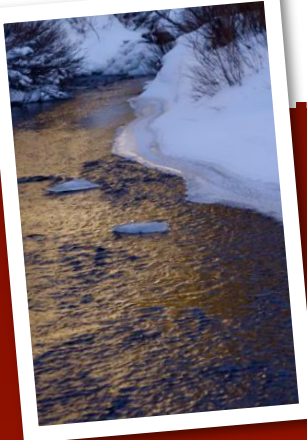


CITY ACADEMY

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Midterm reports went home last week and the end of the quarter will be here before we know it. Please encourage students to spend some time getting organized and/or caught up over Winter Break.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOSTING

In partnership with the Education Travel & Culture (ETC) corporation, City Academy has the opportunity to host three or four exchange students from around the world this coming semester. ETC is a non-profit corporation for student exchange.

ETC Outbound Programs are focused on the academic and personal development of students willing to experience life abroad. In most outbound programs, students are placed with a volunteer host family that will help guide and provide a loving household. Families are carefully screened and oriented to ensure that students are placed in a supportive environment that is conducive to learning and adapting to a new culture. Local Coordinators carefully monitor students' progress both academically and with their new families.

If you are interested in becoming one of these host families (ETC pays for full room and board and full coverage health insurance), please contact Mark Etheridge at City Academy for further information.

WINTER ARTS SHARE - THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who made the City Academy Winter Arts Share performance a success! Special thanks to the Parent Teacher Leadership Team Thi-Ly Hayes, Nina Vought, and Sara Moses for providing refreshments for the pre-program reception. Also thanks to the teachers of the students who participated, to Tom King for his assistance in set up and tear down and to the parents of the students who participated for supporting their work. The next student arts share will be May 15 and 16. Please mark your calendars!



Guitar



Piano



ASL

IMPORTANT
DATES

DEC 6-19
Giving Tree Project

DEC24-JAN 2
No School- Winter
Break

JAN 3
School Resumes



The Young Humanitarian Award

An award that celebrates outstanding humanitarian service among Utah's youth!

George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation and Chase partnered with the Utah-based non-profit YouthLINC (Youth serving the Local and International Needs Community) to provide this annual tribute. Additional funding for Award promotion was provided by the Deseret Morning News.

The Award recognizes Utah high school and undergraduate college or university students who excel in their efforts to give back to their communities.

Applicants must submit a completed application form (available at the YouthLINC site - <http://www.youthlinc.org/yha/index.html>), two short essays, an official high school transcript, and two letters of recommendation. The 2008 award applications must be received (not postmarked) by March 15, 2008 at the YouthLINC office:

1140 East Brickyard Rd., #76
SLC, UT 84106

Please call the YouthLINC office at 801-467-4417 or email at youthlinc@xmission.com for more information.

How can I help save the Student Store?

My guess is that you have been wondering how you can help out City Academy! Well, do I have some great news for you! I know, as a parent here, I was trying to figure out something I could do that would truly impact the school; then my daughter joined the Student Store Committee. It turns out that the student store isn't making that much of a profit...did you know this? I know I didn't. So it occurred to me that what I can do to help out is easy...donate! "Donate what?" you ask...well.... food, school products, and drinks.

Also, did you know the profits of the student store are responsible for funding dances, school activities, and the spring carnival? Five minutes out of your weekly/monthly shopping trip could make all the difference.

In case you are asking yourself how this will help, the answer to that is simple: your donation allows the student store to retain 100% profit. Just think about that for a moment--you donate a \$5.00 box of Rice Krispie treats, the school sells the individual snacks, adding up to \$10. This is 100% profit for the student store!

For more information, please contact either Rebecca Cuppett at sandrcrocker@yahoo.com. We can get you a list of what the student store needs. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for keeping City Academy a great place for our children to attend! Happy Holidays!

Note: Be on the lookout for the Save the Student Store Contest starting in January!!!!

Learning and Nurturing Development (LAND) With Trust Land Dividends

There are 3.3 million acres of school trust lands in Utah granted at statehood to support schools. These lands generate revenue, all of which is saved in the permanent State School Fund. This fund is invested and the interest and dividends are distributed to every public school in the state through the School LAND Trust Program. School Community Councils prepare plans, approved by local school boards, that identify an academic need and a proposed solution using the annual dividend.

Last spring the City Academy Advisory Council (4 parents, 3 staff, 2 students) set a plan to have our 06-07 grant allotment (\$5,858) contribute toward developing reading and writing, and providing field experiences that would help launch reading and writing activity. City Academy teachers are encouraged by the learning opportunities that open up when every student can participate in field experiences that are integrated to support curriculum, but especially to support and motivate students' reading and writing.

We have also used the LAND Trust funds to supplement our ability to buy books, textbooks, and other teaching materials and supplies in support of our emphasis on literacy. We have found that students are more invested in their learning if they can somehow see themselves reflected in the literature they read. English students at City Academy have a unique enthusiasm and willingness to learn that can only be nourished by increased literary opportunities and resources. Continuing to build our classroom libraries has helped to make an optimal learning environment a reality.

Additionally, we used LAND Trust funds to support teacher professional development in writing in the content areas. We held on-going teacher workshops and seminars on strategies for teaching and improving writing throughout the school year.

We are grateful for the helpful contribution the LAND Trust grant makes each year to improve student learning and achievement at City Academy.

Utah Museum of Fine Arts Kwanzaa Celebration

Everyone is invited to attend the UMFA's annual Kwanzaa celebration. Participate in children's art workshops, music, dance, and poetry from around the world and enjoy great food. There will be free admission to the museum on that day but we encourage you to bring a can of food for the Utah Food Bank. The Kwanzaa Celebration has become an important African American holiday, and has honored both African traditions with American customs, that is celebrated from December 26 – January 1.

Date: Saturday, December 29, 2007

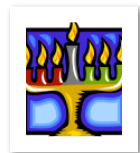
Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Contact: Dana Rogers at 581-7332

Location: Utah Museum of Fine Arts - 410 Campus Center Drive, SLC, UT, 84112

Parking: Parking is available in the small lot just east of the museum.

Website: <http://www.umfa.utah.edu>



FREE EVENT!

Please Support the Annual Giving Tree Project at City Academy



December 6-19

Please bring these items to Advisory to be donated to Evergreen Canyons Health and Rehabilitation Center

Adult Sized Sweat Suits (sizes small to XXXL) Men's and Women's.
Scented Lotions and Body Sprays.
Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, K-Mart or Barnes and Noble.
Cards and other games such as backgammon, chess, checkers, and trivia games.
Stationery and Pens.
Colored Markers, Pens, Pencils, Sketch Pads.
Journals
Hand Held Video Poker, Solitaire and the like
DVD's. and CD's (classical, jazz, 40's, 50's 60's)
Candy (regular and sugar free).
Coke and Diet Coke.
Night Gowns (small to XXXL).
Personal CD players and Batteries.

Books.
Manicure Kits for men and women.
Nail Polish.
Craft Projects (velvet paintings, paint by numbers).
Brushes and Combs.
Yarn.
Crochet Hooks.
Lap quilts and Fleece Blankets.
Martinelli's sparkling apple juice (for 12/21 Holiday Meal)
Dog Food for a very small dog/dog toys.
Bird Food for a Cockatiel/bird toys.
Beta Fish food. (we have three residents with pets)
gift wrap, ribbons and tape
Cash and Check Donations are Welcome

Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Once there was a giving tree who loved a little boy.
And everyday the boy would come to play
Swinging from the branches, sleeping in the shade
Laughing all the summer's hours away.

And so they love,
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

But soon the boy grew older and one day he came and said,
"Can you give me some money, tree, to buy something I've found?"

"I have no money," said the tree, "Just apples, twigs and leaves."

"But you can take my apples, boy, and sell them in the town."

And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

But soon again the boy came back and he said to the tree,
"I'm now a man and I must have a house that's all my home."

"I can't give you a house" he said, "The forest is my house."

"But you may cut my branches off and build yourself a home"

And so he did.
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

And time went by and the boy came back with sadness in his eyes.

"My life has turned so cold," he says, "and I need sunny days."

"I've nothing but my trunk," he says, "But you can cut it down"

And build yourself a boat and sail away."

And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

And after years the boy came back, both of them were old.

"I really cannot help you if you ask for another gift."

"I'm nothing but an old stump now. I'm sorry but I've nothing more to give"

"I do not need very much now, just a quiet place to rest,"

The boy, he whispered, with a weary smile.

"Well", said the tree, "An old stump is still good for that."

"Come, boy", he said, "Sit down, sit down and rest a while."

And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.