



*February 10, 2023*

# Snow Horse Stampede

Snow Horse Website: <https://snowhorse.davis.k12.ut.us/>

## Principal's Message

We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for all that you do for your children and our school. Your support and involvement are invaluable to the success of our students.

The second semester of the school year poses a wonderful opportunity to really push our students. Historically, this is when schools show the most gains. We also know there is a strong connection between punctuality and student growth. We have emphasized with teachers the need to maximize instruction time in order to maximize growth. Students who are late to school may miss important instruction. Therefore, we want to strive to nurture a school culture of punctuality and emphasize the importance of arriving to school on time.

Furthermore, recent brain research has found that student learning in the morning is most beneficial. Students are more alert and engaged during the morning hours, thus providing an optimal learning environment. Therefore, we ask that you ensure that your child is at school at the start of the school day.

We are grateful for the tremendous support you give to your children and our school. Please know that your involvement and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated and that we value your partnership.

Mr. Forsgren and Ms. Hansen



# Important Dates to Remember

## FEBRUARY

13th -17th: HOPE Week

(see page below about this week)

20th: No School-President's Day

27th & 28th: Book Fair  
& Reading Week

## March

15th: Early Out Day

16th: End of Term #3-Early Out Day

17th: No School-Professional Day



## P.T.A. NEWS

**Please visit our Snow Horse PTA Website:**

link: [snowhorsepta.com](http://snowhorsepta.com)

**Become a member of our PTA.:**

link: [snowhorse.memberhub.com](http://snowhorse.memberhub.com)



# Great news!!



Volunteers are now able to schedule (or reschedule or cancel) their own appointments for fingerprinting.

Yay!

Below is the QR code or link that you can share with them:



<https://calendly.com/dsdfingerprinting>

The online schedule is for volunteers only—employees are still required to call HR for an appointment at 801-402-5722.

Please spread the word—tell your parents and teachers!

Alyssa & Christine

Fingerprint Technicians

801-402-5550 or idbadge@dsdmail.net





# VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

## WHO NEEDS A BACKGROUND CHECK?

According to state law, "...a volunteer who will be given significant unsupervised access to a student in connection with the volunteer's assignment..." must submit to *and clear* a nationwide criminal background check before volunteering. Examples include:

- \* Chaperones for field trips.
- \* After School Activities (musicals, art)
- \* Tutoring out of line-of-sight of a District employee.
- \* Any coaching role, such as athletic team coaches, dance or cheer squad advisors, and/or extracurricular club advisors.

Supervised volunteer assignments may not need a background check as long as the volunteer assignment meets *each* of the following conditions:

- \* A District employee is present at all times, and;
- \* The volunteer assignment is temporary, and;
- \* The duration of the assignment is limited to no more than ten days in a school year, consecutive or cumulative.

Examples of supervised volunteer assignments include:

Assisting a teacher with classroom holiday celebrations.

Organizing and participating in school-wide events (activity day, graduation celebrations).

Set-building for a school production.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Fingerprinting for a background check takes 15 minutes.

Please bring a valid government issued ID (driver's license).

Fee is currently \$28.00 cash, check or card (as of 02/01/2020)

It typically takes 3-7 business days for the background check to be processed and your Principal or Office Manager can check for approval.

## WHERE DO I GO?

Fingerprinting is available **by appointment only.**

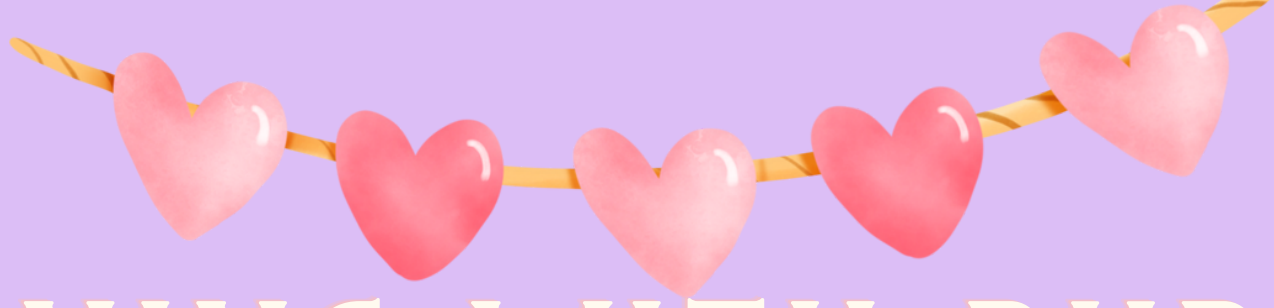
Go to <https://calendly.com/dsdfingerprinting> to schedule your appointment online.

Or contact HUMAN RESOURCES at 801-402-5722 to schedule by phone.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

We appreciate your help & support to maintain the highest level of safety and security for our students.





# DINING WITH DUDES

**We invite you to sign up for an opportunity for Dads and other special Dudes to be in our school with your student. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a Friday to come and eat lunch and play a game outside at recess with your Snow Horse Colt.**



# Together we make **MAGIC**

**Hope Week - Feb 13 - 17**

## Mon **M**otivate

- Self motivation - take the initiative and do an act of kindness for someone. You will receive a magic bean if caught doing an act of kindness.
- If you have a magic bean, come and spin the wheel, in the front lobby, for a prize during your lunchtime.
- Suckers will be sold. They will be delivered at the end of the day.
- **Kick-off assembly.**

## Tues **A**ffirmations

- Leave a positive message of hope and help spell out the word **MAGIC** in the front lobby.
- If you receive a magic bean, come and spin the wheel, in the front lobby, for a prize during your lunchtime.
- Suckers will be sold. They will be delivered at the end of the day

## Wed **G**ratITUDE

- Send a friend a candy gram with a kind message for \$1
- Candy grams will be delivered at the end of the day.
- If you receive a magic bean, come and spin the wheel, in the front lobby, for a prize during your lunchtime.
- Suckers will be sold. They will be delivered at the end of the day

## Thurs **I**nclusion

- Grab a friend to include in the photo booth during your lunch time.
- If you receive a magic bean, come and spin the wheel, in the front lobby, for a prize during your lunchtime.
- Suckers will be sold - until we run out - and delivered at the end of the day.

## Fri **C**ourage

- Come and play Friendship Tag with the HOPE Squad during your lunch recess.
- If you receive a magic bean, come and spin the wheel, in the front lobby, for a prize during your lunchtime.
- Suckers will be sold - until we run out - and delivered at the end of the day.

**HOPE**  
SQUAD



# The Scoop on HOPE WEEK

## WATCH OUR HOPE WEEK VIDEO



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7lgQG79G4E>



## Will be selling lip suckers!

**Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Fill out an order form and turn it in to your teacher or the office.

**Suckers come in a  
variety of flavors:**

- Bubble gum
- Cherry
- Cinnamon
- Grape
- Orange
- Raspberry
- Raspberry Lemonade
- Strawberry
- Watermelon



**\$1 each**

Proceeds benefit our Hope Squad



# Check out this **FUN** School Event



## DONUTS with SOMEONE GRAND!



**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**anytime between 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM**  
**Snow Horse Cafeteria**

Invite your GRANDparents or anyone  
who's GRAND in your life!

**A big thank you to:**

DEFAY orthodontics

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open Feb. 28-Mar. 2 during Reading Week! Please watch for a \$5 voucher that will be sent home with each child to use at the Book Fair. Thank you for previous support at Book Fairs to allow this opportunity. (Please see attached flyer and letter.)

More details available on our Book Fair website:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/snowhorseelementaryschool>

Dear  
Parents  
and  
Families:



Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND...as always, every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from February 28-March 2 at Snow Horse in the front lobby.

The Book Fair is being held during our school's **Reading Week!**

We want to celebrate and encourage children to "get lost in a book!" This time we are excited to provide each Snow Horse student with a **\$5 voucher** to use in person at the Book Fair!

(Watch for a special flyer to come home with your student the week prior to the Book Fair.) This is possible because book fair sales have been so successfully supported at our school in the past.

Thank you, Snow Horse families!

Please consider using **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**, which will be open from February 24—March 9. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/snowhorseelementaryschool>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Douglas Forsgren





Snow Horse Elementary



# Book Fair

Come See What You Find...

**Tues. Feb. 28**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

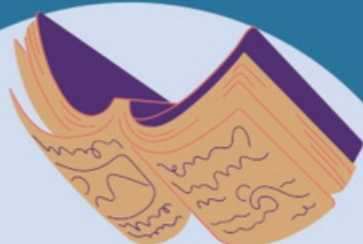
**Wed. Mar. 1**

**7:30 - 8:45 am**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Thurs. Mar. 2**

**3:30 – 7:00pm**



- **In person:** Visit the Snow Horse front lobby during the times listed above.

- **eWallet:** Don't want to send your child with cash? This is a safe and secure way to set up a digital payment account with limits. Anyone (such as relatives) can contribute.

- **Online ordering:** Feb 24 - Mar. 9  
Online orders ship directly to your home, and orders over \$25 ship free.



\* Watch for the voucher in a similar flyer that your child will bring home.

Scan the QR code to visit our website to set up an eWallet and shop online

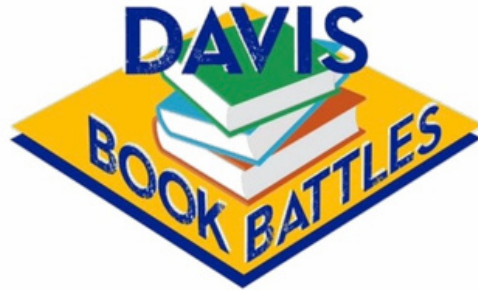


**FYI: Scholastic gives a portion of ALL proceeds back to our school. Thank you for your support!**

# BOOK BATTLES

## 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2022-23

- ☐ Buddy Files: The case of the lost Boy
- ☐ Chocolate Touch
- ☐ Dragons in a Bag
- ☐ Duke
- ☐ El Deafo
- ☐ Fablehaven
- ☐ Hoboken Chicken Emergency, The
- ☐ I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005
- ☐ Magical Ms. Plum
- ☐ Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, The
- ☐ Ramona the Pest
- ☐ Rescue on the Oregon Trail: Ranger in Time
- ☐ Stone Fox
- ☐ Two Bobbies, The
- ☐ Upside Down Magic



## 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2022-23

- ☐ Candy Bomber, The
- ☐ Crossover, The
- ☐ Dragon with the Chocolate Heart
- ☐ Fourteenth Goldfish
- ☐ Frindle
- ☐ Fuzzy Mud
- ☐ Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone
- ☐ Lightning Thief
- ☐ My Life as a Potato
- ☐ Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy
- ☐ Night Divided
- ☐ Restart
- ☐ Roller Girl
- ☐ The Night Diary
- ☐ Wedgie and Gizmo



# 1 of 2 DAVIS BOOK BATTLES



## What are Book Battles?

- A fun reading incentive program and competition open to any interested 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th graders
- Monthly Friday afternoon meetings held Jan. - March
- Participating students:
  - Read from a list of 15 books
  - Participate on a team of up to 5 students
  - Compete against other teams in their grade level to answer questions that demonstrate their knowledge of the books

## Key Dates

**Registration DUE by  
first meeting Jan. 6**

Monthly team prep sessions  
Fridays at Snow Horse Library

- Jan. 6, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- March 3, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Competitions

- March 20-23 Schoolwide Tourney (winning team from each grade advances to District competition)
- March 24, District Competition at Sunburst Elementary School in Layton

## Book Battles Registration Due by First Meeting Jan. 6

We are requesting an **optional \$10 donation** to help cover the cost for team t-shirts. Payment can be made on-line through myDSD or by cash or check when returning this form to your teacher. Those financially unable to donate are still welcome to participate!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (First and Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade and Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

T-SHIRT SIZE: YS      YM      YL      YXL      AS

**Students:** By signing up you are committing to:

- Read at least 3 books from the list
- Attend the monthly training meetings
- Work with your team to compete in the battles and read the books that meet the needs of your team

**Parents:** We need volunteers to help with:

- Monthly Friday afternoon meetings (see above)
- Battle Week in March

If you are able to volunteer, please provide your name and contact info below. Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail and Phone Number



# Book Battle Reading Lists

## 3rd -4th Grade

1. **The Case of the Lost Boy** by Dori Hillestad Butler
2. **The Chocolate Touch** by Patrick Skene Catling
3. **Dragons in a Bag** by Zetta Elliott
4. **Duke** by Kirby Larson
5. **El Deafo** by Cece Bell
6. **Fablehaven** by Brandon Mull
7. **The Hoboken Chicken Emergency** by Daniel Pinkwater
8. **I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005** by Lauren Tarshis
9. **The Magical Ms. Plum** by Bonnie Becker
10. **Ramona the Pest** by Beverly Cleary
11. **Rescue on the Oregon Trail** by Kate Messner
12. **Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner
13. **Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival** by Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery
14. **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo
15. **Upside Down Magic** by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Miracle, & Emily Jenkins

## 5th -6th Grade

1. **Candy Bomber** by Michael O. Tunnell
2. **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
3. **The Dragon with the Chocolate Heart** by Stephanie Burgis
4. **The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer L. Holm
5. **Frindle** by Andrew Clements
6. **Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar
7. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by J. K. Rowling
8. **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan
9. **My Life as a Potato** by Arianne Costner
10. **A Night Divided** by Jennifer Nielsen
11. **The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani
12. **Restart** by Gordon Korman
13. **Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson
14. **Wedgie and Gizmo** by Suzanne Selfors
15. **Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy** by Nathan Hale

## Students' Frequently Asked Questions

### How many books do I need to read?

You are asked to read a minimum of 3 books from the list and work as a team to make sure that all 15 books have been read by someone on your team. Being an expert on just a few of the titles will be a big service to your team!

### What if I have already read books on the list?

That's great! You may want to look at the book again to refresh your memory of the details as you prepare for the Book Battles!



### Do I need to be fast reader to participate? Can I read some of the more challenging books with my parents or an older sibling?

The reading list feature books at all reading levels. You are welcome to read books with your parents, siblings and even listen to them as audio books if desired! Reading together as a family is one of the best things you can do for your education. As long as you can remember what happened in the book it won't matter if you had help with the reading.

### It will be hard for me to bring ten dollars. Can I still participate?

Yes. We don't keep track of who does or doesn't help with donations. We are asking those who participate to help offset the cost of t-shirts, but only if they are financially able.