



November Principal's Message

November 1, 2016

Dear Parents,

Thanks for a wonderful first term! This year is going by way too fast. I love this time of year! It gives me time to reflect on all of the things that I am thankful for. I am very thankful to be at such a wonderful school filled with a staff that works hard every day providing quality learning for the students. I'm thankful for the students, who put a smile on my face each day with the great work that they do, their enthusiasm for learning, and the fun stories they have to tell me. I'm thankful to our parents who volunteer in classrooms, help with PTA activities/Community Council, and support our school events. I am very thankful and proud to be the principal at Willow.

I am in and out of classrooms each day and it is very exciting to see the amazing teaching and learning that is taking place. We just finished giving our first of three benchmark tests in math and language arts in grades 3-6. Teachers are using the data to continue to help your child learn and succeed. We are working on problem-solving in math and relating it to real-world situations. In language arts this year we are focusing more on looking back in the text and using text evidence to support reading comprehension and writing. You can help us by reading with your students and asking them to show/tell you what the evidence in the text is that supports the answer to the questions you ask them. Students are working hard each day in every grade to meet the goals that they have set. Be sure to check out our "Believe Wall" in the main hall.

Please take a moment and fill out the Panorama Educational Survey from November 2-18 for parents.

The link is <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/tooele> . Students in third through sixth grade will take it at school to help provide information about our school climate. The purpose is to gather input about teachers, the principal, and the school. The survey is short, taking about 10 – 20 minutes to complete. There will be 25 questions and the students will take it on the computer during school. We will have the computer lab open during conferences for parents, or you can do it from home. Responses are anonymous and no personal information will be collected. Results will be given to the administrator and used to improve our school. You will be sent a link by email to take the survey, if your student is in K-2 you will receive a letter at conferences. Your input is valuable. Thanks for your time.

We really appreciate those of you that have completed you online registration!! If you have not, you can do this at parent/teacher conferences in the main lab. Thank you very much for helping us.

Thanks to the funding from the School Land Trust and the Willow Elementary plan developed by the school community council, our staff has been able to move forward with their own professional growth and your children have had the opportunity to engage in learning physical education, art, writing, and keyboarding. Money from the Trustland's fund has been used to pay for these aides working with students. Visit the website www.schoollandtrust.org , or the school website found on the TCSD home page to read the information on School Land Trust and community council. You are always welcome to attend the community council meetings at the school. The schedule for the meetings and our council members' contact information is on our school's website.

November Events:

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| November 1 | Flu Clinic |
| November 2-3 | Parent/Student/Teacher Celebrations
(Conferences) |
| November 2-18 | Panorama Education Survey |
| November 3 | Picture Retakes |
| November 4 | No School for Kindergarten -Conferences |
| November 4 | Willow Art Display at the District Office |

- November 8 **Willow Elementary Welcomes...** Visit from
State Superintendent Sydnee Dickson
- November 11 Lunch Reward Assembly-Utah Opera
- November 15 School Board Meeting
- November 24-25 **No School -Fall Break**
- November 30 Picnic with the Principal

Thank you for all of your support and playing an important role as a team member in your child's education. Please continue to check the school website, Facebook, and peachjar for information. Have a wonderful fall break and enjoy everything that you are thankful for!

Sincerely,

Angie Gillette

Principal