



Sunset Ridge Middle School

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Upcoming Events

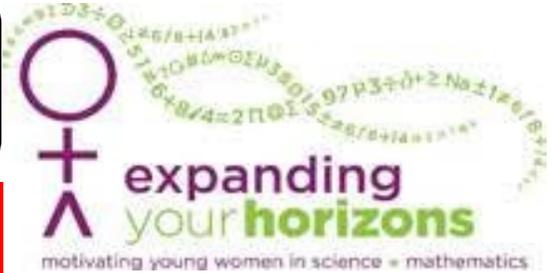
- Registration Events for 2017/18 (see page 3)
- **2/09** - MESA
- **2/15 & 16** - Student-Led Conferences
- 2/17 & 2/20** - NO SCHOOL
- 3/11** - Expanding Your Horizons conference
- 3/29** - College Fair

College Fair is Coming!

Mark your calendars for March 29th for the Annual College Fair. There will be representatives from local colleges and universities in attendance along with fun and games for all ages. Did I mention free giveaways, worth a total of over \$1,000 and free cotton candy? Come be part of the fun!

This is for ALL students, 7-9, their younger and older siblings and parents.

(Watch for more information in the March newsletter.)



Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) is hosting the fourth annual **Expanding Your Horizons (EYH)** event on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. Expanding Your Horizons is a national effort designed to encourage girls in grades 6-10 to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through hands-on, interactive experiences. The ultimate goal is to motivate young women to become confident, innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet the challenges of our time! Please mark your calendars and encourage your daughter(s) to attend at the **SLCC South City Campus, 1575 South State Street**, on March 11, 2017.

The event will feature 30 hands-on interactive workshops led by prominent local professional women working in various STEM occupations. Each girl may select three one-hour workshops. Participants' materials include information from the College describing different career areas in STEM and a list of community resources to help them prepare for a career in these fields. The event will include three sessions for parents focusing on career preparation and how to support daughters who choose STEM careers. The cost of the event, including lunch, a t-shirt, and a bag is \$20. Register online at: <http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org/conferences/slcc>

MESA

MESA will be meeting on February 9th. Come join us and explore the exciting world of math and science!

Be Social with us!
www.facebook.com/srmsfalcons
 (Facebook page name is SUNSET RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL)
 or
[Twitter@FalconSRMS](https://twitter.com/FalconSRMS)

Jordan Family Education Center

Classes and Counseling Services Offered to JSD Families:

The Jordan Family Education Center (JFEC), housed at the River's Edge school, provides support services and classes for families and students in Jordan School District on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These services are provided by the district's school psychologists, counselors, and school psychology interns and are available to families as a service of the district.

The winter quarter of classes began the week of January 10, 2017. There are a variety of parenting classes, anger management for adults, and a seminar entitled, "Safeguarding Our Children: A seminar for parents addressing bullying, Internet safety, substance abuse and suicide prevention." There are several classes available to elementary and secondary age students for support with social and emotional issues. Please refer to the class schedule on the Jordan School District web site, <http://jordandistrict.org/departments/jfec/>, or contact JFEC directly.

Child-centered family counseling is available to address short-term challenges.

For information about classes and counseling, call 801-565-7442.

Jordan Family Education Center
River's Edge School
319 West 11000 South
South Jordan, UT 84095

Math Lab Information

Having a hard time understanding your math class? Does it seem like your teacher has started speaking Swahili in the last week? Math Lab is here to help! A math teacher is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, before school from 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. and after school from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Neon Ninja Pod area (across from the elevator).

DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE - HELP IS AVAILABLE!!

Registration Information

February 2

Course request orientation for 7th & 8th grade students in the auditorium. 7th grade is at 5:00, 8th grade is at 6:00.

Course requests for 7th and 8th graders will be done online with parents, either at the orientation or at home.

Feb 8

6th grade orientation & online requests in the auditorium. 5:00 (Oakcrest, Mountain Shadows, Hayden Peak); 6:00 (Falcon Ridge, Fox Hollow)

Feb 23

Falcon Fly-bys for Hayden Peak, Fox Hollow A, B, & D tracks, Falcon Ridge

Feb 24

Online course requests due for all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students

March 9

Falcon Fly-bys for Oakcrest, Mt. Shadows, and Fox Hollow C track

Scholarship Opportunity!!

“BIG Things Come in Small Packages”

And now, those simple gifts can really pay off in our Sweet and Simple Scholarship! Think back to a time when you received a special gift that seemed so unassuming yet made such a strong impact in your life. Was it a present you could open in a box or a humble gesture from a stranger?

Your gift will forever be priceless, but our Sweet and Simple Scholarship can help sweeten that present with a \$1,500 award towards your college education. So, for those looking for an easy scholarship, keep it simple - sweet and simple.

Applicants must:

- Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application
- Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia
- Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2022) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education

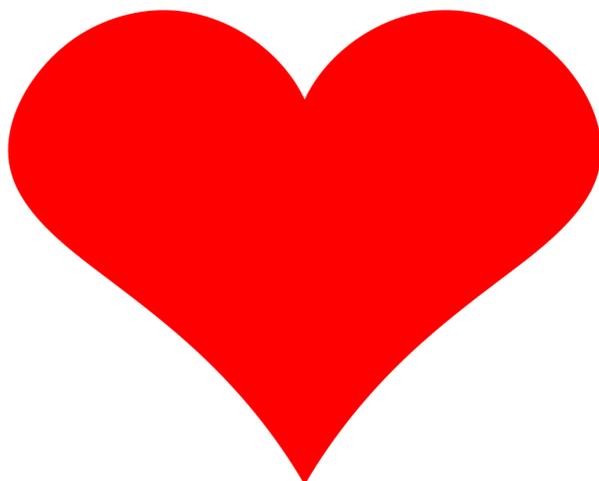
Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question:

"Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it's the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you."

Deadline is February 28, 2017

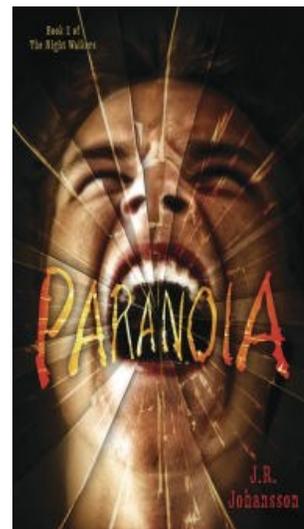
The Sweet and Simple Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around May 29, 2017.

Students! Keep your grades up! Midterms are coming February 10th, and wouldn't you LOVE to be passing everything?



Book Whisperers

Hey Book Lovers! Our Book Whisperers selection for February is *Paranoia* by J.R. Johansson. This book is the sequel to our January novel *Insomnia*. According to Barnes and Noble, "After years of sleeplessness that nearly killed him, Parker Chipp is learning that being a Watcher—a Night Walker who watches dreams —isn't an automatic death sentence. But as he figures out how to live with his unusual abilities, a powerful alter ego he calls Darkness is growing inside him, taking over his body and filling him with frightening impulses that could get him into serious trouble. Even as Darkness spins him out of control, Parker faces a worse threat: the Takers. Another breed of Night Walker, the Takers are anarchistic chaos-makers who want to see all the Watchers dead. Desperate to stop them, Parker discovers that they want to create an immortality pill and have kidnapped the one chemist who can make it . . . Parker's long-absent father. This book will be a suspenseful continuation of the series. You can join us even if you haven't been to Book Whisperers before. We meet every Tuesday from 3:00-3:30 in the Jungle Pod, which is the south 7th grade pod. We hope to see you there!



Sunset Ridge School Community Council

By Stephanie Southworth, Chair, Sunset Ridge Community Council

School Community Councils Rock! They are unique to Utah and have the sole purpose of allowing parents and educators to spend money in their schools based on the needs they identify. Now that is local control! Parents are so important to the process that law requires there to be more parents on the council than educators. During this time of year, the council is busy ensuring the current year's plan is implemented and preparing next year's plan which is due in March. **Sunset Ridge received \$102,613 from State Trusts lands to use this year** and expects 30% more next year thanks to the passing of the constitutional amendment in the last election. The school also had a **carry-over amount of \$54,214. Combining the Land Trust Distribution for the year and the carryover from last year, We have had a total of \$156,827**

If you are curious where the money comes from, Google School Trust Lands. It's awesome!

What is Sunset Ridge doing with the distribution this year?

As chair of Sunset Ridge Community Council, I'm honored to give parents an accounting of where the council is funding "academic need" this school year. First, we are providing six instructional assistants who provide additional guidance and support in Science, Language Arts, and Math to struggling students. Our goal is to help all students reach proficiency in their core classes.

Second, the council provides funding for staff to attend conferences and professional development seminars. Educators who receive continuing education implement best practices into their classrooms which directly affect students because the latest technologies and teaching techniques are used. In addition, the council funds an anti-bullying program taken by our student ambassadors to elementary schools that feed in Sunset Ridge.

Lastly, the council believes in increasing technology in the classroom. We live in an increasingly digital world, our kids benefit when they have greater access to technology in the classroom. During winter break, installation of classroom Audio Enhancement systems was completed for the school. Funding for the project came from the Trust Lands money. The remainder of the funds will be spent to ensure all classrooms have adequate technology and access to mobile labs.

Want to be a part of the Council?

So, want to join us? We value parental input and council meetings are always open to the public. Want to become a member? You can! Elections are held in the fall at the beginning of the school year. For more information, go to srms.info, click on the community link, and select school community council. Have concerns? Contact any of the current council or bring them to the meetings. I hope to see you at a council meeting soon.