

Spectrum Academy Elementary

March 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Spectrum Families,

I cannot believe February went by so quickly. It was a busy month here at Spectrum Elementary, including Parent-Teacher Conferences and Valentine's day fun!

It was wonderful seeing all of the families who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you were unable to attend, please touch base with your child's teacher, as we are really working on building great readers in our school, and your children's teachers have many tips on how you can assist your child in reaching their highest potential.

I would also like to thank all of our volunteers who have assisted with meals for conferences, supplies for teachers, and carpool assistance. We are so lucky to have you, and the support you offer our school is invaluable. We are better able to serve our students with the assistance you offer.

The arrival of March brings a few fun things you should know about. Right off the bat, we will celebrate reading with Dr. Seuss's birthday. Plan for some fun dress up days and activities in classes and in library. We also have a field trip to the Gateway Children's Museum. This is a great opportunity to volunteer, if you have completed a background check, as we always need drivers and chaperones.

March also brings the beginning signs of spring, and of course unpredictable weather. Please make sure to watch the weather and dress students appropriately for all outside activities as we will be spending time outside each day!

And of course, I'm sure we are all looking forward to spring break!

Jana Gold, MS
Elementary Principal



Upcoming Events

March

2-6 – Dr. Seuss Week

5 – Field trip: Discovery Gateway

6 – Earthquake Drill

8 – Daylight Saving Time begins

14 – Pi day

20 – End of Term 3

20 – Fire Drill

27 – Teacher work day (no students)

30-April 3 – Spring Break

April

Autism Awareness Month

February Happenings



Social Media

Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/spectrumacademy/>), Instagram (@Spectrum_charter), or Twitter (@spectrumcharter) for updates and information.

Related Services

Nursing Services

Our blood drive was scheduled on the day we had our snow day, so we have rescheduled to March 9th!

Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. We are very excited about the drive and we hope you are too.

If you are interested in donating, we will be holding the blood drive March 9th from 2pm-7pm in the high school gym. A sign-up sheet will be located in the front office of the high school or you can sign up online. To sign up online:

- Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>
- Enter SpectrumAcademyNorth (no spaces) as the sponsor code
- Select the top result listed for the North Salt Lake Campus

If you have any trouble signing up please let us know. We will be happy to make sure you get a time to come in and help!

Parents and guardians of students are invited to join the blood drive. Any students interested in donating must be at least 17 years of age and have a signed permission slip from a guardian. These permission slips can also be found in the front office of the high school.

Thank you for making Spectrum Academy what it is. We look forward to seeing you at the blood drive.

Subs Needed

Interested in working for the school? We are always in need of substitute teachers, and who better than those who love and are invested in our students? If you'd like to sub, please contact the office and submit a resume.

Related Services

Occupational Therapy

What are Visual Motor Skills?

Occupational Therapy works on a variety of skills that helps students access their education. One of those skills is visual motor. Visual motor skills, also known as visual motor integration, is a vital part of everyday life, because it is the “ability to interpret visual information and respond with a motor action.”¹ Visual motor integration is an essential part of everyday life because it helps us with activities that require us to coordinate our hands and eyes together in order to complete a specific task.

In an educational setting, visual motor integration plays a big part in a student’s ability to copy from the board, form letters correctly when writing, copy letters, words, and shapes, play sports or movement games during gym or recess, and practice spatial organization of written work. When these two systems don’t communicate well together, it can be difficult and frustrating for a student to participate and complete the tasks without additional supports.

- Fun activities for visual motor integration you can do at home with your child:
- Play ball! Practice throwing, catching, and kicking.
- Complete dot- to - dot puzzles
- Encourage coloring within the lines
- How to draw with step-by-step instructions
- Dot pictures or grid drawings
- Simon Says with emphasis on left/right side of body
- Maze worksheets

Resources: (1) yourtherapysource.com, theOTtoolbox.com, otmomlearningactivities.com

Did you know?

March was originally the first month of the year in older versions of the Roman calendar because of its association with the first day of spring. The vernal equinox occurs on March 19th this year.

PTO NEWS

Another month has gone and has brought us closer to the end of school. We thank you for all of the time that you have spent making our school better!

Contest To reward our dedicated parents, we have started monthly contests. The Elementary PTO will sponsor a new contest each month from March-May. Please keep an eye out in e-mails and flyers from your student for the first one, beginning March 1st!

Clothing Exchange Thank you for all of the assistance with the clothing exchange! This is one of the largest and most rewarding projects we have taken on. It makes us so happy that we can help so many of our Spectrum Families. After the next and final clothing exchange in April we will be donating all of the remaining clothing to shelters, charity groups, etc. If you have any that you feel would benefit from the clothing, please pass the recommendations along. Our only requirement is that the clothing will NOT go to a program, foundation, location, etc. that could potentially sell the clothing.

Field Trip Coming up on March 5th we have a field trip to the Discovery Gateway Children's Museum. We are in desperate need of drivers/chaperones. If we do not have enough, there is potential that some students will not be able to attend. All volunteers will need to have completed background checks. The cost is \$33.25, and not only does that count toward your volunteer hours, but it's good for the entire time you have a child enrolled at Spectrum Academy. This needs to be done prior to the field trip. Please check with the office staff to see if there is still time to complete one, if you have not done so already.

Volunteer Hours Speaking of volunteer hours, remember each family is asked to complete 40 hours. If you have multiple students attending Spectrum Academy (STARS, Intermediate, or High School), you are asked to complete an addition 10 hours per student. The best way to do this is to volunteer for carpool (double hours!), help plan activities, donating supplies for your class or school activities, attend PEN (double hours!), and many other ways. If you are in need of help entering those volunteer hours, please reach out to us and we can help you!

Next Meeting We will be holding a meeting in the first week or two of March to plan Autism Awareness month activities and Staff Appreciation week. Please keep an eye out if you are interested in planning/helping.

Have a great month Spectrum cubs!

Sincerely,
Elementary PTO

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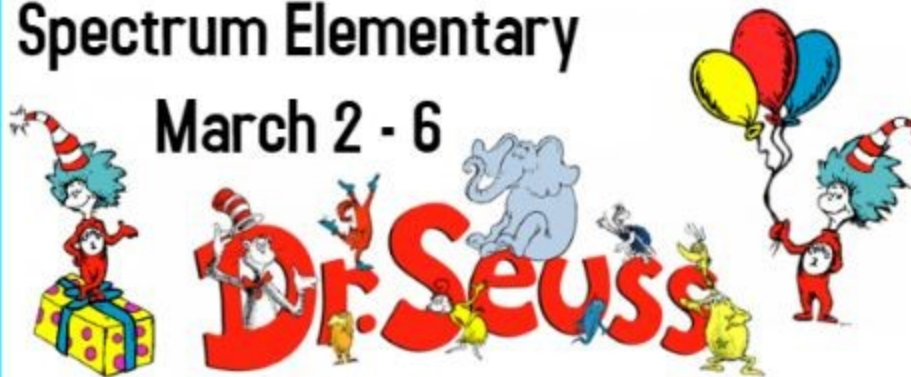
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Spectrum Elementary

March 2 - 6



**Dr. Seuss
Birthday Party**

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Monday : Mustache Monday

Tuesday : Pajama Day

Wacky Wednesday : Crazy Hat or Hair Day

Thursday : Many Colored Days (wear all the colors)

Friday : Fox in Sox Day (wear silly socks)



Spectrum Inspires Week

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, APRIL 2020

APRIL 16TH • PossAbility Fair

Career/College/Services Fair for Teens and Adults with autism.

Spectrum Academy 575 N. Cutler Dr., North Salt Lake, 5pm-8pm

Spectrum Academy 867 S. 800 W., Pleasant Grove, 5pm-8pm

APRIL 17TH • Employer Training

"Autism at Work" Training for Employers

Spectrum Academy 575 N. Cutler Dr., North Salt Lake, 9am-10:30am

Spectrum Academy 867 S. 800 W., Pleasant Grove, 9am-10:30am

APRIL 17TH-18TH • Spectrum Inspires Exhibit & Experience

Exhibit, Experience and Auction, Open to the Public

The Grand Hall at The Gateway along 400 W and 200 S , Salt Lake City, UT

April 17th 7pm-10pm, April 18th 9am-2pm

APRIL 18TH • Spectrum Inspires Gala

Dinner by Brio Tuscan Grille,

Internationally acclaimed comedic entertainment by Paul Draper.

Exhibit, Journey Through Autism Experience, Auction

Live & Silent Auctions

The Grand Hall at The Gateway along 400 W and 200 S , Salt Lake City, 6:30pm

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Logo on Event website www.spectruminspires.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Include your company promo items in participant swag	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Include an auction item/basket "Donated by (your company)"	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Address the audience at Gala	-	-	-	-	-	Yes

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