



September, 2008

Knight News

In This Edition:

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School Improvement Plan
New Administrators

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Attendance Policy Amendment
Attendance School
Counseling Department
Office Deliveries
Parent/Teacher Conferences

INSIDE LONE PEAK

PTSA
Yearbook Sales
Spin Bike Lab
The Scarlet Pimpernel
Drama Sponsors
Challenge Day

Photo Fun

2008 Professional Development

Principal's Message

The 2008-2009 school year is off to a great start! This is always one of my favorite times of year - when students bring excitement back to our halls and faculty members build relationships and collaborate over maximizing their curriculum for the year.

While driving to school during the last weeks of August, I would occasionally hear an advertisement on the radio soliciting parents to send their students to a charter school. The advertisement highlighted the school's focus on learning, high expectations, and caring learning environment - the desires every parent hopes for their children. The advertisement caused me to reflect on the faculty, students, and mission of Lone Peak. I wondered if we were meeting these expectations and what kind of radio advertisement we could make to attract students to our school. I am pleased to say that I feel that the faculty of Lone Peak meets and in many ways exceeds these expectations as we prepare students for post-high school opportunities.

Yes, there are always areas to improve in, however, the outstanding students, families, and faculty of Lone Peak foster an environment where students are challenged to excel and cared about individually. Our teachers are encouraged to provide students with rigor-

ous and stimulating learning experiences in a nurturing environment. They hope to develop critical thinking skills, and prepare students for learning opportunities beyond high school. As a result, Lone Peak students continue to be recognized for their scholastic achievements on state and national levels.

Dealing with a student population of 2,100 students makes personalizing student experiences at Lone Peak a challenge. However, the culture of the school and the number of opportunities students have to be engaged in various programs allows for a small school feel. Lone Peak offers a large variety of clubs, extracurricular activities, and fine art programs where students can explore and build on talents. These are led by dedicated advisors and coaches who help our students excel at the highest levels in the state and nation.

Lone Peak High School had developed a tradition of excellence long before I came to the school. It is a reputation I hope to preserve during my tenure. We are not perfect, but we are striving to be "A World Class High School."

And while we do not use the radio to attract students, we hope our reputation advertises loud and clear!

~ *Chip Koop, Principal*

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN HELPS STUDENTS

The Lone Peak High School 2008 - 2009 School Improvement Plan is aimed at supporting students who are not succeeding in their course work. While focusing on all struggling students, the goal is to assist at least 50% of students who fail a class during the school year to recover the lost credit by the end of the summer of 2009. Teachers will be establishing interventions in their classes to monitor and assist struggling students. Opportunities for students to demonstrate competency and recover lost credit are being developed in many subject areas. If you or your student is struggling in a course, please contact your counselor to see what options are available for assistance.

NEW ADMINISTRATORS

There have been some important personnel changes in the front office of Lone Peak High School this year! We wish to welcome long time Sociology and Lifetime Sports teacher, Ms. Pam Beckstrand, to the administrative team! Ms. Beckstrand replaced Mr. David Mower (who became the principal of Canyon View Junior High School this summer). Ms. Beckstrand will be working with students with last names that begin with A - G. Mr. Toby Bullock returns for his second year and will be working with students with last names that begin with H - O. Mr. Rex Brimhall, who replaced Mrs.

Essential Information

Rhonda Bromley (who was assigned to the district office mid-way through last year) also returns and will be working with student whose last names range from P – Z. In addition, we are pleased to have intern administrator, Mr. McKay Robinson, assisting in the school this fall.

Please feel free to contact the appropriate assistant with any needs you may have. If you or your student needs legal assistance, our school resource officer, Officer Kenkel, will be happy to assist you.



McKay Robinson



Pam Beckstrand A-G



Dr. Chip Koop



Toby Bullock H-O



Rex Brimhall P-Z

ATTENDANCE POLICY AMENDMENT

We have recently amended the LPHS Tardy Policy. The changes will be implemented second term, 2008. The policy change involves tardies, only. Amending the tardy clause will more closely align the LPHS policy on absences and tardies. Beginning October 27, 2008 students will be allowed four (4) tardies, (*excused or unexcused*), per class each term. Should a student exceed the limit, he/she will forfeit credit in the class until the issue is resolved by attending Attendance School.

ATTENDANCE SCHOOL MAKE-UP

Attendance School for first term will begin September 15 and run through October 28, 2008. Attendance School is open each morning from 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., and Monday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All sessions are held in the auditorium. Sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings are free of charge. Thursday and Friday morning sessions and Monday afternoon sessions cost \$3 if paid in advance (finance office), or \$5 if payment is made following the session.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Senior SEOP's will begin September 15 and continue through October 24. Make appointments through the online scheduler at www.lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org.
- A senior meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22. Seniors will receive information about ordering graduation announcements, caps & gowns in this meeting. All seniors must attend.
- The College Fair will be October 3. Seniors should report to their B1 class prior to attending the fair. All Utah colleges and universities send representatives to the fair. Seniors will receive valuable information regarding admissions, scholarships, and special programs available at their chosen school.
- The ACT registration deadline for the October 25 test is September 19, 2008.
- The PLAN test will be administered October 3. Students should report to their B1 class prior to taking the test. This test is required for all sophomores, even if they are unsure about attending college. This test helps identify skills/knowledge needed to succeed in college and identifies areas where additional learning is needed. The PLAN test provides an estimated ACT score.
- The ASVAB test will be administered October 3. Students taking the test should report directly to the cafeteria at 7:45 AM. This is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test and is considered the best aptitude test available. It provides feedback on job and vocational skills. This test is administered free of charge and is highly recommended to all juniors.

OFFICE DELIVERIES



Due to an ever increasing student body, the addition of satellite classrooms, and continual interruptions to the learning process, we cannot deliver homework assignments, lunches, clothing, flowers, balloons, date-acceptance paraphernalia, etc. to students. If we receive such items, it is the responsibility of each student to retrieve them from the front office receptionist. Please note that LPHS is not responsible for items which are not claimed by the end of the day. Student learning is a priority at LPHS and with your help we can significantly reduce intrusions to that process.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Applications are being accepted for Cedar Hills and Highland residents who would like to serve on the Community Council. Elections for these positions will take place during Parent / Teacher Conferences on September 24. Be sure to vote!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences this year will be held Wednesday, September 24 for first semester and Wednesday, February 25 for second semester. The September 24 conference will be from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Teachers will be seated alphabetically in the auxiliary gymnasium (A-M) and the cafeteria (N-Z). Please note that at 5:00 p.m. approximately half of the faculty will take a 20 minute dinner break. The remainder of the faculty will take their dinner break at 5:30 p.m.

Inside Lone Peak

PTSA

With the new school year under way, our PTSA is looking forward to a great year. Traditionally, Lone Peak High PTSA has had the highest membership numbers in the district.. This year our membership decreased dramatically so I just wanted to make you aware of a few things regarding our PTSA and the benefits received through membership.

Our operating budget consists of only the money we collect from dues each year. We do not rely on any other fund raising. This year we will provide meals for all teachers at Back-to-School Night and during Parent/Teacher conferences and we will sponsor Teacher Appreciation Week in May. We will provide treats for Shield of Honor students at least quarterly. We will have drawings for students who are PTSA members to park in the PTSA student of the week parking spot in the front of the school, plus we will have monthly drawings for treats of some kind. Students who are PTSA members will receive a \$3 discount on dance tickets purchased for Preference and Prom and \$1 discount on the Election Stomp. We are working with Dr. Koop on suggestions for a school gift that will benefit the entire student body and community. We will also encourage participation in the Reflections program and Family Table Talk coming up in November. We have always tried to ensure that everyone—parents, teachers and students—benefit from joining PTSA.

If you have not already joined, please consider it. The membership fee is \$8 and can be paid online or in the finance office. We will also have a table at the first Parent/Teacher Conference this month. Please join us in making this a great year. We welcome any questions or concerns and sincerely thank all those who have joined the Lone Peak High PTSA. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our children. ~ *Natalie Burr, President*

YEARBOOK SALES

The *Lone Peak Epic* is now available for purchase for just \$50. This year’s book promises to be the best book yet. Our talented yearbook staff is so excited about implementing new ideas that they have already begun production. Don’t procrastinate the purchase of your copy of the *Lone Peak Epic*. The deadline to purchase a yearbook for \$50 is October 31. As of November 1, if available, yearbooks will cost \$60. Availability of books after October 31 is dependent upon the publisher’s over-runs. Purchase your copy now!

SPIN BIKE LAB

The LPHS Fitness for Life Class has received a \$5,000 grant to purchase spin bikes. Reconditioned bikes can be purchased for \$480 each. A classroom set of bikes would cost \$17,280. We are trying to raise \$12,280 to establish this fitness lab. We’re accepting all donations, but if you would like to contribute the entire amount, the spin bike lab would be named in your honor!

THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

The LPHS Fine Arts Department proudly announces their production of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The play will run from November 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25. Tickets are \$6 and \$7 if purchased in advance (LPHS finance office), or \$7 and \$8 if purchased at the door. All seating is reserved.

DRAMA SPONSORS

We are seeking sponsors to help with the dramatic arts at LPHS. This is a great way to advertise your business, as well as support the performing students at LPHS. We are seeking coupons, cash donations, or donated merchandise. Sponsors will have their names on the production programs. Two free vouchers will be awarded for every \$100 donated.

- Friends of Lone Peak \$25 to \$99 (name in program)
- Page \$100 to 299 (small ad in program)
- Squire \$300 to 499 (medium ad in program)
- Knight \$500 + (large ad in program)

For further information, please contact Jim Smith at LPHS, or e-mail him at jsmith@alpine.k12.ut.us

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to Highland Hideaway Storage and River Meadows Senior Living. They generously donated the use of a storage unit to house LPHS drama costumes, props, and equipment

CHALLENGE DAY

On Monday, Oct. 27, LPHS will host the second annual Challenge Day. Approximately 100 students and faculty members will participate in activities designed to break down social barriers, cliques, and prejudices and replace them with understanding, compassion, and appreciation. Last Spring, the first Challenge Day was held. Students, teachers, administrators, and parents considered the day tremendously beneficial and rewarding.

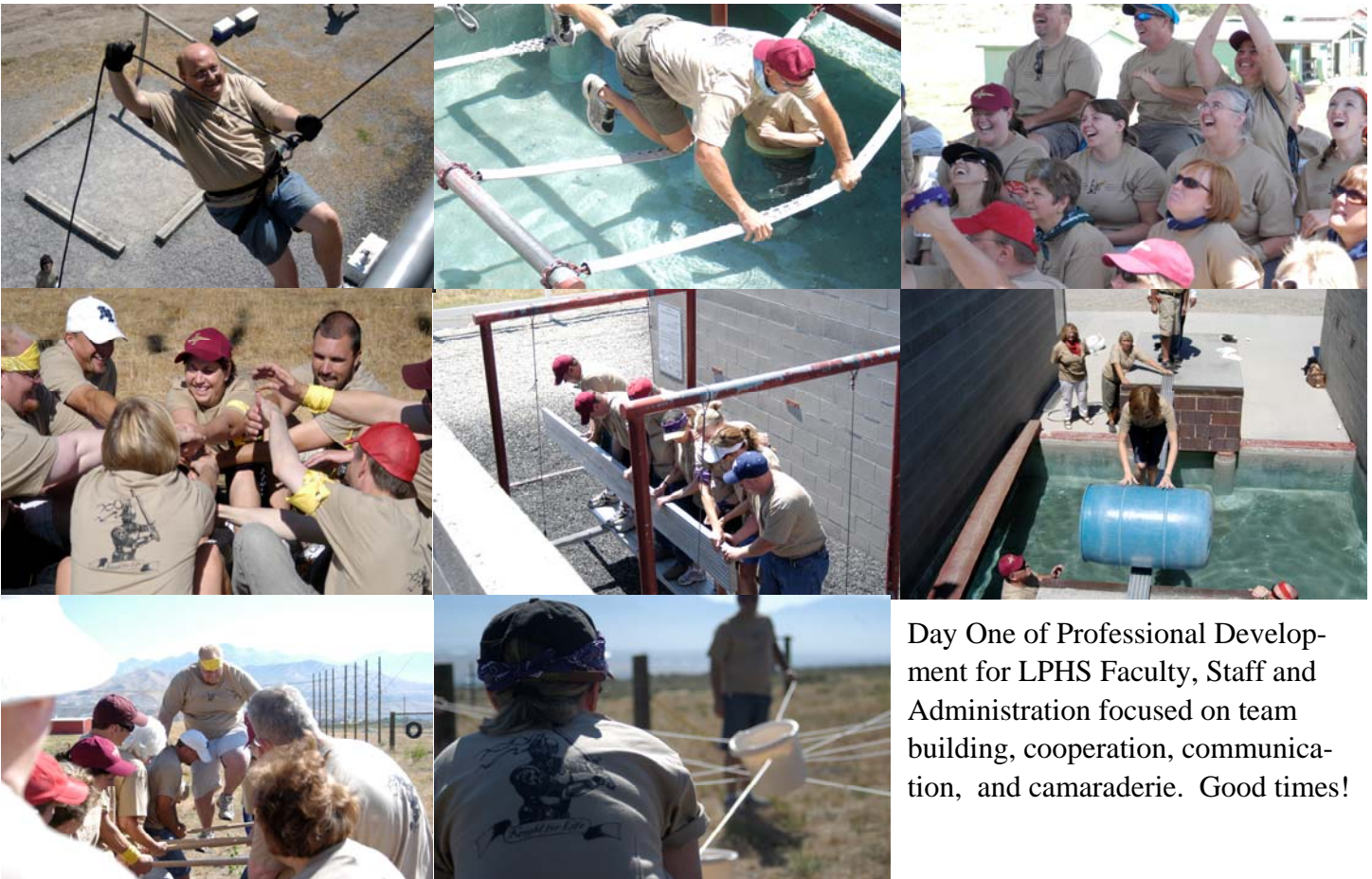


Lone Peak High School

10189 North 4800 West
Highland, Utah 84003
Phone: 801-717-4568
Fax: 801-763-7064
www.lonepeak.alpinedistrict.org

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
American Fork, UT 84003
Permit No. 3

Photo Fun



Day One of Professional Development for LPHS Faculty, Staff and Administration focused on team building, cooperation, communication, and camaraderie. Good times!