

LEOPARD SPOTS

PTSA Newsletter for Parents and Students

February 2009

The Character of a School Community

To some, having character simply means “following the rules”. If you do what you are asked, avoid becoming involved with drugs or gangs, do your schoolwork, graduate from school, and find useful employment, then you have character. This certainly is relevant to character, but far from sufficient for students at Lakeridge Junior High School. Character for our students refers to a much broader set of attitudes, behaviors, motivations, and skills. It is more than simply avoiding involvement in socially undesirable behaviors. Character includes attitudes such as the desire to do one’s best and being concerned about the welfare of others; intellectual capacities such as critical thinking and reasoning; behaviors such as being honest and responsible, and standing up for principles in the face of injustice; gaining interpersonal and emotional skills that enable us to interact effectively with others in a variety of circumstances; and the commitment to contribute to one’s community and society. Stated simply, character is the realization of one’s positive development as a person—intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Good character includes being committed to making positive contributions to one’s community.

This past month I saw several examples that were organized and supported by the parents of Lakeridge Junior High School that showed the importance we place on the development of character in our students:

- The PTSA partnered with the Make a Wish Foundation to fulfill the wish of a young girl with cancer to go to Disney World become a reality. Hundreds of students and parents from the Lakeridge community showed up on a Saturday to participate in a fun run and walk to raise the money in support of this endeavor.
- Students from Lakeridge Junior High competed in the regional high school Model United Nations contest. They studied out and came up with resolutions for some of the more challenging problems of the world and worked with other students from around the western United States to address global issues.
- Our student government led an effort to collect items and money for Sub for Santa. This effort eased a burden for several families in our community.
- Lakeridge students were involved in collecting canned food in the month of November, as well as collecting money for Sub for Santa in December.

Lakeridge Junior High Students are truly developing the character that will help them be productive members in a social and political democracy. We appreciate the dedicated service of our PTSA and teachers in helping to facilitate these opportunities for character development. It is a great pleasure of mine to work with a school community with sense of character. Thank you for all of your support and dedication to your school.

Garrick Peterson
Principal

Write On!

The Direct Writing Assessment (DWA) for ninth graders will be given on February 24 & 25. All ninth grade students have been working on persuasive essays in their English classes to get prepared for the test.

The DWA requires students to write a five paragraph persuasive essay. Each essay is read by a trained reader who will grade the essay based on the six traits. A score of 30 is a perfect score; a score of 18 is passing. Because each essay must be read by a reader, the results of the test will not be back until May. Each student will receive a printout of their overall score and a score for each of the six traits.

Year Books

Have you purchased your 2008-2009 year book yet? The price to purchase a year book is \$28. If you would like to purchase a year book or are unsure if you have already purchased one, please contact Lisa Meranda in the Financial Office.

Information for the newsletter

If you have items of interest for the newsletter please e-mail them by February 15th to lakeridgenewsletter@gmail.com

Message from the PTSA

We want to thank all the wonderful parent/community volunteers who helped staff the 8th Grade Reality Town, put on by the Counseling Office. We especially appreciate our 15 presenters who took the time to share insights into their careers, and special guest speaker Bob Kittell who taught the kids to dream big and what's required to "make it happen". We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement --- please call Brenda Jacobson (426-7766) with your input.

Thanks also to parent Lori Liljenquist for keeping us informed on legislative issues. Those of you who are on our email list should have received some valuable information and links from her. Also see the related article in this newsletter. If you'd like to get in on the Lakeridge PTSA email list, call Jill Judd at 765-4338 ---and join PTSA! It's never too late! (\$5)

This is the time of year when we look to the future and scout out good parents who can keep good things happening at Lakeridge through the PTSA. Thank you to those who have expressed interest in helping out next year! We work to find opportunities to fit your circumstances and interests. If you have time and enthusiasm, please call me at 224-1521 and tell me what you like to do. We encourage each of you to evaluate how you might support the school. If it's monetarily or "in kind," please contact the Alpine Foundation at <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/asd/foundation/makedon.html> to specify where your donation will go. The School Community Council is also another great place to make a difference in our school culture. You can get involved by calling Chair Lynn Eystone at 225-6888 (see related article).

Our public schools ---WE OWN THEM! Be involved in making Lakeridge the very best it can be.

*Ada Wilson 224-1521
Lakeridge Junior High PTSA President*

PTA Working with the Legislature

PTA is committed to helping parents and teachers be advocates for children. One way is to work with our Legislatures and let them know our concerns and opinions. Utah PTA is sponsoring UTAH PTA at the Capital on Feb. 27th. This is a great time to hear from the Utah PTA Commissioners about their priority issues for the 2009 General Session of the State Legislature. There will also be a luncheon and an opportunity to visit with our Legislators. If you would like to attend please register online at www.utahpta.org.

Another valuable tool available is to become a part of the MEMBER to MEMBER Network. During the Legislative Session Cheryl Phipps will talk about the issues that the PTA has been dealing with in the past week. This will also let you know if any action is needed to help promote our issues. To become a member send an email to cheryl@utahpta.org and request that you be added.

You may also go to the Utah PTA Web site. On the Advocacy page you will find up-to-date bill sheets that will tell you what bills they are following during the session and what position they have taken on the bills.

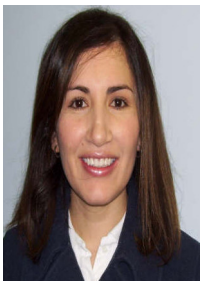
Golden Apple Recipient 2009--Lakeridge Jr. High

The PTSA held nominations for the Golden Apple award for a teacher or staff. There were several submissions for the Golden Apple award; all of which were impressive nominations and a compliment to those who were nominated.

We are pleased to announce that Karen Schlosser is the Golden Apple recipient for this year. Here are some thoughts from those who nominated her: "Ms. Schlosser has helped us become one of the best departments in the district. She is an exceptional teacher and a valued leader at Lakeridge." Another person wrote: "An English teacher for almost twenty years, she keeps up to date on best practices as she teaches. [She is] loved and highly respected by students, faculty, staff, and parents at Lakeridge." Please join the PTSA in congratulating Ms. Schlosser for her fine work at Lakeridge.



NEW SPANISH AIDE



Lucila Gutierrez was recently hired to assist our English Language Learners, specifically those who speak Spanish. She has a degree in Spanish Education from UVU and has recently completed her student teaching at Mountain Ridge Jr. High. She also works part time helping adults receive their GED accreditation.

Mrs. Gutierrez is married and excited to be a mom in about 7 months! Her favorite kind of food is Italian. She enjoys being active, loves many kinds of exercise, and enjoys reading, especially fantasy. Her goal is to get her Masters degree in Counseling since helping people is what brings her the greatest joy.

Latino Parent Meeting

Our next Latino Parent Meeting will be Thursday February 5th at 7 pm. We will be discussing the topic of "Junior Latinos in Action". This meeting is for the parents of 9th graders only.

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be Thursday, March 5th. We will discuss "Healthy Peer Relationships".

Can Public Schools Improve? ...Absolutely!

And Lakeridge has shown it can happen! "Six years ago, Lakeridge was one of the lowest academically performing junior highs in the Alpine School District. At that time, a group of parents, teachers and administrators joined together and created a plan on how to become a top performing junior high. Since then, we have seen dramatic and consistent progress among all students," says Lakeridge Community Council School Improvement Chair, Tim Stay. That group of parents, teachers and administrators is your Lakeridge Community Council, and our main focus is to watch the school's test scores and various surveys to see where we can improve as a school.

This is why it is such an honor for Lakeridge to be named 2008's Best of State K-12 Public or Private School in Utah! To look at where we were six years ago and to see where we are and where we're headed is exciting. Many of you have recently received the annual "Lakeridge Stakeholder Report" for 2008. We urge you to take a look at the improvements Lakeridge has made over the years. "Overall, our school has gone from the low 50 percent pass rate to 85 to 90 percent, depending on whether it is math, English or science," says principal Garrick Peterson.

Does this mean we're done and we can relax? Absolutely not! As you look at the Stakeholder Report, notice there are areas where we are still lacking and need improvement, such as our Hispanic and African American student scores being below the state goal in both language arts and math. Another area of concern is our resource students. They have shown a significant decline in their scores and we are working to improve our ability to teach them and have an action plan to address this issue. But we are excited that we have seen such amazing progress over the years and will continue to work hard to improve those scores that are low.

Some things that have been initiated to help in our students' learning process are: improvements in teachers' assessment questions and FLEX time. In most classes students receive assessments regularly to test their progress on the subject right when it's being taught. If the student does not show mastery, then remediation begins, which is where FLEX comes in. Every day, each student gets their own personal report card. Any student that receives an "F" or "I" (Incomplete) in a class has to go to that class during FLEX time for remediation that day. If they are passing all of their classes, they get to choose to attend one of a variety of enrichment activities during FLEX that day. FLEX time has produced some of the most dramatic results in the shortest amount of time. We saw a significant decrease in our failure rate this past year. The number of students receiving at least one failing grade decreased by 34% and during our first term this year, we saw our failure rate decrease by another 36%! "The real exciting story of Lakeridge is that any school can have academic success among all of its students. With enough of a unified will among parents, faculty and administration, all students can learn," says Tim Stay.

Why do we tell you this? Because we believe we can still improve! But we also need your help. We would like to enlarge our circle of input and hear from you! What are we doing well? What needs improvement? Feel free to talk to any of us parents, teachers or administrators with questions or concerns or email any Community Council ideas or concerns to ljhcommunitycouncil@live.com

Thanks from all of us! ... Janell Burgon, parent; Lynn Eyestone, parent; Brenda Gonzalez, parent; Sterling Hilton, parent; Terri Lindorf, parent; Jill Myler, parent; Jennifer Smith, parent; Tim Stay, parent; Anita Worthen, parent; Ada Wilson, PTA President; Cathy Robinson, District Representative; Cristy Crane, Lakeridge Counselor; Craig Facer, science instructor; Rachel Gonzalez, CTE instructor; Glade Powell, math instructor; Diane Bartlome', administrative assistant; and Principal Garrick Peterson.

Lakeridge Community Council

REALITY TOWN FOR 8th Graders

On January 7, 2009 the eighth graders took a trip to "Reality Town USA". They started the day with two breakout sessions where they had the opportunity to listen to two different speakers from a graphic artist to a nurse, from a hairstylist to a movie producer. Following these sessions, they had the pleasure of listening to motivational speaker Bob Kitell.

After lunch they headed into the gym to experience Reality Town. Earlier in the month they filled out a job application and applied only for certain jobs according to their GPA. On Reality Town day they were given a life scenario, such as married, single or divorced. It had their profession, salary, taxes and even the number of kids. In two hours they had to purchase medical insurance, dental insurance, a home, car, groceries, pay taxes and utilities. They even had the chance to sign up for a second job. When all was said and done they were supposed to see how much money they had left, if any.

We would like to take this time to thank all those teachers, parent volunteers, and guest speakers who helped make this day successful. Special thanks goes out to Brenda Jacobsen, Ada Wilson and Colleen Shurtz who spent a lot of time and effort in coordinating volunteers, presenters, food and basically everything else needed to make Reality Town a success.

Thank you all!

Lakeridge Jr. High School Guidance Office.



Junior Honor Society

Just a reminder that all **Applications are due February 6th**—no exceptions (**national organization**). **We strongly recommend you get your application in before the end of January.**

A special Induction Ceremony for new members will be held in March 10th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.



Lakeridge Junior High is pleased to have affiliation with the National Junior Honor Society, and to offer membership to seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students who qualify.

The purpose of this organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, develop character, and encourage citizenship in the students of secondary schools.

Students who maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or above, and exemplify the qualities listed above may apply for membership in January.

Those *students formerly inducted are still members* while they are at Lakeridge *and need not reapply*. When the students go to one of the high schools after ninth grade, they must reapply for National Honor Society. Membership in Jr. Honor Society is a high recommendation for them at that time.



CHOIR AND GUITAR ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANKS!

Special thanks to the Choir and Guitar parents for their great support during the first semester. We had some wonderful experiences including our recent District Choral Festival and our Holiday Concerts.

EVENTS & CALENDAR FOR SECOND SEMESTER

We just started three boy choirs this semester and they are sounding great. Chamber and Madrigal classes are preparing for 8th and 9th grade class recitals as well as for the 6th grade Recruitment Assembly which will be on Friday, February 13th. Our first District Guitar Festival will be Tuesday, April 7, at Lehi Jr. High School. The annual District Choir Festival will be at Timberline Jr. High School in Alpine on Thursday, April 2, and our final Spring Evening Concerts will be on Thursday, May 7.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for next year's choirs are being held. Students who already took a class from Mr. Blackburn during the first semester this year have already auditioned. Those who are taking a current choir class will audition in February & March. Students who have not been in one of Mr. Blackburn's classes this year but are interested in auditioning for next year's classes will be auditioning in February. Audition dates will be announced at school.

HOW TO AUDITION

Choir auditions are easy. Students may audition using an short, simple song of their own choice. Try-outs are in the choir room. Students can audition either with a friend or alone. They do not need to bring an accompanist. Solid citizenship, strong desire, and a bit of musical talent helps a student succeed in an audition.

GUITAR CLASS

Prerequisites for the Guitar class are a previous Lakeridge Jr. High choir class or equivalent music preparation. The class is just for 8th and 9th graders and is a full year offering. Applicants must turn in an application and an essay, have a short interview with Mr. Blackburn, and take a short, written, music fundamentals test. Qualified students must provide their own acoustic guitar, solid guitar case, and an extra set of strings, etc.

AUDITION RESULTS

Results will be posted on the choir room door in March.

MUSIC DONATIONS

Thanks to wonderful patrons who have donated to the choir and guitar program in the past. We need current donations, however, since budgets are growing tight. We carefully use donations to purchase sheet music, music equipment, and performance related items. Thanks again for your consideration in this need and for your support.

Sincerely,
Mr. Blackburn

Lakeridge Junior High School 2nd Term 2008-2009 - High Honor Roll

7th Grade

Philip Aldridge, Wyatt Allred, Taylor Andersen, Amanda Ball, Fiona Barney, Jeremiah Baxter, George Beeton, Lexus Begay, Nikolas Boettcher, Elizabeth Bowen, Sarah Brown, Ona Burgess, Mackay Burgon, Ethan Christensen, Madelyn Clegg, Mckay Dayton, Emily Douma, Claire Eystone, Trevor Fairbanks, Daniel Ferrufino, Arielle Fife, Elle Fillmore, Cole Frost, Austin Goodrich, Brittney Gradd, Hyrum Grenny, Sarah Hamilton, Charlotte Harrison, Parker Hunsaker, Nichole Hunt, Joshua Johnson, Alexis Jorgensen, Jason Kingsford, Kaleigh Kirkham, Nathan Kloepfer, Susannah Larsen, Candela Lattanzio, Brinnly Leavitt, Hailey Liljenquist, Alissa Lopez, Abigale Maassen, Carlos Macias, Connor Mackay, Peter Maughan, Marissa Merritt, Anna Miller, Dallin Miner, Katelyn Morales, Ilan, Rachel Nelson, Brendan Newby, Anna Nielsen, Jenni Nielson, Hannah Patterson, Lauren Paulson, Audrey Powelson, Heidi Qin, Tiffany Reid, Christa Schouten, Alexander Smith, Christian Smith, Nicole Smith, Caleb South, Nathan Standing, Maili Taniguchi, Chantel Taufa, Rachel Turner, Kohl Weisman, Zachary Whittaker, Mikayla Wilkinson, Carsen Williams, Ellen Young, Ryan Zundel.

8th Grade

Madison Albach, Kevin Augustin, Stevin Augustin, Jacob Barker, Mary Bates, Kaitlyn Beard, Michael Best, Stephanie Bilancieri, Joshua Breiter, Alex Brown, Taylor Camp, Dallin Carlson, Berrett Christensen, Mason Christensen, Zoe Christensen, Rebecca Cobb, Elijah Cole, Katherine Coleman, Natasha Collins, Caitlyn Cosgrove, Mckenna Cox, Jordan Crockett, Amber Danielson, Julia Eldridge, Joshua Ellis, Emily Erdmann, Sarah Fletcher, Traci Fletcher, Joanne Foli, Justin Gunnell, Kylie Guthrie, William Henkel, Kayleigh Hill, Sarah Hinton, Courtney Hornberger, Jill Hughes, Matthew Jellen, Megan Johnson, Alison Kelly, Hunter Kofford, Aaron Lewis, Anastasiya Lyubarets, Morae Manning, Cline Mattingly, Austin McBride, Austin Mckinley, Curtis Merrill, Madeline Millard, Erika Mouritsen, Lauren Myler, Spencer Nielson, Juan Oropeza, Kenadee Parkin, Kay Ann Rex, Katherine Rowe, Jared Sampson, Allyse Shumway, Heidi Shurtz, Clarissa Smith, Gianinna Stocco, Jacob Symons, Joslynn Taylor, Rachel Titensor, Kawin Triyasakorn, Christopher Turnbull, Dallon Warnick, Rachel Watkins, Haley Wawro, Kelse Whitaker, Nathaniel Wilson, Elizabeth Yeager, Isaiah Young.

9th Grade

Aspen Barney, Ashley Billings, Nathan Black, Mariah Briggs, Levi Brown, Taylor Byers, Alissa Carlson, Kelsey Carlson, Casey Christensen, Jessica Clark, Emma Cold, Richard Cox, Shelby Dewitt, Elisabeth Evans, Ellie Eystone, Brandon Faalafua, Ryan Farley, Matthey Farnsworth, Carlson Fillmore, Jordan Floyd, Anna Free, Timothy Gardner, Sidney Grammer, Michael Gudmundson, Megan Hainsworth, Brooke Halstead, Ashley Harrison, Braedon Herd, Graci Hewlett, Caroline Hilton, Jacob Hoddy, Stefanie Isaacson, Anna Isle, Alyssa Jex, Jacob Johnson, Jenna Johnson, Karissa Kenney, Claire Lewis, Kayla Madsen, Abhilasha Manandhar, Melissa Martin, Erika Martinez, Jessica Mella, Harrison Miner, Dominique Montoya, Sarah Morris, Morgan Murdock, Emily Nelson, Alisha Nielsen, Rebecca Nielsen, Whitney Pearson, Sarah Peterson, Edward Plothow, Hunter Rees, Cooper Saffell, Rian Shepherd, Austin Snow, Devin Soper, Samuel South, Rachel Steele, Austin Stephan, Bonnie Stowell, Clarissa Swain, Karli Tschinderle, Austin Underwood, Peter Vogel, Ashleigh Warner, Christian Wawro, Paris Weisman, Thomas Wilkinson, Brandon Woodward, Maxwell Yuan, Breanna Zundel

Lakeridge Junior High School 2nd Term 2008-2009 - Honor Roll

7th Grade

Pearl Abbott, Simon Abegg, Tristan Andersen, Andrew Atoa, Kenya Augustin, Yisela Balan, Griselda Barbosa, Moses Barksdale, Andrea Barrios, Tamy Benson, Ethan Brown, Joshua Card, Dakota Carlson, Jordan Cecil, Nathan Cherrington, Monica Christiansen, Spencer Conrad, Peyton Cram, Joshua Day, Janet Delara, Chandler Dean, Ashley Eldridge, Steven Garcia, Jordan Gatherum, Rachel Gibson, Jennifer Glover, Alesha Grotegut, Ashley Gudmundson, Michael Hager, Preston Hale, Kevin Harper, Sydney Harward, Brandon Hatch, Cara Haynie, Jace Henwood, Richard Hill, Jentree Hirsche, Mark Isaacson, Daniel Jenkins, Cole Jespersion, Caleb Jones, John Jorgensen, Courtney Kesler, McKenna Knudsen, Jacob Lamb, Matthew Lape, Taylor Liljenquist, Steven Lybbert, Itzel Madrigal, Sariah Madsen, Kyle Manwaring, Tia Martinez, Anaid Medina, Gracia Membreno, Makayla Memmott, Cayden Morton, Nicol Murdock, Micah Ngatuvai, Sabrina Nielson, Marcus Parker, Natasha Pearson, Timothy Price, Luiggi Puertas, Jaydon Roberts, Joshua Roberts, Emily Robinson, Kitzia Rodriguez, Conrad Smith, Kelli Smith, McKenna Sommers, Alexander Soutas, Savannah Stay, Rose Stout, Jaykob Thacker, Naataanii Tsosie, Amanda Turnbull, Christian Vancott, Elizabeth Velasco, Spencer Vogel, Emily Waite, Mark Waite, Ryan Warner, Ashton Warren, Kamryn Wilcock, Clarice Wilson, Jantzen Wiscombe, Tess Wolfert, Bodie Wood, Bain Woolstenhulme, Carli Wright.

8th Grade

Shelby Abbott, Elena Aburto, Hope Adams, Amy Allred, Alyssa Anderson, Jaydn Asay, Kennadee Ash, Amber Beckstrand, Weston Bench, Jacob Bingham, Logan Boone, Janae Brewer, Gregory Brooks, Brooke Bunn, Bennett Busath, McKenzie Bushnell, Jesse Crossett, Kennedy Curtis, Rhaffynelli DaSilva, Russell Daley, Megan Darling, Nicolas Dehoyos, Brie Estrada, Timothy Fitzgerald, Erika Free, Elizabeth Haderlie, Claire Hague, Nicole Hales, April Haney, Brayla Harvey, Kyle Hendricks, Kelly Hogge, Alyssa Horne, Keena Horton, Erika Hubler, Truxton Innouye, Hogan Jacobson, Michelle Jarrett, April Johnson, Joshua Johnson, M. Heath Johnson, Megan Judd, Kimberly Judkins, Dallin Kelly, Austin Kocherhans, Karlee Kunz, Manuel Lattanzio, Sierra Lawrence, Matthew Lawyer, Elisabeth Leavitt, Seo Young Lee, Kenneth Liang, Misty Loveridge, Hannah Maughan, Branson Maxwell, Josie McBride, Ulysse McCann, Meagan McKell, Marialena Murray, Ethan Nielsen, Nicole Nielsen, Kristen Nordin, Blake Oldham, Kayla Palmer, Madeline Parcel, Jessica Raab, Maxwell Rasmussen, Samantha Reeves, Kaitlyn Roberts, Karalee Rodgers, Cody Sanders, Megan Sapp, Kaylee Snow, Abigail Snyder, Tyler Sororzano, Skyler Sommers, Luke Steele, Katelynn Zabriskie, Patrick Sucher, Paige Sundberg, Joshua Taylor, Katelyn Tresner, Tyler Valdez, Erica Valimaki, Sofia Werbach, Megan Whittaker, Sally Wilkin, Justice Willis, McKinlee Winterton, William Wright, Katelynn Zabriskie.

9th Grade

Devri Atoa, Caitlyn Bailey, Meredith Bates, Michael Beeton, Hannah Broach, Aaron Brown, Nicholas Caldwell, Brayden Chan, Samuel Chun, Carly Clegg, Chase Conrad, Joshua Cooley, Carissa Covington, Mark Dawson, Victor Delara, Cecilia Fisk, Van Fitzgerald, Elvis Foli, Coral Gardner, Richard Glassford, Devon Goates, Marissa Harrison, Joseph Hartshorn, Spencer Hatch, Nicole Herbert, Michele Hill, Kaitlyn Hornberger, Jennifer Jackson, Jackson Jex, Ann King, Jaylynn Kirkpatrick, Bryan Lacerda, Noamy Landeros, Sarah Lape, Mariana Leal, Trennon Leavitt, Spencer Lehr, Andrea Lukowski, Marina Lukowski, Emily Murdock, Caleb Murphy, Iryna Mysnyk, Caleb Newby, Jason Newman, Karalynn Nielson, Virginia Olsen, Andie Payne, Elena Paz, Jessica Perez, Andrew Pinto, Paige Pittard, Nicholas Pope, Arnold Qin, Rachel Rasmussen, Jeffrey Rawlins, Carson Redford, Kelsey Roberts, Katrina Robinson, Hannah Rule, Emily Schramm, Heather Septon, Spencer Sevison, Daniel Smith, Kirstie Stanger, Koltin Stanger, Callie Stewart, KENNedy Storey, Chelsey Strong, Jason Taylor, Nelson Vaca, Taylor Wach, Angelynn Wharton, Courtney Wible, Clark Wiesenberg, Katelynn Wilcox, John Widdens, Alison Wiltbank, Hayley Worsham, Seth Worthen, Dylan Young.

Anuncios en Español

El Carácter de una Comunidad Escolar

Para algunos, el tener carácter simplemente significa “seguir las reglas”. Hacer lo que se te pide, evitar involucrarse en drogas o pandillas, hacer el trabajo de la escuela, graduarse de la escuela y encontrar un empleo de provecho, entonces quiere decir que tienes carácter. Por supuesto todo esto es relativo a tener carácter, pero lejos de ser suficiente para los estudiantes de Lakeridge Junior High School. Carácter para nuestros estudiantes se refiere a un conjunto más amplio de actitudes, comportamientos, motivaciones y habilidades. Es mucho más que simplemente evitar involucrarse en indeseables comportamientos sociales. Carácter incluye actitudes como el desear hacer lo mejor de uno mismo y el estar preocupado por el bienestar de los demás; capacidades intelectuales como las de un pensamiento y razonamiento crítico; comportamientos como los de ser honesto y responsable, el defender principios de injusticia; obtener habilidades interpersonales y emocionales que nos permitan relacionarnos efectivamente con otros en diferentes circunstancias; y el compromiso de contribuir a nuestra comunidad y sociedad. Simplemente indicar carácter como la realización del desarrollo positivo de uno mismo como persona-intelectual, social y emocional. Buen carácter incluye estar comprometido hacer contribuciones positivas a la comunidad.

El mes pasado, miré varios ejemplos que fueron organizados y apoyados por padres de Lakeridge Junior High School eso mostró la importancia que tenemos en el desarrollo de carácter en nuestros estudiantes:

- La PTSA se asoció con Make a Wish Foundation (Fundación de Hacer un Deseo) para ayudar a una joven con cáncer hacer realidad su deseo de ir a Disney World. Cientos de estudiantes y padres de la comunidad de Lakeridge vinieron un sábado para participar en una corrida y caminata para recaudar el dinero para lograr dicho sueño.
- Estudiantes de Lakeridge Junior High compitieron en la regional modelo de naciones unidas de preparatorias o bachilleratos. Los estudiantes estudiaron y construyeron resoluciones para algunos de los problemas más desafiantes del mundo. Los estudiantes trabajaron con otros estudiantes del oeste de los Estados Unidos para tratar temas mundiales.
- Nuestro Student Government (Los Representantes del Cuerpo Estudiantil) con esfuerzo llevaron a cabo una recaudación de objetos y dinero para el sub-for santa (el sustituto de santa). Este esfuerzo ayudo con las circunstancias de muchas familias en nuestra comunidad.
- Estudiantes de Lakeridge se dedicaron a reunir comida enlatada en el mes de noviembre, al igual que a recaudar dinero para sub for Santa (el sustituto de Santa) en el mes de diciembre.

Los estudiantes de Lakeridge Junior High están verdaderamente desarrollando carácter que los ayudará a ser miembros productivos en una democracia social y política. Agradecemos la dedicación del servicio de nuestro PTSA y de los maestros en ayudar a facilitar estas oportunidades de desarrollo de carácter. Tengo el gran placer de trabajar con una comunidad escolar con un sentido de carácter. Gracias por toda su ayuda y dedicación a su escuela.

Garrick Peterson, Director

Write On! / ¡Escribe!

The Direct Writing Assessment (DWA) o Directa Evaluación de Escritura para los estudiantes del noveno grado se llevará a cabo el 24 y 25 de febrero. Todos los estudiantes del noveno grado han estado trabajando en redacciones persuasivas en sus clases de inglés para prepararse para el examen.

La DWA requiere a los estudiantes que escriban una redacción persuasiva de cinco párrafos. Cada redacción es leída por un lector entrenado que calificará la redacción basándose en seis categorías. Una calificación de 30 es una calificación perfecta; una calificación de 18 es satisfactoria. Por la razón que cada redacción deberá ser leída por un lector, los resultados del examen llegaran hasta Mayo. Cada estudiante recibirá una copia de su calificación total y una calificación individual de cada uno de las seis características.

NUEVA AUXILIAR DE ESPAÑOL

Lucila Gutiérrez fue recientemente contratada para asistir a nuestros estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés como segundo idioma, especialmente los que hablan español. Ella tiene un título universitario o licenciatura en español, en el campo de la educación, de UVU y recientemente completó su pasantía en la escuela Mountain Ridge Jr. High. Ella también trabaja ayudando a adultos a recibir su acreditación de GED.

La Sra. Gutiérrez esta casada y muy emocionada de que ¡será mamá en siete meses! Su comida favorita es la comida italiana. A ella le gusta ser activa, le gusta hacer diferentes tipos de ejercicios y le gusta leer, en especial fantasía. Su meta es de obtener una Maestría en consejería y orientación ya que el ayudar a las personas es lo que la llena de alegría.

Reunión Latina de Padres de Familia Unidos por la Educación

Nuestra próxima reunión de padres será el jueves 5 de febrero a las 7:00 p.m. estaremos conversando el tema de “Junior Latinos in Action”. Esta reunión es solamente para los padres de alumnos del noveno grado.

Nuestra siguiente reunión será el jueves 5 de marzo y estaremos hablando del tema de “Healthy Peer Relationships” (Relaciones Saludables de Amistades).

Mensaje de la PTSA

Queremos agradecer a todos los padres/comunidad voluntaria que ayudaron al Reality Town (Pueblo de Realidad) del octavo grado, realizado por la conserjería. Esto es un enorme emprendimiento, pero muy bien valorado. Por cerca de dos horas, los dos gimnasios estuvieron repletos de estudiantes corriendo de un “negocio” a otro, poniendo las prioridades del hogar y aprendiendo como llegar hasta el fin de mes con el dinero que tenían en el banco. Nosotros especialmente agradecemos a nuestros 15 presentadores quienes compartieron sus ideas en sus carreras y al invitado especial, el hablante, Bob Kittell quien enseñó a los niños a soñar en grande y lo que se requiere para “lograrlo”. Agradecemos sus comentarios y sugerencias para mejorar-- por favor llamar a Brenda Jacobson (426-77660) para compartir sus ideas.

Gracias también a la voluntaria Lori Liljenquist por mantenernos informados sobre los temas legislativos. Aquellos quienes están en nuestra lista de e-mail (correo electrónico) debieron haber recibido de ella información valiosa y nexos. Si le gustaría estar en la lista de correo electrónico o e-mail de la PTSA de Lakeridge, llame a Jill Judd al 765-4338-- y ¡unete al PTSA! ¡Nunca es tarde! (\$5)

Este es el tiempo del año cuando buscamos padres quienes puedan hacer pasar cosas buenas en Lakeridge por medio de la PTSA. ¡Gracias a aquellos quienes han demostrado su interés en ayudar el próximo año! Nosotros trabajamos para encontrar oportunidades que se acomoden a sus circunstancias e intereses. Invitamos a cada uno de ustedes a que evalúen cómo ustedes podrían ayudar a la escuela. Si es de una manera monetaria o “de donación”, por favor contactar a Alpine Foundation (Fundación de Alpine) para las diferentes maneras en las que puede especificar a donde quiere que vaya su donación entre a la pagina web <http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us/asd/foundation/makedon.html>. Si usted tiene tiempo y entusiasmo, por favor llame al 224-1521 y dígame lo que le gustaría hacer. El consejo de la comunidad de la escuela es otra manera en la que puede hacer una diferencia en la cultura de nuestra escuela. Usted puede participar solo necesita llamar a Chair Lynn Eyestone al 225-6888.

Nuestras escuelas publicas--- ¡Dependen de Todos Nosotros! Participa en hacer de Lakeridge lo mejor que pueda ser.

*Ada Wilson 224-1521
Lakeridge Junior High PTSA President*

Sociedad de Honor de los Juniors

Solamente un recordatorio de que **las solicitudes deben estar entregadas a no mas tardar del seis de febrero- sin excepciones (organización nacional). Recomendamos fuertemente que entregue su solicitud antes del fin de enero.**

Una ceremonia especial de introducción será llevada acabo el 10 de marzo para los nuevos miembros a las 6:30 p.m. en el auditorio.

Lakeridge Junior High se complace en tener una afiliación con la National Junior Honor Society (Sociedad Nacional de Honor de los Juniors), y ofrece membresía a los estudiantes que califiquen del séptimo, octavo, y noveno grados.

El propósito de esta organización es de crear entusiasmo para becas, estimular el deseo de prestar servicios, promover liderazgo, desarrollar carácter y animar ciudadanía en los estudiantes de escuelas secundarias.

Los estudiantes quienes mantengan una calificación acumulativa de un promedio de 3.8 o mayor, y ejemplifiquen las cualidades mencionadas anteriormente pueden solicitar una membresía en enero.

Los **estudiantes que ya han estado anteriormente siguen siendo miembros** mientras estén en la escuela de Lakeridge no necesitan volver a reaplicar. Cuando los estudiantes vayan a una de las preparatorias o bachilleratos después del noveno grado, los estudiantes tendrán que reaplicar para la National Honor Society (Sociedad Nacional de Honor). Membresía en Jr. Honor Society (Sociedad de Honor de Juniors) es una enorme recomendación para los estudiantes.

Febrero

- 2 **No Escuela** – Professional Development
- 4 Junta de PTSA . @ 9:30
- 4 Concierto de Banda y Conjunto
- 5 Reunión de Padres @ 7 pm
- 6 Ultimo día para entregar las solicitudes de Jr. Honor Society
- 10 Orquesta de pequeño conjunto @ AF Jr.
- 13 Baile de San Valentín
- 16 **No Escuela** – Día del Presidente
- 20 Orquesta de pequeño conjunto @ Orem
- 27 *Orientación de sexto grado*

Marzo

- 4 Junta de PTSA Board @ 9:30
Votación para los oficiales del PTSA 2009-2010
- 5 Reunión de Padres @ 7 pm
- 9 **No Escuela** – Professional Development
- 10 Junior Honor Society Ceremonia de Inducción
- 10 Elección de paquetes disponibles
- 12 Asamblea de CTE
- 13 Concierto de Orquesta, 7 pm
- 24 Audiciones del Lakeridge Idol (idolo de Lakeridge)
- 27 Lakeridge Idol (Idolo de Lakeridge) @ 7 pm
- 31 Conferencia de padres de familia



February

- 2 **No School** – Professional Development
- 4 PTSA Board Mtg. @ 9:30
- 4 Band Solo & Ensemble Concert
- 6 Jr. Honor Society Applications Due
- 10 Orchestra Small Ensemble @ AF Jr.
- 13 Valentine's Dance
- 16 **No School** – President's Day
- 20 Orchestra Small Ensemble @ Orem
- 27 *6th Grade Orientation*



March

- 4 PTSA Board Mtg. @ 9:30
Voting on 2009-2010 PTSA Officers
- 9 **No School** – Professional Development
- 10 Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- 10 Election Packets Available
- 12 CTE Assembly
- 13 Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
- 24 Lakeridge Idol Auditions
- 27 Lakeridge Idol @ 7 pm
- 31 Student LED Conferences



Anuncios en español dentro de este boletín.