It also sets the unspoken expectation that, as a student of Elk Ridge, there are certain expectations and goals that each student must reach.

We want to express our thanks for letting us work with your student. We are proud of what Elk Ridge stands for and who its students are.

Larry Urry, Principal

ELK RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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7:55 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE
<http://schools.jordandistrict.org/elkridge/>

PASSING OF DEAR FRIENDS

Elk Ridge lost two dear friends this past summer. Julene O'Dell who was our Head Attendance Secretary passed away in July. Sandra Van who was a Language Arts teacher passed away in August. Elk Ridge misses both of these wonderful ladies and wishes to extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Enter the Realm

"Enter the Realm" on November 2nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we invite families and the community to Elk Ridge Middle School's fourth annual celebration of literacy. We are pleased to welcome local Utah author Brandon Mull as our guest. Brandon Mull is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling series *Fablehaven* and *The Candy Shop Wars*. Mr. Mull has traveled all over the country sharing his message about the power of imagination, reading and creativity. Bring along your copies of *Fablehaven* or purchase one that night as Mr. Mull will be available for book signings!

In addition, families can explore the realm of reading together at our other literacy activities. Come hear about Elk Ridge students' favorite books, find out about new "hot" book picks for teens, visit the children's corner or visit the book fair. Also, we will have an inexpensive dinner available in the cafeteria. We hope you will calendar this event now and join us to "Enter the Realm" of imagination!



REFLECTIONS

It's time to get our creative juices running. Be watching for the start of Reflections. The theme this year is "Beauty is..." Participation in Reflections encourages creativity and exploration. The categories are Literature, music, photography, visual arts, dance, theatre, film/video and three-dimensional art. If you have any questions previous to the kick-off, drop an email to Dana Bentley, danafr1104@yahoo.com

You may also get more information on PTA website, utahpta.org

JORDAN FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

The Jordan Family Education Center is open for intakes and classes at their new location, West Jordan Elementary School (7220 South 2370 West). Classes for fall semester begin the week of September 15th. Some of the classes offered are: High School Anger Management, Self-Discipline School (grades 7-9), Calming the Storm Within (adult anger management), Bully Stoppers (bully-proofing for kids grades 2-5), Positive Parenting Practices for the Children with ADHD, Effective Parent Training, Reading Your Environment (two social skills groups for children grades 3 through 9 with high functioning autism/asperger's) and an attendant parent support group, Parenting the Difficult Child and Teen, Blues Busters (for sad or worried children grades 3-6). Classes are offered Tuesday through Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m. Classes are offered at no cost. Please call the JFEC at (801)565-7442 to register or for a schedule of these and other classes offered this fall. Family counseling for child centered concerns can also be arranged by requesting an intake appointment.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PTSA Board for the 2009-2010 school year have some important vacancies that need to be filled, including Legislative VP. We are looking for moms or dads who would be interested in offering feedback and sharing their ideas to help the students and staff of Elk Ridge enjoy a successful year! ***The time commitments are minimal!***

Please contact Linda Alldredge, PTSA President, at dreamcometrue_77@msn.com