



American Heritage School News

Sept. 2005

Message From the Director

Recently, one of our faculty members delivered as part of a faculty devotional a brief but powerful statement concerning the great responsibility that befalls each of us (including parents) who stand before children in the capacity of their teachers:

“They [the children] believe everything I say,” the teacher proclaimed.

The proposition that “children believe everything we say” is only five words, but it conveys the essence of unnumbered volumes that have been written on the importance of teaching true and correct principles to our children, particularly to our young children who are yet impressionable enough that these five words still apply!

President Abraham Lincoln is credited with the axiom that “the philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.” Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, founder of five colleges (three of which still exist today), and the first Founder to propose free public schools under the Constitution, warned what would happen if the Bible and Christianity were removed from schools:

“In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that [if we remove the Bible from schools] we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them. We profess to be republicans, and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government; that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible. For this Divine Book. . . favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and those sober and frugal virtues which constitute the soul of republicanism.”¹

We proclaim in our mission statement that children who fill the chairs and walk the halls at American Heritage School will learn, among other things, to “develop a love, understanding and appreciation for America and the Founding Fathers” and that our students will “conduct themselves in all aspects of life as Christians.”²

To the counsel of Dr. Rush that America’s children must learn from the Bible in schools, we add that our students must also learn from (and hearken to) continuing revelation from a living God to living prophets and apostles.

Our mission might well be summarized as a struggle to avoid the sad and sobering result that was described in the Book of Mormon when, shortly after the coming of Christ, the children of the rising generation “did grow up and began to wax strong in years, that they became for themselves...and began to forget those signs and wonders which they had heard...that they began to be hard in their hearts, and blind in their minds...imagining up some vain thing in their hearts that it [the doctrine of Christ] was wrought by men...and thus did Satan get possession of the hearts of the people again, insomuch that he did blind their eyes and lead them away to believe that the doctrine of Christ was a foolish and vain thing.”³

May the children of American Heritage School ever revere their American Christian heritage!

Sincerely,

Grant Beckwith

¹ Benjamin Rush, *Essays*, pp. 93-94.

² American Heritage School Mission Statement

³ 3 Nephi 1:29; 3 Nephi 2:1-2.

Calendar at a Glance

Sept. 15	Constitution Assembly 8:40 a.m.
Sept. 16	In-service—No School
Sept. 20	Eye Screening
Sept. 30	Mid-Term
Oct. 3	Picture Day begins @ 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 5	Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.

School Directory



The AHS School Directory is being created and will be available through the front office for \$2.00 to cover the cost of printing. It will be three-hole punched to place in your AHS Notebook, along with your Parent Handbook.

Please put AHS first on your address/telephone/email change lists. We need to have current information for each family. The directory will clearly state that it is intended for school purposes only.



Physical Education Program

The P.E. department is making available a booklet that will help you assist your child in his/her Presidential Fitness training for \$1.25. If you are interested in purchasing a booklet, please email Mrs. Patch or Mrs. Jespersen by September 15th at cpatch@ahsmail.com or tjjespersen@ahsmail.com

Lunch Programs



We will be continuing our Pizza Monday Program, at \$1.00 per slice, and our Hot Sandwich Wednesday Program, at \$2 per meal, ordering a month at a time. Hot Sandwich Wednesdays will be a selection of tacos, sloppy joes, hamburgers, corn dogs, hot dogs, or ham and cheese. The main entrée on Wednesdays will include a fruit or veggie, chips or side dish, and a drink. **Pizza Monday will begin September 12th. Hot Sandwich Wednesday will begin September 14th.** Please find the October sign-up sheet enclosed in this newsletter.

A Message From the American Heritage School Parent Organization

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our Parent Meeting. It was great to see the support of so many parents. Together we can do great things!

We are working hard to staff the Parent Organization. We would love to have 6-8 parents join us as "Official Parent Members". If you would like to get involved or just see what we are all about, please come to our meeting Wednesday, September 7th at 9a.m. at the school. All parents are invited and welcome!

We are still in need of team leaders for Carpool, Event-Set Up, Lunchroom, Patriotic Program, Picture Day & Science Fair. As a team leader you will have the support of a great committee. E-mail parentorg@ahsmail.com with any questions you might have or to get signed up! We need you!

Did you know that our lunchroom requires at least twenty-five parents a week to keep it running smoothly? Volunteering in the lunchroom is a great way to connect with your kids and meet their friends! To request a weekly or monthly shift please call Lori Welch at 224-4244. We really need a Team Leader for the lunchroom ASAP!



Please remember to turn in your Parent Organization Volunteer sign up sheet. We have about 40 returned with 160 to go! Also, a new Service Hour Box is in the office. Please remember to log in your service hours.

Good luck with your new classrooms and teachers. Remember to communicate with them often about the needs of your student and their classroom needs. When teachers have our support they can be more effective giving our children the best education possible. Thank you for all you do!

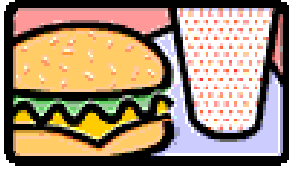
Sincerely,

Dana Lyman, Lori Welch, Julie McNamara & Jennifer Christensen
The Parent Organization

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
2	3 Picture Day Cory Adams 	4	5 Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7  Teacher In-service- No School	8
9	10	11	12 Sixth Grade Devotional Dress Rehearsal 8:40 a.m.	13 Sixth Grade Devotional 2:00 p.m.	14 Sixth Grade Devotional 8:40 a.m. Family Lecture Series	15
16	17	18	19	20 UEA No School	21 UEA No School	22
23	24 UEA No School	25	26	27	28 Fall Festival 6:00 p.m. First Term Ends	29
30 Daylight Savings Time	31 Harvest Parties 2:00 p.m. 					
* 4-8th Grade Art Bronze Sculptor and Art Gallery Date TBA	* 2nd Grades Crandall's Printing Museum Date TBA	* 4th Grades Clark Planetarium Date TBA	* 5th Grades Joseph Smith Exhibit Church History Date TBA	*7th Grades Crandall's Printing Museum		

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Hot Lunch Sign-ups for October

Please return with check (NO CASH) no later than Wednesday, September 28th, 2005.

Make check payable to DRY CREEK FOOD; please do not combine with payments for pizza (see below).



I wish to purchase Wednesday lunch as indicated below for my child/children.

Lunch for the four Wednesdays in October starting on October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th will be \$8.00 per child (\$2.00 for each day).

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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Pizza Monday Sign-ups for October

Please return with check (NO CASH) no later than Wednesday, September 28th, 2005.

Make check payable to American Heritage School; please do not combine with payments for hot lunch.



I wish to purchase Monday lunch as indicated below for my child/children. Pizza for the four Mondays in October, starting October 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 31st will be \$1.00 per slice. (Monday, October 24th is UEA)

Please indicate # of slices next to choice of pizza.

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Pepperoni _____ Canadian Bacon _____ Cheese _____

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Pepperoni _____ Canadian Bacon _____ Cheese _____

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Pepperoni _____ Canadian Bacon _____ Cheese _____

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Pepperoni _____ Canadian Bacon _____ Cheese _____

FROM THE FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER:

Family Lecture Series:



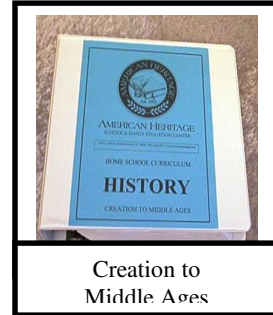
Friday, September 9th 7:30 PM
American Heritage School Auditorium - Free

We are excited to begin our Family Lecture Series this school year with Sister Chieko Okazaki, noted author and speaker, as well as former member of the Relief Society general presidency. She will be speaking on Getting Lost Together in a Good Book: Family Reading. This lecture is for those 14 years old and up and is free and open to the public so please join us and bring your friends and neighbors. Tickets are not required but we do ask that you be seated by 7:25. A tour of the school will be offered immediately following the lecture.

Home School Curriculum:

Regularly \$145 Current Introductory price \$125

Our first book for home schoolers is now complete and ready for use. This first book is titled "History: Creation to Middle Ages" and can be adapted to the ages of your children. It is ideal for pre-k through 6th grade. A copy of the book is on display in the foyer of the school. If you like what you see simply take the book to the office and purchase it from Leslie. It is offered at \$145, however, right now it is on sale for an introductory price of \$125, so act quickly. A sample lesson can be viewed on the school's web site at www.american-heritage.org.



AHS Alumni:

American Heritage School Alumni Association



We are in the process of organizing an American Heritage School Alumni Association and need your help. If you, or anyone you know has attended American Heritage School either in Pleasant Grove or American Fork in the last 35 years, would you *please* fill out the below slip and mail it in to the school or bring it in to the office, or email it to FEC@ahsmaail.com, 736 N. 1100 E. AF, UT 84003. (ATTN: Alumni) Special offers and activities await you!

AHS Alumni

Name _____ Years/Grades at AHS _____
Email _____ What school are you at now or what do
Phone _____ you do now _____
Other info: _____

Time to say good-bye:

Nine years ago I brought my daughter to a small, humble building in Pleasant Grove called American Heritage School. It was the beginning of a wonderful journey that has greatly blessed not only my daughter's life, but that of our entire family.

But there is a time and a season for all things. My daughter has now graduated from American Heritage and it is time to move on. I would like to express my great appreciation to all those who have helped with the Family Lecture Series, the summer camps, the home school curriculum, the Resource Library, and the many other "projects" that the Family Education Center has been involved with. It has been a pleasure to work with you and gain from your knowledge and insight. I will treasure this time at American Heritage always and pray the Lord will continue to bless this wonderful school and all those who enter its doors.

