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# NEWSLETTER

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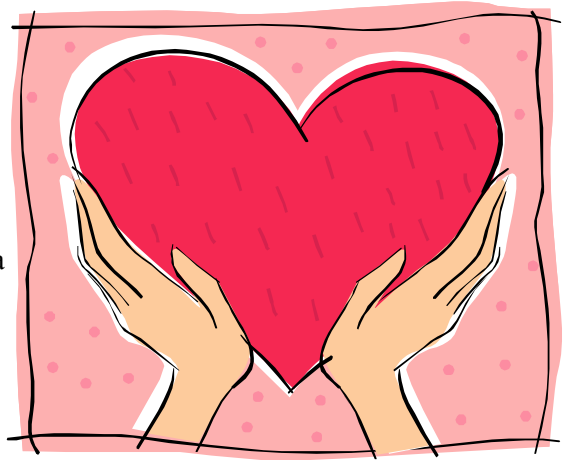
## Principal's Message:

As we make the turn toward springtime, I would like to share a few of the tremendous things happening at Fossil Ridge Intermediate School:

- Fossil Ridge will be putting on the production, "High School Musical" this April. We recently finished cast auditions which were well attended by our student body. Every student who had a desire to be a part of this production was cast or assigned a part (cast members, costumes, tickets, promotions, etc.) We have over 90 members of our student involved in this school production. Look for more updates as we get closer to opening night!
- Fossil Ridge was recently awarded two educational grants. A big "thank you" goes out to the St. George Auto Dealer's Association and State Farm Insurance for selecting our school to receive these grants. On a side note, we were the only school in the state of Utah to receive the State Farm Insurance grant!
- We are in the process of registering for next year's classes. When you receive the registration information from your student, please take time to read over and assist them in selecting their classes. If your student is going in to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, remember that there are additional immunization requirements. Avoid the rush and get those taken care of as soon as possible.
- Our Music Department will be taking part in the Southern Utah Performing Arts Festival this month. Good luck to our band, choir, and orchestra.
- We recently received assessment results on our benchmark assessments in math and reading. When comparing this assessment data to that of the beginning of the school year, we have observed tremendous growth in each of these areas.

As always, it is a pleasure for us to work in such a great, supportive school community. I am grateful for your support of Fossil Ridge Intermediate School and our students. If there is ever anything we can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to call.

Bob Sonju



## Thank you State Farm!!!

The Student Ambassadors would like to express their gratitude to State Farm Insurance for the grant that was awarded on January 27th. The money from this grant will continue to support the exciting and meaningful projects that the Student Ambassadors engage in. Thanks again State Farm!



We have many activities and events going on this month of February. This Thursday the 4th, fifth grade students from the six elementary schools that feed into Fossil Ridge: Coral Canyon, Horizon, Washington, Riverside, Sandstone, and Panorama, will be coming to Fossil Ridge for a tour of the school and to hear performances from the art, theater, choir, band, and orchestra classes and teachers to help incoming 6th grade students select their elective classes for next year.

Also, the student council will be selling valentines during both lunches throughout the week of the 8th and delivering the valentines to students in their home base classes on Friday the 12th. Valentines will cost between fifty cents and one dollar depending on the candy attached to it, and students may purchase as many as they like to send to their special some-ones. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross to help with relief efforts in Haiti.



And lastly, the week of the 16th is Spirit Week here at Fossil Ridge. Each day will have a theme and students are encouraged to wear themed clothing each day and to participate in all Spirit Week activities. On Friday the 19th, also the last day of the second trimester, we will be celebrating both Spirit Week and the end of another successful trimester with an awards and spirit assembly.

## ANTI-BULLYING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Recently, our school district revised our anti-bullying policy. Each student received a "Washington County School District - Anti-bullying Information sheet." Please take a few moments to review this information on your own and then discuss it with your child.

Briefly, bullying consists of, but is not limited to:

- Calling an individual names
- Threatening another person
- Pressuring another to give money or possessions

- Hitting or other aggressive physical contact

- Damaging possessions

- Spreading Rumors about and individual or their family

- Using text, email or web space to write or say hurtful things (i.e. "Cyber-bullying")

I'd also like to note that most, if not all of these items listed above are crimes and arrest-able offenses.

I think it is important for us to realize that, not only is bullying harmful to our children's self esteem and directly interferes

with their education and it is against the law. Our children attend Fossil Ridge expecting a positive, educational and happy experience and that is exactly what we intend to provide for them. A little education and conversation can go a long way and I believe that, together, we can ensure that our students experiences at Fossil Ridge are only the best!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Officer Cullison