

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 28, 2011

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 9 – AM Kindergarten attends all day. **A Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Thursday, November 10 – Veterans Day Assembly (1:00 pm) **B Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Wednesday, November 16 – Picture Make Up Day

Wednesday, November 16 – PM Kindergarten attends all day. **A Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Monday, November 21 – Professional Development. 12:15 dismissal for all grades. **AM** Kindergarten attends all day. **B Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Tuesday, November 22 – Professional Development. 12:15 dismissal for all grades. **PM** Kindergarten attends all day. **A Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Wednesday, November 23 – 12:15 dismissal for all grades. **AM** Kindergarten attends all day. **B Day** for Jr. High scholars.

Thursday, November 24 & Friday November 25 – No school. Thanksgiving Break.

BUILDERS THEME: BELIEVING IN MY ABILITY TO SUCCEED

Congratulations to the scholars that won the October Builder of the Month for their class! We are so proud of them!

Kindergarten

Jordan Bryner

Alissa Packer

Ellie Herron

Aubree Broadhead

3rd Grade

Brycelyn Rossman

Mandy Meek

Ammon Penovich

6th Grade

Halee Deavil

McKay Christensen

Caleb Sonntag

1st Grade

Courtney Davidson

Taylor Jue

Brook Meek

4th Grade

Cesar Valerio

Aspen Grgich

Mackenzie Colton

7th Grade

Caitlynn Hendricks

2nd Grade

Brooklyn Lear

Carter Bohman

Macie Ctibor

5th Grade

Mallory Searle

Keaton Boyce

Rory Weber

8th Grade

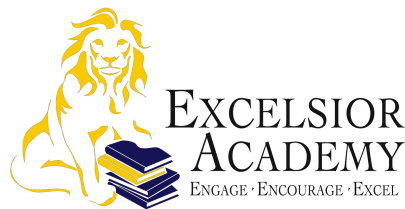
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VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Veterans Day Assembly is on Thursday, November 10 at 1:00 pm. ***Please remember to contact the school to get invitations for your veteran!*** Even if they attended last year we need to get their names and a new invitation. Please contact Mrs. Juvera at bjuvera@excelsior-academy.org for an invitation. It would be a wonderful gesture to our veterans who have sacrificed so much!

FOOD DRIVE

The Tooele County Food Bank is in desperate need of donations! Excelsior Academy will be hosting a food drive starting Monday, November 7 through Friday, November 18. Attached is a handout of items needed by the food bank. Each classroom will have a box to collect donations. The class with the most donations will earn a pizza party! Please give generously to support our Tooele County Food Bank.



INSPIRATIONS ART PROGRAM

The theme for the 2011-2012 art program is *"My Favorite Things"*. We are very excited by this year's theme and know the students will create work that will astound us all. Scholars can start making their projects for Inspirations right away. Projects can be turned in at any time until the final due date which is **December 16th**.

The age group divisions for the competition are **k-2, 3-5, 6-8**. The available categories for projects are: **Photography, Musical Composition, Theatre, Literature, 3-D Art, Film/Video, Choreography/Dance, and Digital Art**.

Projects must be turned in with completed entry forms to **Mr. Petersen**. Be sure to read and follow the rules for the category entered. For more information about the program, including specific rules for each category and copies of entry forms, please visit the school website www.excelsior-academy.org. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Petersen at bpetersen@excelsior-academy.org.

LIONS DEN CAFÉ

Dear Parents, we are seeing a sudden increase in the amount of negative lunch balances each day. To help remedy this, we would ask that you please take the time each week to check your scholar's lunch balances on SIS. If you need a username and password to access this system, please contact the front office. The link to this system is: <https://excelsior.usoe-dcs.org/Login/?DestinationURL=%2FDefault.aspx>

Also, please be aware that the Free/Reduced price lunch benefits must be re-applied for every year. Those who qualified for this benefit last year were given a temporary status which has now ended. So, if you have not already done so, and would like to continue receiving this benefit, please re-apply. Applications can be picked up at the front office, or printed from the attachment sent with this newsletter. Benefits are available immediately after the application is approved. In July, the federal government increased the amount of income that qualifies. If you are unsure whether or not you qualify for these benefits, please follow this link <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/DOCS/IEG/12-IEG.aspx> to view the income guidelines.

The more scholars we have signed up on the Free/Reduced Lunch Program, the more federal funding we receive for academic programs. Even if you don't plan on using the benefit for school lunches each day, having your qualified application on file helps bring in that additional academic funding.

Please take the time to check and see if your family qualifies. Applying is easy. It only takes about 5 minutes and all applications and financial information are kept 100% confidential. Thank you!

WALK-A-THON

Thank you for your support in our annual Walk-a-Thon! Thursday was a chilly but sunny day and your scholars did a fantastic job! Together we raised about \$7,000 to go toward purchasing projectors for our classrooms! Our top classes were Miss Barnhill's 1st grade class, Ms. Bowman's 5th grade class and Mr. Alverson's 1st period. Congratulations and thank you for all the hard work put in by scholars and volunteers!

BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS

Great job to Ms. VanWeerds class for winning the Box Top trophy! Our next gathering will be on Monday, November 14. Please send in your box top and soup labels! They are an easy way to raise funds for our school.