

February 2012

Saber News

Message from our Principal

I would like to catch everyone up on what is going on with technology this year. At the start of the 2011-2012 school year we received projectors and interactive whiteboards. They were installed in most of the classrooms in the building. In January we purchased four more projectors and four more interactive whiteboards that have been placed in the music room, the Title 1 room, special education room and the counseling room.

This past week we were given a check for \$7500 from an anonymous donor, through the Twin Falls School District Education Foundation, for the purpose of purchasing an item that is called an Elmo Compact Document Camera or Elmo for short. The Elmo will allow the teachers to place a book, piece of paper, objects, or any picture underneath the camera and it will be projected upon the whiteboard instantly. Objects can be seen in two and three dimensions, projected and magnified onto the front interactive board, and be realistically viewed by the students. The Elmo will give the teachers a lot more flexibility when using the projectors and whiteboards in their classrooms. We will be purchasing the Elmo's in February and they will be easy to install and get the staff started using them.

The next step for technology at Sawtooth this year, will be working with the PTO to buy updated computers to replace the outdated ones we currently have. Fundraisers from the PTO this year will be going towards this next project. We appreciate your continued support in this area.

Randy Rutledge

Sawtooth Elementary Principal

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1st
PTO Meeting 3:30,
cafeteria
- Feb. 14th –
Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 15th –
Science Fair Reg. Due
- Feb. 20th –
No School
- Feb. 22th–
Box Top Collection
Deadline for contest!
- March 1st – Dr. Seuss
Birthday party
- March 7th– PTO Meeting
3:30, cafeteria
- March 14th– Science Fair
projects due @ school.
- March 15th – Book Fair
Family Night
- March 26th –30th –
Spring Break!

News from the First Grade

Mrs. Erbaugh's and Mrs. Breland's first graders heard about life in the Antarctica and working with the penguins. Jadee Higley's grandfather was a navy helicopter pilot and lived in Antarctica for awhile. He showed us all of the clothes he wore when he went outside on the ice. He put on six layers of clothes!! He also showed us how they caught the penguins. We learned lots about Antarctica and the penguins!

More News from First Grade

Mrs. Stanley's first graders have begun their ABC's of America Unit of Study. As they work their way through the alphabet, each day they will learn several facts about our country, its past, its symbols, and its leaders. They will end up with a great book of facts, each starting with the next letter in the alphabet.....26 amazing pages!

News from the Fifth Grade

5th grade ski trip is February 16. All paperwork must be returned by February 7. We leave at 7:15am and will be returning at 5:30pm. Make sure your 5th grader has a lunch and warm clothes.

News from Kindergarten: Kindergartners are reading stories about the "Wind". We know that wind can be gentle to blow kites and sailboats, and useful for turning windmills to create electricity. We know that wind in tornados and hurricanes can be powerful and damaging to people and property. We love writing in our personal journals each week! We know that we can write down the ideas we are thinking about! We are starting a new unit in mathematics called "Measurement and Counting". We will be using measurement strategies to measure our shoes and objects around the classroom. Kindergartners will soon begin their "Home Reading Program" by bringing home a small book to read each day!

Box Top Contest: Top classes in K-2 and 3-5 who bring in the most box tops by Feb. 22 will get a pajama day! Be sure your name and room # are on them or on the collection sheet for the box top drawing. The student that brings in the most will get 2 Laser Mania passes. Bring by FEB. 22.

Please remember: No expired Box Tops. Cut Box Tops neatly. Be sure **not** to cut off expiration dates. Put Box Tops on a collection sheet (they are much easier to count and keep track of). Do not put Bonus Box Tops or Campbell points on collection sheet, or put them into a baggie and turn in. Do not put more Box Tops on a collection sheet than it says to. Start another sheet. Put your name and room number on the collection sheets to be entered into the monthly drawings. (Ask your teacher for a collection sheet.)

• **SCIENCE FAIR**

It's almost Science Fair time!! The primary objective of this project is to have students approach a question or problem that they are interested in from a scientific standpoint. The project should be experimental in nature as opposed to a model. Students have received a handout in their classes entitled Elementary Science Fair Planning Guide and it's an awesome tool to help you get started. Ribbons are awarded and all participants get to go on a fun science based field trip too! Register by February 15th.

"The talent show is coming up in May! Be thinking about what special talent of yours you'd like to bring to the stage!"

Important Note

The South Central Public Health District has requested that parents bring only pre-packaged food to school for their children's birthdays and parties. Thank you.