



PROVOST ELEMENTARY COUGAR TALES

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Sept. – Oct. 2022

Important Dates

Sept. 5
Labor Day – No School

Sept. 7
Community Council,
2:30pm

Sept. 12
1st Day After-school Clubs

Sept. 13
PTA Meeting, 9:30am

Sept. 14
Picture Day

Oct. 11
PTA Meeting, 9:30am

Oct. 12
Term 1 Ends

Oct. 13-18
Fall Break – No School

Oct. 31
Halloween Parade
No After-school Clubs this week



This year, I'd like to highlight some of the different programs and people here at Provost. For this newsletter, I'd like to highlight our music program here at Provost. We have amazing music teachers at Provost! Here's what musical classes and offerings will look like by grade level:

- ♪ **Kindergarten:** 2 days a week of general music elements and structured singing, games and musical awareness. One of the days will focus on integrating music with Utah core standards.
- ♪ **1st grade:** 2 days a week of general music elements, structured singing, games and musical awareness, and one day a week intro to violin skills. One of the general music days will focus on integrating music with Utah core standards.
- ♪ **2nd grade:** 2 days a week of violin class and 1 day a week of general music elements, structured singing, games and musical awareness. The general music day will focus on integrating music with Utah core standards.
- ♪ **3rd grade:** 3 days a week of violin class
*3rd graders have the option to join choir Mon and Wed before school
- ♪ **4th grade:** 3 days a week of piano class
*4th graders have the option to join choir Mon and Wed before school
- ♪ **5th grade:** 1 day a week of violin and strings class, 1 day a week of ukulele
*5th graders have the option to join orchestra club Tues and Thurs before school and choir Mon and Wed before school
- ♪ **6th grade:** 2 days a week of either piano/bucket drumming (1/2 year each), or band (full year) or orchestra club (full year)

Our highly-trained teacher musicians are as follows:

- ♪ **Lauri Driggs:** strings, violin class, orchestra club
- ♪ **Kylie Decker/Lauri Driggs/DeAnn Jenkins:** piano classes
- ♪ **Kylie Decker:** K-2 general music and integration, ukulele, & bucket drumming
- ♪ **DeAnn Jenkins:** Kinder and 1st grade general music
- ♪ **Whitney Werner:** band

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alvarez



Does your student love

walking or riding their bike to and from school? Enter them in the @SafeRoutesUtah Walk & Roll Challenge, where they can win sweet prizes each month from Sept. through May for walking or biking to school. Even better, now parents are entered to win prizes the more their kids walk or bike to school. Visit SafeRoutes.utah.gov/Walk-N-Roll to learn more.

PTA President's Message

Hello! My name is Bonnie Hill. 🙌😊 I am the new PTA president!! All four of my daughters are in Provost this year so I figured it was the perfect time to jump in and help out at the school! I am so excited!! We are going to have such a great year!

My two goals this year are to get a lot of parent involvement and volunteers. 🙋 And also to earn more money for the school for the teachers and the students to enjoy.

Come join the PTA! 🎉 We would love to have you! Whether it is handing out little treats for Bike to School week or helping with popcorn at the Spring Festival or anything in between. There is something for everyone whether you can help in the day or at home sometime or in the evening. 😊

Also, we will be having a monthly meeting every SECOND Tuesday of the month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Provost Elementary conference room right inside the school. Come if you can! 🙌 We will have a zoom link for those who are unable to attend in person.

Thank you very much. Can't wait to rub shoulders with you all and make this the best year ever!! 💕



This Year's Reflections Theme is "Show Your Voice!"



Students can create art in 2D Visual Art, 3D Visual Art, Photography, Literature, Dance Choreography, Video Production, & Music Composition.

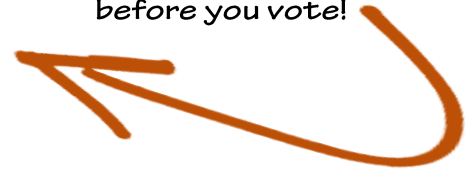
Submissions will be ONLINE by Wednesday October 19.

To submit, parents need to create an account at www.utahpta.org/ref and follow the submission instructions.

If you have questions, you can check it out at www.utahpta.org/reflections-rules or email Provost's Reflections Specialist, Stephanie Breinholt, at stephaniebreinholt@hotmail.com.



Come learn about our amazing school board candidates at this forum, hosted by the Council PTA. This is a great way to be informed before you vote!



Take Time to Read Together!

There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed as a reader than reading aloud together. Reading well supports stronger learning in all subject areas. Fill your daily story time with a variety of books. Be consistent, be patient, and watch the magic work. Take time to get a library card.

It's no secret that activities at home are an important supplement to the classroom, but there's more to it than that. There are important things that parents can give children at home that the classrooms cannot give. Although the life of a parent is very busy, you should try to read with your child at least once a day at a regularly scheduled time. But don't be discouraged if you skip a day or don't always keep to your schedule. Just read to your child as often as you possibly can.



Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch young readers' understanding and motivate them to improve their skills.



Library News

Welcome back Provost Cougars! I am so excited to have you in library this year. Below is a bunch of information that I thought would be useful for families to have.

After School Clubs: After School Clubs start Monday, September 12th!

Sora: The Provo School District has sponsored an online reading App that allows Provo students access to thousands of books online. This is a great way to listen to or read battle of the book books, beehive books, newbery books, graphic novels and more. To download the App go to soraapp.com, or download the app from Google play or the Apple App store. Click on Find My School. Search for Provo City School District. Login with your students gmail address. Go to Add Library. Select Provo City School District, Beehive Library Consortium and Utah Dual Language Immersion. Search for the books you want to listen to or read. Enjoy!

Reading Programs: I love to give out prizes to students who read. With over 13 reading programs, hopefully there is something for everyone. We will be discussing how to earn these prizes in class, but feel free to stop by the library to pick up record sheets and ask more questions! If you student completes all 13 programs I do give them \$10 to spend at the bookfair.

Battle of the Books: This is a national reading program available to any of our 3rd-6th grade students who are interested in reading books. Students who want to participate must sign up asap in the library. Battles will take place once a month on either the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the month, during lunch recess. There will be treats and prizes for all students who participate. If you have questions, please send me an email.

Provo Reads: Our theme this year is "Reading - Your passport to adventure." Each Monday, students will report to their teacher how many books/ or days they read that week either through their homework sheets or verbally. If they read at least 5 days or 5 books, they will receive a small prize each week. Once they have reached 45 books, their picture will be taken and placed on the library wall of fame. They can then bring home their map or passport.

Book Fairs: We have 2 book fairs scheduled for this year: October 31- Nov. 4 and April 17-21.

The School Musical: Any 4th-6th grader is eligible to participate in the musical, but they must audition. More information will be given at the beginning of November. Auditions are on November 18th.

I'm so grateful to be back teaching. You have wonderful kids. Thank you for being amazing parents! Happy reading!

Mrs. Kirkland, Provost Library

Clothing Donations Needed

There are times when a student has an accident or gets dirty at school and needs a change of clothes. Most times, we will call the student's parents and ask them to bring a change of clothes, but sometimes parents are not always available. Because of this, we like to have some extra clothes at school to help students get back to learning.

If you have used clothing that is still in good repair, please consider donating it to our school. We will take any used pants or shirts, but we need NEW underwear and socks. Below is a list of needed clothing and sizes:

Underwear- New, unused

Size 6- boys and girls Size 10 - girls
Size 8- boys and girls Size 12/14- girls

Pants/Shorts- New or used

Leggings or joggers are nice because they fit most children easily.

We love jeans and shorts too!

Size 6- girls Size 10- boys and girls
Size 7- girls Size 12- boys and girls
Size 8- girls Size 14- girls

Shirts- New or used

T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts are great!

Size 6- girls Size 8- boys & girls
Size 7- boys & girls Size 9- boys & girls

Socks- New, unused

Small, Medium, & Large

If your student is ever lucky enough to use our extra clothes, we ask that you wash and return them to the office so they can be used again! Thank you!

Sick Policies

Reminder that if your student is sick, you keep them home until their symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours. If they've had a fever, please keep them home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

**Please note, the sick policy below is currently being updated. *The information on COVID-19 is out of date.* If you have questions regarding COVID isolation & quarantine, reach out to the health room staff.

English: <https://tinyurl.com/yckjn87x>
Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8nezax>

Thank you,
Heather Chatwin RN, School Nurse;
Janene Kay, Health Clerk

