

EXPLORER

November 2011

Assistant Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Students,

Can you believe it is already November?? It is hard to believe that we have already completed well over two months of school. Shelley School is really starting to feel more like home to me and hopefully to all of you. I love the beginning of the school year when everything seems like it is new and exciting. I also love it when you start to get in a routine and life is a little more predictable and you are used to coming to school every day and learning such exciting and important concepts. I hope all of you are enjoying your every day routines at Shelley as much as I am.

The month of November always reminds me of a couple of things. I love the patriotic feelings and atmosphere of Election Day and I always look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday and the celebrations that accompany both of these events. I love the changing of the seasons with the fall leaves in full bloom and winter creeping in on us. It is a wonderful time of year for all of us here at Shelley!

With Election Day quickly approaching, I would encourage all of us to exercise our right to vote and get out and vote in the elections. It is really amazing what the power of one vote can do to impact things that happen in our community, state, and country. I feel so grateful to live in a country where we are able to make choices with what we want to support

or not. I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege of voting each November.

Gratitude is also something I really like to focus on during the month of November. There are so many things that I am grateful for in my life. I am so grateful to work at this wonderful school with such amazing teachers and staff members, inspiring students, and supportive and caring parents. We are so blessed to have such a great school to call home each day. I really love working at this school.

I am also really grateful for my family and the examples they have been to me in my life. I come from a family of educators and their influences in my life have really helped me and made me a better person. I am grateful for the education I have received and value it so much. I love being able to work with teachers and students to increase our knowledge and understanding. What a blessing it is to be the assistant principal at Shelley Elementary.

You might be asking yourself, who is the new assistant principal at our school this year? I am blessed to not only work at Shelley but I am also blessed to work at Snow Springs Elementary. You will usually see me here on Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Mondays. I love both of my schools and my new assignment as an assistant principal. I came here from Freedom Elementary where I was teaching 6th grade. I grew up always wanting to be a teacher and I truly loved teaching and all of my students. I also love sports and spending time outdoors and with my family. I grew up all

around Utah going to three different elementary schools. I have two brothers and brothers-in-laws and two sisters and two sisters-in-law. One of my favorite things to do is to spend time with my two nieces and three nephews who I love and adore more than anything. I truly love being around teachers and students every day and can't wait to get to know more about each of you.

We are so lucky to really focus on the things we are grateful for this month and appreciate all of the wonderful blessings we have in our lives. I hope all of us will take a moment to reflect on things we are grateful for and enjoy the little things in our lives. I look forward to working more with all of you this year and again am so grateful and excited to be a Shelley Explorer!

Megan Menlove
Assistant Principal

*CONGRATULATIONS,
MRS. MCGEE!*

Shelley Elementary teacher Charlotte McGee was honored October 18 on KSL Radio as the Zion's Bank Teacher Feature awardee. Mrs. McGee will be officially recognized in an assembly at Shelley Elementary on Thursday, November 3, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. McGee was nominated for this award by Shelley parent Naoma Avery who said she had been looking all year long for a special way to say thank you to Mrs. McGee who was her child's first grade teacher last year.

Mrs. Avery states, "I have had two of my children in Mrs. McGee's class and I am amazed at the way she teaches them to read. My little first grader was basically unable to read at the start of this year. Mrs. McGee worked with him on a daily basis to get him up to grade level reading. For months she put together a nightly reading homework packet that was just for him and his needs. She took time to read with him

one on one every day. Mrs. McGee called me a number of times to tell me how he was doing and to see what we could do to help him read better. She celebrated his successes and never let him feel like he couldn't do it."

Mrs. Avery's tribute continues, "I am so grateful for all her hard work and for her love for teaching. It brings tears to my eyes when I think about how far my child has come in reading. My child started last year with low confidence and now he is so excited that he can read! He told our family he was going to read us a book a few months ago, and it was so exciting to see his joy and excitement while he read his book. To top it off, Mrs. McGee has written a book on how to help young children read, and teaches a Literacy Class to parents. I am truly thankful for this shining star of a teacher. My little boy just loves her and says she is his favorite teacher." Mrs. McGee has now moved into a 6th grade teaching position for this new school year. She continues to share her passion for reading as she has her trained her 6th grade students to serve as "Reading Buddies" with Mr. Engles' first grade students. We are so grateful for her specific knowledge and skill in the area of reading, and also for her overall general love of teaching and her amazing efforts to support student success.

Congratulations

Mrs. McGee

We love you!

SCHOOL SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Teachers and students alike are sporting their new Shelley School shirts for the 2011-2012 school year. Each Friday we encourage students and faculty to wear our school color of blue or a school shirt (either from this year or years past) to show school spirit. The shirts this year have a design created as a combination of ideas submitted by Kayla Anderson and Marie Crivello.

There are still a number of student t-shirts and hoodies available on a first come, first served basis in the front office. The t-shirts are a steel blue color (\$10), and the hoodies are light grey and available in both pull-over (\$20) and zip style (\$25). A Shelley school shirt might make a fun Christmas gift. Check with the office to see if we have the size you need.

Make Up Picture Day Scheduled

Cory Adams Photography will be at Shelley Elementary on Thursday, November 3, for picture retakes or makeups. Any students who have moved to Shelley Elementary since our first picture day as well as any students who were absent on that day are invited to get a make up picture taken. Retakes are available at no charge to replace photographs with technical errors or processing defects (eyes closed, dust spots, off center, etc.) *The complete original package must be returned for the photo to be retaken.* Photographers will be set up from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. on the stage of the gym. Please note that this is a fairly brief window, so plan accordingly if you want to bring pre-school children, etc. Regular Shelley students may bring their picture money or return packets that morning, and will be allowed to go to the gym during the retake and make up time.

TESTING OPPORTUNITY FOR ASD GIFTED PROGRAMS

Please make note that ASD Gifted Program Testing on-line registration goes off line this Friday October 28. They will still be taking testing registrations in person in the Professional Development Center office until November 18. The actual testing sessions will be from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at Forbes Elementary and Mountain Ridge Jr. High; Nov. 12 at Foothill Elementary and Canyon View Jr.; and Nov. 19 at Hidden Hollow Elementary and Vista Heights Middle School. The testing done at elementary school locations will be for placement in the elementary 3rd through 6th grade programs and the testing scheduled for junior high or middle school sites will be for placement in the ACAD 7th or 8th grade programs. For questions, please call Barbara Langford (610-8475).

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located just outside the gymnasium on the circular coat rack. We encourage you to come and check for items missing from your child's wardrobe. Unclaimed items are donated to charity approximately monthly, as items build up after a while.

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SHELLEY'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 18

November 18 is the annual Shelley food drive. Our school has a great history of how much food is donated from our students and families. Last year our school donated about 6,200 pounds of food. This year our goal is to raise 6,500 pounds of food. Let's see if we can reach that goal. The food you donate will help feed families who are in need. More families than ever before are in need of help from places like the Utah Food Bank or Community Action groups.

Needed Items: Canned Meat/tuna
canned beans and chili Canned Soups and
stews 100% Fruit juices Powder Milk Canned
Fruits and Vegetables Macaroni and Cheese
dinner Box Dinners Cereals Peanut Butter Pasta
Crackers NON FOOD ITEMS: Toilet paper
Bar soap Shampoo Laundry Soap Disposable
Diapers Hygiene products

As you come to school on November 18 look for the food bank truck and bring all your food donations to the front of the school. Place your donations along the front sidewalk. Look for the sheet with your teacher's name. We will count the number of donated items. The class with the highest average items donated will win a party. GOOD LUCK!! Also, for every dollar that is donated to the Utah Food Bank/Community Action, 17 pounds of fresh food can be given to families in need. This year we would like to have a contest to see which grade level can bring in the most

pennies. Starting Monday, November 14 thru Friday, November 18 we will have containers in the front of the office for students to donate pennies and help feed families. The grade level with the most money donations will win. (Prize is yet to be determined.) SHELLEY students and families -- let's make a difference and help those in need. Bring your pennies all week (do a job around the house to earn a few extra pennies) and bring your donated food items on NOVEMBER 18!! Any Parents willing to help that morning please contact: Jennifer Thomas [801-756-9330](tel:801-756-9330).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shelley Elementary needs YOU to volunteer this year. You can volunteer from home, or for a one-time event, or on an on-going basis. Even an hour makes a difference! Please take a minute to fill out the form that is attached and return it to the school. Thank you!

SHELLEY ELEMENTARY NEEDS YOU!

Why volunteer? Because volunteers—

- make better and stronger programs.
- allow teachers to focus on what they do best.
- become more involved in their children's education.

Whoever you are and whatever you do, **Shelley Elementary needs your help.**

To volunteer, please check the appropriate box or boxes below and **return this form to the school.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Shelley student(s) names and grades: _____

(This information is for school use only and will not be shared with others.)

Sign me up as a one-time volunteer! I can help at one or two activities this year. Please call as the need arises and I'll see if my calendar is open.

Sign me up to volunteer from home! I can't come during the school day, but I still want to help. Please call if you need someone to assemble thank-you gifts, fill out cards, or make phone calls.

Sign me up as a short-term volunteer! I could staff an event or take on planning responsibilities for a short time.

Sign me up for a year-round position! I enjoy working with other great volunteers, I want to make a difference, and I like to be the first to know what's going on.

Sign me up as a specialist! I have specialized skills (e.g. sewing, carpentry, photography, bulletin board design, etc.) that I would be willing to share on an as-needed basis. My skill(s): _____

Please **see the reverse** for a list of **volunteer service needed in 2011-2012.**

If any specific activity interests you, **please mark it** and let us know.

Otherwise, we will call you as needed.

Thank you for supporting Shelley Elementary!

Year-Round Volunteer Opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Room parent | Help teachers in the class room with special events, clerical tasks, and educational enrichment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take-Home Library | Exchange books for two teachers, one hour per week. Minor training involved. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DIBELS assessments | Reading assessment requiring 45 minutes each week in the classroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook | Take pictures of school events. Assist with design and layout. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections | Help with judging and administration of this nationwide contest that encourages children at all grade levels to develop skills in the fine arts. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Appreciation | Prepare fun thank-you's and acknowledgments for all Shelley's great teachers and staff. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birthdays | Help with monthly bulletin board recognizing students' birthdays. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTA Meetings | Attend monthly meetings held at the school. Share ideas, give feedback. All are welcome to attend. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTA Positions | Serve on the PTA board. Current openings: Education and Family Life Commissioner, President-Elect. |

Short-Term and One-Time Volunteer Opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Screening (September) | Assist the school nurse with vision checks for all students. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-a-Thon (October) | Mark off laps as students run. Cheer them on! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Ribbon Week (October) | Assist with displays and activities for drug safety and awareness campaign. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Ribbon Week (October) | Assist with displays and activities for bike, pedestrian and bus safety campaign. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk to School Day (October) | Provide refreshments and activities to celebrate exercise and fresh air. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fairs | Staff the fairs, accept money, make change. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dads' Reading Day (Fall and Spring) | Help with publicity and hospitality. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Drive (November) | Organize and inventory donations. Give prizes and thank-you's. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Ribbon Week (February) | Assist with displays and activities for Internet safety campaign. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Reader Contest (January – February) | Count points, distribute prizes, help kids get excited about reading. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Author Visits (Spring) | Host authors and help kids experience books and writing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Festival and Field Day (May) | Help with student rotations. Staff a booth. Paint faces, sell candy, play games. |

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	1	2 6 th Grade NOVA School Community Council 2:30 p.m.	3 Picture Retakes 9:30-10:00 Knowledge Bowl Parent Meeting 3:30 p.m. Media Center	4
7	8 ELECTION DAY Kindergarten Field Trip Wizard of Oz All Kindergarten attend 9:15-12:05	9 6 th Grade NOVA PTA Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.	10 Reflections Award Night 6:00 p.m. Gymnasium.	11 4 th Grade Science Presentations 5 th Grade Field Trip Veterans Day Program
14 MINIMAL DAY!!! 8:00 to 12:30 9:15 to 1:45 Kindergarten 8:00-10:00 Track 1 9:15-11:15 Track 2 10:30-12:30 Track 3 11:45-1:45 Track 4	15	16 6 th Grade NOVA	17	18 Last Day of 1 st Trimester
21	22 <i>5th Grade Talent Show 12:30-2:00 p.m. Gymnasium</i>	23 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	24 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	25 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
28 Report Cards will be coming home this week	29	30 6 th Grade NOVA Utah Symphony/ Utah Opera 1:00 p.m. 4 th - 6 th Grades	December 1	2