



# December 2016

## Escalante News

### Escalante Pond

The Escalante Pond has been renovated! Thanks to the Salt Lake City School District and Wasatch Desert Gardens; it is now a beautiful space for students to learn. The ponds are home to an at-risk species of fish called, the Utah Least Chub. Both ponds now have native aquatic plants to provide a better habitat for the fish. Our fish are doing extremely well and the population is growing and is healthy. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources just came out to check on the fish and were very impressed with how much growth they have made.

David Gardener, from Wasatch Desert Gardens did a fabulous job of taking our vision and redesigning the pond to have features that enhance student learning and provide hands on learning opportunities that are safe for students. A new flagstone path leads students to the ponds where the fish are easy to see and plant life is abundant. Rainbow rocks lead the way to the steam bed and waterfall. There are new planter boxes with herbs and areas in which cold crops are currently growing. It is a beautiful space and Escalante students are making the most of their learning time at the pond.

### Dates to Remember

- Dec 16, 2016 Popcorn Friday After School
- Dec 26 - Jan 6, 2016 No School - Winter Break
- Jan 9, 2017 Back to School



Just a friendly reminder that Breakfast is served at 8:00 - 8:30am

### School Safety

Parents, for the safety of our students, it is important that we keep in mind the following safety precautions during school hours:

- \* Obey the legally posted school zone speed limit.
- \* Be mindful and respectful of the school crossing guard.
- \* Remember that these rules are put in place for the safety and protection of our students and your children.

### Message from the Principal

#### Let's see what you brought home

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well your child is doing. You could comment on her social studies report or pottery project, for instance. You know a lot about our state's history! Also, respond to note from her teacher and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.



Mrs. Gonzalez



### Winter safety tips for parents

- \* Have your children wear gloves and scarves.
- \* Have your child keep their ears covered at all times.
- \* Dress your children in warm clothing, and always remind them to wear their coat/sweater.