

# FOOTHILLS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER 2019



**“BE KIND! BE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO!”**



Mrs. Clayton was born and raised in this beautiful state of Utah, where she met and married her high school sweetheart. She recently graduated from Brigham Young University- Idaho with a degree in Early Childhood/ Special Education. While finishing her student teaching here at Foothills Elementary,

she learned of an opportunity to teach First Grade here and immediately applied. She has always wanted to teach and is thrilled that her dream is coming true! She is looking forward to teaching here at Foothills Elementary. We love Mrs. Clayton!



Happy Fall!



The first months of school have been very successful! We appreciate your support for Back to School Morning! We had Green Ribbon week in September. We had an assembly about all aspects of safety, including bus safety. Our PTA put on our 2nd annual school Carnival/ Fun Run. This fundraiser helped raise funds for our school and we appreciate your support!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct. 3rd  
School Community  
Council Meeting ( SCC)**

**Oct. 9th  
Principal Pride ~By  
Invitation~**

**Oct. 10th  
Picture Re-takes**

**Oct. 14th  
Reflections are Due**

**Oct. 17th  
Reflections Open House  
for Parents 5pm-7pm**

**Oct. 21st -25th  
Fall Break  
NO SCHOOL**

**OCT. 28th  
Grade Transmittal Day  
NO SCHOOL**

**Oct. 29th - Nov. 1st  
Red Ribbon Week**

**Oct. 31st  
Halloween Parade 9:30am  
~OUTSIDE Weather permitting**

**Oct. 31st  
Classroom Party  
(Please contact your room  
parent or teacher for the times)**

# Attendance Every Day

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



### WHY SHOULD WE FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE?

- ✓ Children can't learn if they aren't present in school, so attendance is a must.
- ✓ We can influence attendance and poor attendance can be prevented.
- ✓ Parents – especially in the early years – are best positioned to ensure children attend school and to build the expectation around attendance.

**Attendance is Important! (Resource: [attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org))**

## Parent Engagement *and* School Dropout Prevention

### HOW IS ATTENDANCE FOCUSED ON SCHOOL SUCCESS?

- ✓ Chronic absence in Kindergarten is associated with lower academic performance in 1<sup>st</sup> grade among all children and, for poor children, predicts the lowest levels of educational achievement at the end of fifth grade.
- ✓ By 6th grade, missing 20% (or two months of school) is a critical warning sign of school drop-out.
- ✓ By 9th grade, missing 20% of school can be a better predictor of drop-out than 8th grade test scores.