

# COUGAR COLUMN

## Cinderella

We have the great opportunity to attend Snow Canyon High School's play "Cinderella" on Fri., Oct. 24th. There is a \$1 fee per student to attend this production in addition to transportation costs. However, due to the generous support of our Dixie Direct fundraiser last year, we are pleased to announce that all costs for the play will be covered! Thanks for your support! Please watch for the permission slip to come home so you can sign it and return it before Friday.

## Dixie Elks Lodge Eye Fair

The Elks are hosting their annual Eye Fair on Saturday, Oct. 25th. It will be held at the Elks Lodge (630 W. 1250 N., St. George) from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Any student in grades K-9 can come to the Lodge to play games, have their face painted, win prizes, AND have their eyes screened by eye professionals from Paradise Canyon Eye Care and Clear View Eye Care. If they need further services, the Elks will give them a voucher that will cover a more in depth eye screening and glasses/

contacts, should they need them. The vouchers are awarded on a first come first serve basis, so parents will want to bring their children to the Eye Fair. There is no charge for the games, screenings or vouchers.

## Bike Vandalism and Theft

Lately we have been having some problems around the bike racks. We have had a couple bikes taken from the racks (and not returned) and one bike severely vandalized. PLEASE buy a bike lock for your child's bike and teach them how to lock it up when they ride it to school. Hopefully, that will discourage any stealing. Also, if you are here before the bell rings at the end of the day and see anything suspicious around the bikes, please don't hesitate to check it out. If we all watch, maybe we can stop what is happening. We have, on occasion, talked to older students from the intermediate and middle schools that get out of school before we do and have requested that they not hang around the bikes. If you have older students, please remind them of that as well.



## Calendar Items

- Oct. 23 School Vision Screening  
Kindergarten Field Trip*
- Oct. 24 High School Play - Grades 1-5*
- Oct. 26 Red Ribbon Week*
- Oct. 27 Community Council at 4:00*
- Oct. 30 Storytelling Competition*
- Oct. 31 Halloween! Parade at 9:15*

## Reflections Contest

This year's Reflections contest is just around the corner! Now is the time for students to be working on their project. The theme this year is:

### ***The World Would Be a Better Place If...***

All entries are due on November 5th. Let's encourage as many students as possible to enter this year!



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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our next community council meeting will be October 27, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the school. The schedule for the year is as follows:

- Nov. 24th
- No meeting in Dec.
- Jan. 12th
- Feb. 9th
- March 23rd

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. We will post the agenda at the school a week before the meeting. On Page 2 of this Cougar Column, you will find the final report on how we spent last year's Trust Land money. We are so grateful for that money! If you have an opportunity to see a legislator, please let them know how much the Trust Land money helps our school.

## Halloween

The Halloween costume parade will start around 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31st. The parade takes about 45 minutes to complete. We invite you to come watch if you would like. Please remember these things as you plan your student's costume:

- Students may NOT bring any weapon or look-alike weapon to school (even for the parade). Please leave all swords, knives, guns, axes, etc. at home.
- Students may wear a little make-up with their costume, but please limit the blood and gore.
- If a student's costume has a mask with it, students may wear their mask during the parade only.

Students may want to take off their costume after the parade, so make sure they have a bag or backpack.

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## **Our School Community Council Members**

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## **Trust Lands Final Report 2013-2014**

### **GOAL #1**

Improve student performance in language arts; provide more opportunities for students to read and write across the curriculum as well as participate in intervention groups when needed.

We were able to:

- Hire a paraprofessional 11 hours a week to give support to our below level learners and our high ability learners in grades 2-5.

- Hire a paraprofessional 10 hours a week to run our take-home library. All K-2 students, as well as 3-5 students as selected by the teacher, were able to have a leveled book to read at home each night throughout the school year.

- Hire a paraprofessional 5 hours a week to help in our Extended-Day Kindergarten class. She provided small group and one-on-one support for students.

- Hire a paraprofessional 10 hours a week to help with our most at-risk students and those students needing support in behavior. This helped these students be more successful in the general classroom setting.

- Hire a Dixie State University SEE student. She gave language arts and other curriculum support to students in a split grade (4/5) classroom.

### **GOAL #2**

Continue implementation of our STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The School LAND Trust money was used for additional teacher time for our STEM committee to create a school-wide plan and organize school STEM activities. In addition, we have been able to Pay a half-time teacher to stay 1-2 days a week to oversee the implementation of STEM throughout the school. This teacher, along with her committee, planned and carried out six school-wide STEM days this year, helped research lessons for classroom teachers, and began to set up our STEM lab classroom.

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