

Ridgeline News

October 2012

October Events

Red Ribbon Week Oct 1-5

Monday: Wear Red
Tuesday: Backwards Day
Wednesday: Crazy Socks
Thursday: Wear a Tie
Friday: Crazy Hair!

Parent/Teacher

Conference: Wed & Thurs
October 3-4

Book Fair: Oct. 2-5 (Tues-Friday)

Tuesday: 7:30am-4pm
Wed & Thurs: 7:30-8pm
Friday: 7:30-1pm

Dads and Donuts (PK & Kind): Oct 19, 9:15 am

Picture Re-takes: Oct 24

Reflections Due: Oct. 26

Halloween Parade:

9:30am (K-6)
12:45pm (PK, pm K)

Halloween Parties:

10:30 (am K); 1:15pm (1-6th),
2:30 (pm K)

Don't forget to sign up for Smith's Earn and Learn program! Just take the pictured bar code to Smith's grocery store or enroll online at:

www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/mysmiths/Pages/earn_and_learn

Ridgeline Elementary
Highland, UT



Enrollment Barcode

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

What is Minimal Monday? It is a great time for our teachers to become students. Before Minimal Mondays began two years ago, we had days built into the calendar where students had the day off a few times through out the year. During this time, the teachers became students and received training (Professional Development) in areas that would help them become more effective teachers. They were taught skills in the subject areas they teach. They were also taught strategies that made them more effective in reaching the needs of the classroom.

These days were additional days for the teachers to work. With the changes in our economy, it became necessary to cut out these workdays. However, the need for Professional Development did not go away.

The concept of Minimal Monday came about to help our teachers continue to receive Professional Development even with the decline of workdays provided for them. Students will be dismissed early four times during the year. Those dates are September 24, November 5, February 4 and March 4. The students will receive the required amount of instruction for the year, and the teachers will have about two hours during these minimal days to learn and improve their skills. Some of the recent topics addressed during past Minimal Mondays have included:

- Writing skills to enhance their students' writing ability
- Identifying and meeting the needs of struggling and accelerated learners
- Working on new teaching standards
- Emergency preparedness

The time is used wisely, and we get in as much learning time for the teachers as possible. We appreciate the time that is given to us to provide training for our teachers. Many of our teachers also take after-school classes on their own time to continue to improve their skills.

Thank you for your support and for making Ridgeline a great place to be.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ken Higgins

Remember to Collect Box Tops!!

* Please be sure to label your Collection Sheet or container (envelope, bag, etc.) with your teacher's name so that your child's class will get the credit.

* The class with the most Box Tops donated each month will earn a Donut Party!!

Our first Donut Party will be awarded at the beginning of November and will be awarded to the class with the most Box Tops collected between mid September and October.