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The Fire-Bird Monthly

OCTOBER

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: STEAMFEST SUCCESS

A huge shout-out to those who spent countless hours planning, organizing, collecting, arranging, coordinating, and all other tasks associated with STEAMFEST! September 20th was a memorable day and those who attended had a blast exploring all of the wonders of our "out-of-this-world" experience. Students, families, and guests visited a space dome, lauched rockets, navigated robots, built creative projects, and were entertained by science shows. The support felt at Ignite was unprecedented and we thank our Ignite family for your participation and contributions. A giant thank-you to Kiersten Thomson, PTO president and her amazing crew!

THANK YOU, COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

- DJ Honeycomb
- Relia-Build 3D
- Reach Utah
- We Cyber
- Code Ninjas
- Lehi FireFighters from Station 83
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- Mad Science of Greater Salt Lake
- Spark Science
- Starlight Productions
- U of U-Astronomy & Physics

FROM THE PTO

- Another **HUGE** thank you to all the volunteers that made STEAMfest amazing this year! We were able to raise thousands of dollars that will go to help our school in so many ways! This event is a Firebird Favorite and we are working to make it better each year! Please take a moment to share your feedback about STEAMFEST in this survey:
  - **STEAMFEST SURVEY:** https://forms.gle/ZcAkiH76WcN1uDx99
- **PTO meetings** are always held on the first Monday of the month. This month we are trying something new and will hold both a morning meeting and an evening meeting. We hope you'll participate in whichever one suits your schedule!
  - NEXT PTO MEETING: **Monday, October 7th, 8am OR 7:30 pm**
- **Spirit Night**: Support our Firebirds AND enjoy a delicios meal at Chipotle for our October Spirit Night!
  - CHIPOTLE: 3601 N Digital Dr. Lehi**, Monday October 7th, 5-9pm**
- **Shop and Support Ignite with Cash Incentives**:
  - If you haven't already done so, please take a minute to contribute to the FREE fundraising programs we are participating in this year:
    - Amazon Smile
    - Coca-Cola Give
    - Box Tops for Education
    - Smith's Inspiring Donations
  - Help us reach a combined $1,000 for the programs and a local business will match the funds!
  - Visit https://www.igniteutah.org/donate-to-ignite for instructions and to sign up.
- **Volunteer**:
- Join PTO and get a chance to win **4 DAY PASSES TO DISNEYLAND!** We will be drawing one lucky winner at the end of the school year. We will also include another entry if you complete your 40 hours of volunteering for the year
  - Report your volunteer hours here: https://www.igniteutah.org/volunteer
- **Safety Week**
  - Be on the lookout for more information about safety week! October 28th-Nov 1st.

- **October 1:** Kick off the month with **Donuts and Disney**; Dress in your favorite Disney apparel and be to school on time to get a chance to win a Disney day pass! Donuts and juice for all students! Happy October!
- **October 2-3:** Parent Teacher Conferences; 3:30-7:00 pm-by Appointment; Please look for details and a Sign-Up Genius opportunity from your child's teacher..
- **October 4:** Enrichments Start! Ask your child about their Enrichment Friday selections! We're excited to begin this experience in passion/interest-based exploration.
- **October 8 :** School Picture Day; Bring your best smiles!
- **October 16**: End of Term; Early Dismissal at 12:00 pm-NO LUNCH SERVED
- **October 17-18:** Fall Break; NO SCHOOL
- **October 21st:** Professional Development Day-NO SCHOOL for students
- **October 31st: Happy Halloween!** Classroom Halloween parties will take place between 12 and 1; Costume Parade will be from 1:00-2:00; Parents may check students out immediately following: See Costume Guidelines will be emailed soon.

FROM YOUR FRIENDLY OFFICE STAFF

- **Lost and Found**: Help us reunite your child with their lost belongings by labeling lunch boxes, backpacks, jackets. etc.
- **Health Information Forms**: Please help us ensure your child's health and safety! Click **HERE** to complete a health form for your child to make us aware of any important considerations.
- **Update Records**: Please take a moment to go to Aspire and update your contact information. Each child should have **at least** 2-3 emergency contacts should we need to reach you.
- **Visitor Guidelines**: Prior to visiting Ignite, please take a moment to read the **Vsitor Guidelines** to ensure a positive experience for you and your child.
- Please help us to ensure your positive experiences at Ignite! Participate in our Parent Satisfaction Survey **HERE**.

IGNITE LEARNING AT HOME

REMIND APP:

Reach out to your child's teacher to get instructions for subscribing to the class Remind Text group!

CLEVER LEARNING PLATFORM:

Extend your child's learning at home easily with this single-sign on portal that allows access to several computer-based learning applications from Reading A-Z to Lexia to Freckle (Math) to ST Math and more!

Access Instructions:

Go to www.clever.com/in/ignite

Student log in as follows:

username:
firstname.lastname@ignitestudent.org

password:

ignite#### (4-digit student ID number; find it on Aspire)

CONNECT WITH CANVAS:

Find important class and school information, review state standards and mastery checklists, access your child's daily curriculum and stay up to date with student works and progress by becoming an observer in your child's class portal. Visit www.igniteutah.instructure.com with your child and log in using your child's Ignite credentials to check out what he/she is learning!

ASPIRE GRADEBOOK FEATURE:

We've added one more benefit to our Student Information System, Aspire! Parent access now allows you to view the standards-based gradebook for your child. Your child's progress towards meeting content-area standards will be tracked and communicated at mid-term and each quarter mark through progress reports. However, feel free to log in any time to see your student's progress.

*Please note, standards noted are grade-level standards and will be taught throughout the year; assessment scores indicated are for that marking period only and show growth to date only.

*Gradebook functionality should be in effect by September 15th; please be patient as we work to transition to this new tool.

*Click **HERE** to view our standards-based grading marks and explanations.

From the DIRECTOR

Whew! Is it October already? Anyone that knows me knows how much I love October! It's the start of a new season, the month of my birth, the onset of cool temperatures and beautiful colors, and the settling in of another school year. August and September were jam-packed with training, events, coordinating, problem-solving, and state reporting. Of course these things don't end, but there is something very calming about the start of October and I LOVE IT! Despite the hectic pace of the initial months of school, I learned something very important...Ignite Parents CARE! I have had daily feedback about the things you love about Ignite, the worries you have, changes that could bring about improvement, and the happy experiences your children share with you. Thank you! Your feedback is always appreciated and given careful thought and consideration. I truly enjoy the conversations I have with each of you, whether it be a quick phone call, a "hello" at a school event, or a parent meeting. Our goal at Ignite is to always provide an open door of communication. With this, our School Culture and Climate Committee created a survey that allows you a change to tell us how we are doing. Please take a moment to complete the survey. Your voice matters and we make many of our decisions based on the input you share with us. Ignite is a school of choice and as such, parents and students have different options out there that provide a variety of educational environments that seek to provide an ideal learning experience for your child. We want to be your CHOICE and we want you to be part of what makes Ignite great! Thank you for all you do to support the work we are doing to build an experience that allows our students to find success, happiness, and limitless possibilities! Happy October!

Parent Satisfaction Survey Link: https://forms.gle/KeN52XUVUvEs2Khr5

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