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PTO Newsletter



January 3: Welcome back!

January 11: HS Expansion Meeting 6-8pm Ecker

January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

January 19: Science Fair

January 20: Teacher Prep - No School

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Thank you for a great 2016!

A huge thank you to our parents, teachers and staff for all your hard work, time, and donations that have made such a positive impact on Parley's Park this year. We are proud to say we've donated over 1,000 volunteer hours to our school community. These hours, along with funds raised through the Fun Run, Book Fair, PTO dues and your generous donations, have enabled us to accomplish some amazing things:

- \$13,000 for a **permanent substitute** who will also work as an **aide** in the classrooms for the remainder of this year.
- \$4,500 for durable **headphones and keyboards** for grades K-2
- \$5,000 of **supplies** for the classrooms
- Scholastic **Books and Newsletters** to each classroom
- \$10,000 for a **Mini-Grant Program** for Teachers and Staff. As of January 1st, we have funded or partially funded the following (and will continue to fund more activities):
 - Drum Bus Assemblies
 - Scholarships
 - Spark Assemblies to inspire participation in the Science Fair
 - Author Visit Assemblies
 - Lion King Production
- \$5,700 for **Gaga Ball** - Thanks to your participation in LivePC GivePC and Vinto's night, and to PCEF for a teacher grant, we reached our goal. Look for this in January!

We have big plans for 2017 too! Look for our Science Fair in January,

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conference meals in February, replenishment of teacher supplies, and another great Running with ED celebration in May.

Thank you again for a great 2016! We couldn't do it without your support. Here's to a great 2017!



Would you like to help make our school great? We are looking for volunteers for the following activities:

Judges Needed! Looking to support our young scientists? Science Fair judges are needed to evaluate and score the projects on Thursday, January 19 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch are provided. You do not need a technical or science background to judge! The fair requires 20+ judges to evaluate all of the projects - all are welcome. Sign up to judge [here](#) OR email christybell1@gmail.com.

Adventure Bites - Volunteers needed on Wednesday, January 11. Click [here](#) to sign up.

EATS Cooking Classes - Volunteers needed on January 6 and January 13. Click [here](#) to sign up.

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Science Fair Registration Open through January 12

Students who wish to participate in the Parley's Park Science and Engineering Fair must register by Thursday, January 12. The Fair is open to all students Kindergarten to 5th grade. Team projects are welcome as are collections for the K-2nd grade participants. Register [here](#) soon!

Project Setup: Wednesday, January 18th 2016, 5 - 7 pm in the cafeteria

Fair: Thursday, January 19th, 8 am – 2 pm

Family Night at the Science Fair: Thursday, January 19th, 5:30 - 7 pm in the cafeteria.

Project Pickup: Thursday, January 19th, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Enjoy cool science entertainment and prize drawings for science fair participants.



ELEMENTARY VISUAL ARTS

A Partnership Between:



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January EVA Curriculum

Roy Lichtenstein

Pop Art

Comic Book Style Self-Portraits

In January art class, students will learn about the artist and work of Roy Lichtenstein. Lichtenstein (1923-1997) was an American painter who is well known for his pop art depictions of everyday objects. His paintings are instantly recognizable as he often simulated the Ben-Day dot patterns present in the commercial printing of comic books, newspapers, and other mainstream media. Students will then learn about comics and comic faces.

In the style of Lichtenstein, students will create a comic self portrait and answer the questions: how does a comic express a self portrait and how does the dramatic and colorful nature of pop art express emotion?



Adventure Bites

PCSD Child Nutrition Services (CNS) is partnering with EATS for Taste Tests this year in their new program called ADVENTURE BITES. Learn more about this program at the [PCSD website](#). EATS is providing volunteers to help out, [click here](#) or contact Kimberly Patterson at kp@eatsparkcity.org.

*The next Adventure Bites will be Chicken Tortilla Soup on Wednesday,
January 11th.*

EATS Cooking Classes

Volunteer to help students learn to cook in the After-School Cooking Classes for Better Health program - monthly at all elementary schools! We'll be making the new school food recipes from 15 TO CLEAN. [Click here](#) for dates and to sign up or contact Kimberly Patterson at kp@eatsparkcity.org. Thank you to Nicholas and Co for donating food for cooking classes.

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On January 4th, Summit County Connect, in partnership with the University of Utah Department of Psychiatry, is hosting a talk on healthy brains in children and teens.

There will be separate age-specific Q&A sessions with psychiatrists specializing in children and teens, focusing on appropriate behavior and warning signs of possible mental health concerns. RSVP is appreciated.

Event Details:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017; 5-8pm
Park City Library, 1255 Park Avenue

Preliminary Agenda:

5:00-6:00pm: Brain healthy refreshments & Introduction to Living a Brain Healthy Life

6:05-6:50pm: Separate age-specific sessions about signposts of brain health in children, teens, adults and seniors

7:00-7:45 – Sessions repeated. You are welcome to choose two or just attend one.

To Register and for more information, please visit:

<http://connectsummitcounty.org/event/the-rocky-road/>

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LITTLE WOMEN

Friday, January 6 @ 2pm - Kimball Junction Library

Saturday, January 7 @ 4pm - Jim Santy Auditorium, Park City Library
Rated PG, 115 min - Free Admission

In her classic 1868 novel about love, family and the female spirit, Louisa May Alcott told the domestic saga of the March family. They are a mother and four daughters growing up in Civil War New England, caught in the enchanting years between girlhood and womanhood. This critically acclaimed film based on Alcott's book is a glowing depiction of 19th century family life, with a tribute to feminine strength and independence still pertinent today.

Part of the Park City Film Series' Books 2 Movies Series presented in partnership with the Park City and Summit County Libraries.

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cEFE_kIrXg

UNDERWATER DREAMS

Thursday, Jan 12th at 6:30pm,

Jim Santy Auditorium, Park City Library, 1255 Park Avenue
Free Screening

The Film Series is co-hosting a free film screening with the Park City Education Foundation on January 12th. The film, UNDERWATER DREAMS, "is the epic story of how the sons of undocumented Mexican immigrants learned how to build an underwater robot from Home Depot parts. And defeat engineering powerhouse MIT in the process."

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/97377301>

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