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# FOOTHILLS ELEMENTARY PTA



## March Newsletter

### Principal's Corner:

### Important Dates:

Dear Foothills Families,

We are approaching the end of the winter season and coming up to spring! It's a great time of year! This is the time of the year when we really start to see many academic gains in children and it is fascinating to see the progress in the students! A few weeks ago we were able to meet with A and B track parents for conferences; C and D track parent conferences will be March 13-14. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress!

Did you know that when you read with or to your child for as little as 15 minutes a day, your child's vocabulary will increase tremendously? Children who are exposed to more words through oral language (conversations with adults) and through reading books, are more likely to be able to think deeper and express themselves better (Scholastic, 2019). Children are naturally drawn to books from a very young age! When you read to your child; and when you have your child read to you or independently as they get older, their vocabulary increases! A child needs to hear a word 4-12 times before understanding it completely. Talking to your children about words and about stories helps build vocabulary. It also builds lasting relationships when you can sit down and read together! If your child seems unmotivated to read, do some choral reading together, read in silly voices, or have them read to stuffed animals or younger siblings!

This past month, I challenged the kids to read at home more and to complete iReady minutes at school or home. If they reach 1 million minutes by the end of the year, I will let them make me a Human Ice Cream Sundae! The motivation I've seen has been tremendous! The children are working hard and teachers are reporting more motivation and increases in reading levels in just a short month! On March 1st, we participated in "Read Across America"! Classes partnered up and read together for 30 minutes. We also enjoyed cookies from our wonderful kitchen staff!

Thank you for your support and working as a team to help all children succeed! We love our Foothills Families!

~Cherie Wilson, Principal

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### March -

6th - Principals Pride 8:00 a.m. by invitation only

4th-31st - Pennies for Leukemia Fundraiser

10th - Daylight Savings Time Starts

12th - 19th - Kindness Week

13- 14th C/D Track Parent Teacher Conferences

14th - A Track Kindergarten (Dad's and Doughnuts) 10:15 a.m. class and 2:30 p.m. for afternoon class

15th - A-Track Off

18th - B-Track On

### April -

1st - PTA Meeting 8:45 a.m.

1st - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night Time and Location TBD

5th - D- Track Off

8th - A- Track On



Pictured here: Patti, Foothills Admin. Assistant, Mrs. Wilson, Principal, and Doree Strauss, Administrator of Schools



# TEACHER FEATURE



## Michelle Tolman

Michelle Tolman is in her 2nd year of teaching Resource at Foothills. She received her degree in Elementary Education and her Special Education certification from Brigham Young University. She taught Resource for 6 years in Alpine District before trading the classroom for the awesome job of mom. Michelle and her husband have 3 boys who keep them very busy. She loves being a sports mom and watching her boys play baseball, soccer, and basketball. Her hobbies include going to the theater, reading, traveling, and camping. She loves hanging out with family and friends. Michelle prefers eating out to cooking, especially if it's Mexican or Asian food! She loves teaching at Foothills and watching her students grow.



# Pennies For Patients Fundraiser



Our school is participating in Pennies (or dollars) for Patients, a service learning program that helps raise critical funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), the world's largest nonprofit fighting blood cancer. Did you know that breakthrough in blood cancer research are now being applied to other kinds of cancers and serious diseases? Our school has been touched by these cancers and we want to help fight it! We can all be a HERO, by just donating a little bit of change or more if you want! Our school goal is \$7000...that's about \$7 per student to reach that goal! Each student was sent home with a flyer with instructions on how to win prizes and setting up an online account so you can reach more donations easier! Please help Foothills Student Council so no one has to fight cancer alone!

