

WEEKEND REVIEW MARCH 11, 2017

What a beautiful sunny day. I hope you are all able to be outside enjoying the sunshine.

Daylight Savings Time

Today the clocks were be turned **forward** 1 hour. Sunrise will come an hour earlier.

Chess Tournament

The [Elementary State Chess Championship](#) will be held at BYU this year. Register [here](#) or at utahchess.com. On Mar 18, young chess players from all over the state of Utah will join together to challenge each other. Several hundred players are expected, representing schools across the state. Dozens will bring home trophies, after playing six games with others in their own grade. Registration is open to all K-6 students--no qualifying meet is required.

Vex IQ Robotics Program

We are trying to determine if there is interest in starting a Vex IQ robotics program at Ascent Farmington. Vex IQ (<http://www.vexrobotics.com/vexedr/education>) is a program that allows students to explore engineering and teamwork skills. The teams design and build a robot with lego-like parts, motors, gears, and a robot brain. The students then compete in teamwork challenges with teams from other schools. They can drive the robot with a remote control similar to a PlayStation remote, and they can also program the robot to run autonomously. This would likely be a year-long after-school club, with competitions typically taking place all day on 4-5 Saturdays during the year. If you would be interested in this program, or have any questions, please contact Jenica Jacobsen at tealwren@gmail.com.

Parking Lot

Our teachers have all been asked to help direct traffic and keep students safe during drop-off and pick-up. They are there to keep the cars moving quickly, get kids in and out quickly, and get them across the parking lot safely. If a teacher asks you to pull forward during drop-off or pick-up or gives you an instruction about the parking lot procedures they are doing so to help our school be a safe place for students. They are not trying to inconvenience you; they are just doing their job. Please be courteous in the parking lot to other drivers, students and teachers.

Drama Sponsors

Do you know or own a local business looking to advertise to the community? Our Drama Department is selling premium-advertising space in their playbill for our upcoming spring musical. Over 1000 community members are expected to attend and YOUR business can have a prime advertising spot. Spaces are selling fast and all advertisements must be placed no later than March 30th. If you are interested in advertising, or know someone who might be, please contact Mr. Langlois at

jlanglois@ascentutah.org or pick up a form in the front office.

Junior High Orientation

On Tuesday, March 14th at 5:00pm there will be a junior orientation in the Gym. This is primarily designed to introduce the current 6th graders to our junior high. However, all students and parents who will be attending Ascent JH next school year are welcome to attend.

Annual Drill

In an effort to remain safe and be prepared, we will have a Lock Down Remain in Place drill on March 15th at 9:15am. This drill requires that all of the interior and exterior doors be locked and the students move to a corner in the classroom that has the least amount of visibility. The students are asked to remain silent for a short period. We will make every effort to move through this drill quickly. If you arrive at the school during the drill, you will not be admitted until the drill is over. Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

March Dates to Remember

March 15th Lock Down Drill 9:15am

March 17th Early Out, FREE dress down day

March 22nd End of Term 3

March 31st Early Out \$2 dress down

Enjoy the sunshine,

Mrs. Newton

Principal