THE ROCKY READER

A Message From Our Board...

I would like to take a moment to send out a huge thanks for all the volunteers at our school. September and October were so busy and we could not have made it happen without all the help from our volunteers. I love to see how excited the kids get when they see a family member, neighbor or friend at their school. We have logged over 1000 volunteer hours so far! Here is a quote from Margaret A. Francis:

“The Volunteer is one with a heart so sincere”

No task too large, no task too small,
Who will help with anything at all.
Who will be there in the morning light,
Or help in the dark of night.
The Volunteer, our extra hand,
On whose future our Children stand.
Never anyone so dear as a Volunteer!

We really appreciate how much time and effort everyone puts into our kids and school!

Thanks again,
Paige Coward - President Elect

Meet The Masters Help Needed...

No Art Experience Necessary!

Meet the Masters is a wonderful art program that meets with our students once a month. The program teaches our kids about artists such as Rembrandt, Picasso, Monet and much more!

The next Meet the Masters day will be held NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 9:00AM. It is an all day event but volunteers are welcome to come and help for any amount of time that fits your schedule. This month there is help needed with some prep work such as cutting and copies. Please come help this Monday, November 12th in the teacher workroom at 9:30am if you can!

We are also looking for someone who may be interested helping with teaching the children the art projects! No experience necessary. Please contact Mardi Gagon at gmgagon@gmail.com or Kim Dickerson at kimandjond@gmail.com or 435-901-9506.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Wasatch County School District offers a full range of educational services for students with disabilities who live in Wasatch County.

Young children, ages 3-5, with severe delays in language, motor, cognitive, or adaptive development can receive a free and appropriate education in our preschool program.

Services, which include assessment, instruction, and evaluation, are also provided for students who qualify under federal and state guidelines, ages five to twenty-two (and have not graduated from high school).

In order to receive special education services, a student’s disability must interfere with their ability to benefit from education without specialized instruction.

A student whose disability does not need specialized instruction to benefit from education but could appropriately utilize specific interventions could possibly qualify for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504. These services are provided in all our district schools and are available for anyone who resides within our district boundaries.

If you know of anyone who might qualify and would be interested in taking advantage of these special services or if you have any questions about any of these programs, contact Jane Golightly at Wasatch School District Offices, 654-0280.
Dear Old Mill Parents:

The school year is moving right along. November 1, 2012 is the end of the first nine weeks of school. One fourth of the year is behind us and there is so much work left to do.

The students are making amazing progress in each of the grades. Their math skills are improving, their reading is more fluent and their comprehension is increasing. Their ability to write well, not just the printing, but also the content, is improving and they are all working hard to get better and better at the things they are learning.

To help the students in this learning process our teachers at Old Mill have begun participating in a long term workshop in math teaching skills. Through monthly meetings the teachers will be studying and practicing improved and effective ways to assist students in not just learning, but also retaining math facts and understanding. It is not enough for students just to know how to figure out a math problem. They must also understand why their solutions work. The teacher math workshops should be very beneficial to our students.

As we are into the cold months and Winter is upon us the students are coming each day with coats and sweaters. Please be sure to have your students name or your phone number in a visible place in their coats, jackets, sweat shirts, and sweaters. So many items look the same, but if there is a name or number inside the clothing we can very easily return things to their owners. Thank you for your help with this.

Just a reminder on bus transportation; bus regulations state that only regularly scheduled bus riders may ride busses and they may only ride their assigned buses. Any changes to students riding busses must be requested in writing. We have a form at school that can be filled out or you may send a detailed note with the student, which must be brought to the office. Students without a form filled out or a detailed note will be asked to ride their regular bus. Again, thank you for your help and attention to this policy.

We are having an exceptional year and we thank you all for your assistance and for the terrific students you send to us each day!

Principal Douglas Hardy

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**Calendar**

**November 13**
First Grade Field Trip to Kimball Art Center

**November 14**
Meet the Masters

**November 15**
PTA Meeting @ 9:00am - Parents are welcome to attend!

School District Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

**November 20**
Fourth Grade Rendezvous

**November 21 - 23**
Thanksgiving Break No School

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