



Message from Director Shepard

Scholar Board assigns committee to move forward with junior high expansion research

With 91.2% of the parents responding they would send their students to a Scholar Junior High on our 2016 parent fall survey, the Scholar board has assigned a committee to begin researching the possibility of a 7th and 8th grade expansion. The committee is assigned with looking at the school's current charter and determining the academic program for 7th and 8th graders, along with additional building, staffing, and curriculum costs. The expansion committee will make a recommendation to the board after determining the economic feasibility of an expansion and gathering additional parent input. If the board does apply for an expansion with the State Charter Board, the earliest possible opening would be fall 2018. Board member Dusty Griffith is chairing the expansion committee. If you have any comments or questions please contact Dusty at dgriffith@scholarcharter.org or Mrs. Shepard at sshepard@scholarcharter.org

Here is what people who are enrolling their children in the lottery for the first time might want to know about Scholar Academy! Current parents are our best advocates and with a retention rate of 92%, it gets more difficult for new students to be offered a position.

Choice of learning opportunities for students at Scholar Academy

- Students learn the process of identifying a problem, generating possible solutions, selecting the best solution and implementing problem solving throughout the curriculum.
- Students work collaboratively in cooperative learning groups. Cooperative learning groups will be used to develop peer interaction, leadership skills, and cooperation.
- All students engage in service learning and develop a sense of civic responsibility through service experiences and reflection activities.
- Teachers train students to be critical thinkers using lessons on cause and effect, sorting of relevant data, generalizations, argumentative writing, and deduction.



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December 22-January 2

Winter Break

January 3

School Resumes

January 6

Jeans and school top Friday

January 9-12

Tuesday after School Sign-ups

January 10-11

Peter Pan Try-outs
(3rd-6th Grade)

January 12

Nigh of the Art projects due

January 13 & 16

No School

January 17

Tuesday after School Week #1

January 18

Early Out- 12:45

Parent-Teacher Conferences
1:30-4:30 PM in the gym; Meet
with Math/Spanish Teacher

- Students participate in multi-grade/multi-age groups for literacy and math classes.
- Scholar provides a caring learning environment where teachers and parents work together
- All students participate in Spanish instruction
- Students develop leadership skills by working in collaborative groups, developing presentations and working through problem solving challenges with teams of students.
- Flexible tasks are assigned where students structure their own projects and investigations according to their own strengths and interests
- Students participate in extra-curricular activities such as Destination Imagination, creative problem solving challenges, after school activities, and tutoring groups.
- Students learn appropriate social skills and, when necessary, help construct their own individual improvement plans. They learn to solve their own problems.
- Students work in an environment where teachers focus their time on teaching and learning and the parent organization supports activities that often distract teachers from their primary role of teaching. Parents donate 30 hours of service each year
- Students wear uniforms

Lottery and Returning Students

New Student Enrollment begins January 3rd for The Scholar Academy Lottery

Current students are NOW completing their registration through December 21st, 2016.

*Caring and Safe School
 Cooperative Learning Model
 Leveled Learning Approach
 Experienced Leadership and Staff
 Civic Education and Service Learning
 Second Language Instruction*

Enroll your student for the lottery at scholarcharter.org

Scholar Academy’s new student Open Enrollment will begin on January 3rd - January 16th 2017. The first lottery will occur on January 17th, 2017. The second Open Enrollment will be from January 18th- January 30th. The second lottery will be done on January 31st, 2017. Open Enrollment will then be on a continual basis as openings occur.

You’re Invited A Scholar Orientation meeting will be held on January 5th at 6:00 p.m. for interested families. Principal Shepard will be there to answer any questions you may have!

Call 435-566-6957 for additional information

January 19

Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:00-7:00 PM in the gym; Meet
with Math/Spanish Teacher

Super Star Breakfast
(creative students recognized)



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Milk: \$.35

Breakfast: \$1.65
Reduced: \$0.30

Lunch: \$2.00
Reduced: \$0.40



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Grades K-6
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Half Day Kindergarten
8:30 AM- 12:00 PM

**Regular pick- up time is NO
later than 3:15 PM**

Librarian Position

The librarian position at Scholar Academy is open. The position is for 22 hours a week. Salary starts at \$11-\$12 an hour depending on experience. Start date is on or after January 3rd.

Interested candidates should send resumes to vcoffman@scholarcharter.org

Questions about the position may be directed to Principal Shepard 435-566-6957 or sshepard@scholarcharter.org

Night of the Arts

Enter the Night of the Arts contest! Students can submit entries in 9 different categories: Visual Arts, 3D Arts, Literature, Photography, Film, Media Arts, Original Dance, Original Music Composition, and Theater Arts. The theme is "What Makes Me Smile." Visit our Facebook page: **Scholar Academy Night of the Arts -- Unofficial** for more details on submission guidelines. Entries are due on January 12, so Winter Break is an excellent time to perfect your masterpieces. Each project a student enters will earn them a ticket for the drawing of one of the grand prizes, and every student who enters one project in at least five categories will get special recognition. Entry forms are available at www.scholarcharter.org or in the main office. Mark your calendars now for the Night of the Arts Awards program on February 23rd! Contact Jill Bartholomew at 801-971-3332 for questions or for more details.

Winter Break

Just a friendly reminder that there will be *no school* on December 22nd-January 2nd. School will resume on January 3rd. Have a nice and safe winter break!!

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher conferences will be held January 18th and 19th. You will be meeting with your child (ren) Math/Spanish teacher. Sign-ups will be done online like last time. An email will be sent out December 21st to reserve your time. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Safety Committee Information

The school's Safety Team/Committee is comprised of teachers (first and third grade teams), Head Custodian, Cafeteria Manager and any other staff that wants to participate. The purpose of the group is to bring safety awareness to students, parents, staff and administration. To bring a fuller perspective to the group we would like 3-4 parents to join a one-time safety meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017, 3:15-4:00 pm, at Scholar Academy. The individuals in the group will be bringing potential safety issues to the meeting to share with the group, possible solutions will be discussed and a priority list will be submitted to Mrs. Shephard. We are looking to improve the safety of our building, grounds and processes thereby making our school a safer place for staff, students and visitors. If you don't want to be part of the group but have a safety concern you would like to share, please submit them to either Mrs. Cornia (ecornia@scholarcharter.org) or Mrs. Virostko (cvirostko@scholarcharter.org). Thank you!

Peter Pan Information

Do you like stories about pirates?

Do you wish you had magic and could fly?

Do you like stories about Indians and mermaids?

But most of all do you like being a kid and never growing up!!!

Well then you are in luck! Come try out for the musical **Peter Pan** on January 10th and 11th at Scholar Academy. You may get to be one of these characters in this fun action packed story of a boy who NEVER GROWS UP!

Try-outs will be January 10th and 11th. This will be 3rd-6th grade. Sign-ups for times will be posted in the hallway. Please look for that starting the week of January 2nd.

Practices will be on Wednesday afternoon right after school.



Kangaroo Math 2017

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| <p>XX Math Kangaroo Competition in USA Grades 1 - 12</p> | <p>XX MATH KANGAROO COMPETITION GRADES 1 - 12 THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 (FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 in GUAM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">75 minute multiple choice test.24 questions (grades 1 - 4)30 questions (grades 5 - 12).Most questions are word problems; they are chosen by The International Math Kangaroo Committee annually.Any student qualifies who can read and work independently at one's school grade level.Each registered student has free access to online video solutions for questions from previous years.Each participant receives a t-shirt, a certificate, and a gift on the test day.Top awards include all-expense-paid international summer camps and college grants. |
| <p>Competition Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 Registration Dates: September 15 - December 15, 2016 info@mathkangaroo.org www.mathkangaroo.org</p> | |

Hosted at
Utah State University
Tooele Regional Campus
Science and Technology Building
345 South Tooele Boulevard
3/16/17 at 4:30PM
435-797-VINE (8463)

School Geography Bee Winner

The school Geography Bee was this past Friday, December 16th. All of our participant's did a great job and deserve a pat on the back! Jackson Baker, a 6th grade is the winner. Way to go!

Informational Study Guide

Looking for a great site for your students to study up on the world around them? Have your 3rd-6th grader child go to the study corner of The National Geography Bee!

<http://nationalgeographic.org/bee/study/study-resources>

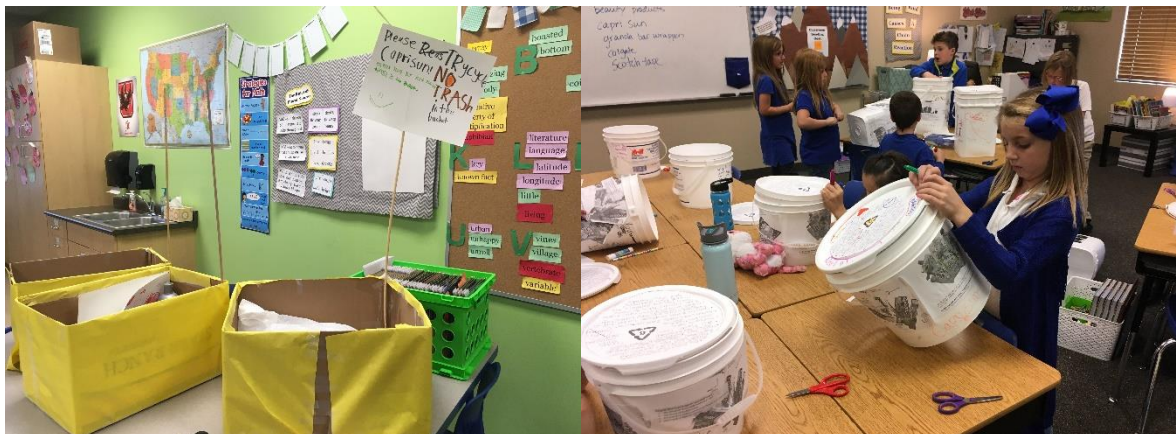
Third Grade News

The third graders have been learning about the environment, endangered species, and how they can help protect them. They have signed up to recycle formerly difficult-to-recycle items through Teracycle, which helps save the environment by reducing waste. But it gets even better: the third graders want Teracycle to donate the money for each item (1 cent per item) to the World Wildlife Fund to help endangered animals. Each student made their own collection bucket or box to take home, so they have a safe place to store their "teracyclable" items and they don't accidentally go in the trash at home. Each 3rd grade classroom also has a collection bin outside of their classroom doors and there are bright yellow collection bins in the lunchroom, so the whole school can help reduce waste.

Help the third graders save the planet! Send in your "trash" to the 3rd grade; these specific items only:

1. Empty cereal bags: any brand or size, even the bags that come inside of boxes. My family can go through a box or two of cereal a week, but instead of throwing in the trash, let the 3rd graders teracycle it.
2. USED toothbrushes, empty floss containers, empty toothpaste tubes and caps. If you happen to get a new toothbrush in your stocking, bring your old one in to be teracycle. It's melted down and often made into playground equipment and other things.
3. Any empty aluminum or plastic juice pouches and their straws: Any brand from Capri Sun, Kool-Aid Coolers, Honest Kids, Western Family, etc. Pouches, NOT boxes. Remind your students to put their pouches from lunch in the yellow lunchroom bins when they are done drinking them.
4. Any brand of empty granola bar or energy bar wrappers. Another common lunch item; make sure to place them in the yellow lunchroom bins after you eat your lunch.
5. Any brand of empty applesauce squeeze pouches (i.e. GoGo Squeeze applesauce).
6. All brands of empty shampoo/conditioner bottles, empty hand soap containers, empty lipstick/mascara tubes, and empty eyeshadow cases. Don't throw it away to end up in the landfill; bring it in to be recycled.

The 3rd graders have a goal of collected 10,000 items by the end of the school year, and they're going to need help to reach that. If you would like your own collection bucket (decorated by a 3rd grader) to store items safely at home until you are ready to drop them off at school, contact DeLayna Wilhelmsen 801-633-0942.



PTO News

Yearbook

You can now order your Scholar yearbook! Now until Feb 15th the yearbooks will be \$13. From Feb 16th - April 1st the yearbooks will be \$18. Here link is below to buy your book, it's very easy! <http://ybk.bz/ScholarAcademy>.

We will be selling the yearbook all online by credit or debit card. If you need to pay by check you will need to call Herff-Jones toll free number with no fee at 866-287-3096. If for some reason these 2 options don't work for you, please contact Randi Gardiner or Marci Hall to make cash payment arrangements. The office will not be taking any payments!!! We are very excited for this yearbook and hope the kids will enjoy it! Any questions or concerns, please call Marci Hall 801-870-6119 or Randi Gardiner 801-928-8306.

Spelling Bee 2017

The school spelling bee for 2017 will be taking place on January 28th at 9am. The class spelling bee will be Thursday Jan.12th. This will be held for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students that want to participate. The top 3 kids from each class (either homeroom or literacy, it has not been decided) will advance to the school bee on the 28th. The National Spelling Bee 2016-2017 word list will be going home with each child who wants to participate, on the week of Dec. 19th. That way they can study over winter break! If you have any questions, please call Marci Hall 801-870-6119 or Kaysie Lawrence.

Tuesday after School

We have a lot of exciting opportunities happening with 3rd Term, Tuesday after School! So many fun classes for our children to experience! We just have a few more volunteer positions that need to be filled. Please contact Porsche Christensen (Porsche.christensen@gmail.com) 801-708-1974 if you can offer your help.

- Holiday Themed Art needs a parent partner.
- Volleyball could use another parent partner.
- Coding and Web design needs a parent partner.
- Wood working class needs two or three parent partners.
- Chess class needs someone to oversee it and a parent partner.

We are so excited to offer a kindergarten only class this term! This idea was thought up by one of our awesome kindergarten teachers! The class is a kindergarten game class. They will be playing games like Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, and Memory. By playing these games the children learn math, language and social skills. We need three more parent partners for this class to be offered.

Yoga, Maypole Dancing (the European tradition of dancing around a pole with ribbons), and possibly a tech class will also be offered.

Sign-ups will open January 9th 2017. They will be **online only** like 2nd term was done using sign up genius. Look for that link in an email on the morning of January 9th, 2017. First day of class is January 24th, 2017.

*****Please note!!! We cannot have these classes happen for our children, if we don't have parents help! Parent volunteers is critical to make TAS a success and a fun activity for our kids!! Also, if you choose to help as a teacher or helper you will receive the sign up for TAS for your child (ren), a day prior to the rest of the school.**