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Just so you know

The ride was short, just a few blocks from the Aquatic Center to the high school, but the experience was profound. Not in a life-changing way, but rather in a life-appreciation way.

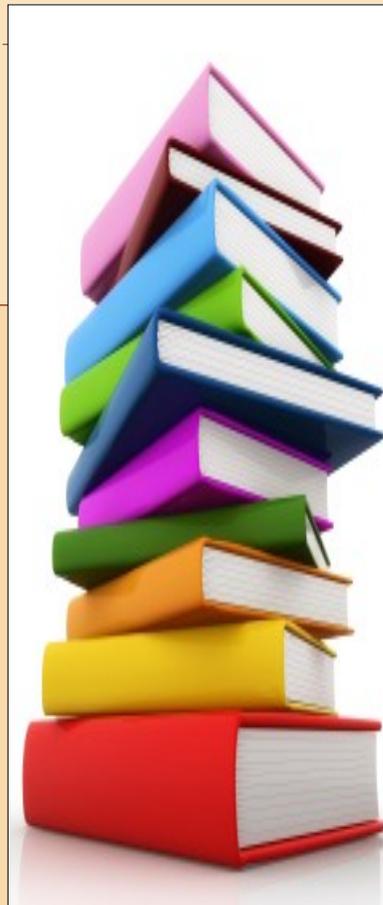
I've long hidden behind my camera through most events of this type, a high school homecoming parade. My witness has been through the lens, the viewfinder and the resulting photographs. People generally don't bother the person taking pictures. I like that.

Things are different though when you are in the parade, even as a very small part of a much greater whole. But even in that tiny slice of an event, it was difficult for me and uncomfortable... until I got past my mythology and opened up the muse. Then it became easy, as easy as taking photographs of my feet.

This is my neighborhood. My kids played Tee-Ball on a weedy field full of gofer holes where the Aquatic Center now entertains kids in different ways. The parade route follows the same course my kids took to elementary school, and the same route followed by an intimidating goat that chased them home after school one day. The route covers the same corner where my youngest child was hit by a car and seriously injured as she crossed the street to visit a friend.

And this street, Spartan Center Street north and south, was the same street I crossed west and east, for a good part of my life and the best part of my career. Thinking of gofers, goats, stitches, concussions, and crossing a street to and from the places I love, makes riding in a parade feel like looking through a book of old photographs. I didn't need the camera to enjoy that, but I had it with me anyway.

Superintendent Davis



Vision Statement:

"Education is a collaborative effort of home, community, and school. Students experience success on a daily basis and excel in performance through applying knowledge to real life situations. Schools are student-centered, guided by educators who possess excellent leadership and educational skills. Education expands beyond the classroom walls through the use of technology, and the curriculum meets the highest standards of an ever-changing world. Graduates are prepared to enter the workforce or continue their formal education at an advanced technical institution or a college or university. The Emery County School District believes that learning today provides leadership for tomorrow."



Cottonwood Reunification Drill

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students and their parents participated in a reunification drill at Cottonwood Elementary recently. The students were taken to the gym where they enjoyed activities until they were reunited with parents who had to provide information and identification before being allowed access to their children. The drill involved school personnel, district personnel, law enforcement, and the last two hours of school.



Committee meets to discuss “juvenile justice” support

On Monday, Sept. 30, the Emery School District Juvenile Justice Committee members gathered for their initial meeting of the new school year. The committee was organized two years ago to lay down strategy involving compliance with state legislative changes to the Juvenile Justice System.

Guests for the committee meeting were Emery District’s new social workers Greg Daniels and Felicia Jeffs who introduced themselves and detailed their assignments in the district.

Mr. Daniels has been assigned to the secondary schools and is based at Emery High School. He also works with Green River High School, San Rafael Middle School, and Canyon View Middle School. Among other responsibilities, Mr. Daniels counsels youth experiencing social/emotional challenges. He also provides group counseling.

Mrs. Jeffs’ primary assignment is at Cleveland Elementary, but she also provides services at other elementary schools as needed. So far she has been engaged in social/emotional group work but is also building a caseload of individual students.

The two social worker positions in the district were made possible by two legislative funding sources: the Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) and the Mental Health Grant. Each funding source is on-going, giving the district social/emotional support into the future.



Greg Daniels and Felicia Jeffs, Emery District Social Workers

Also at the meeting was Jennifer Thomas who has served as a social worker in the district for three years. She explained that with the addition of Mr. Daniels and Mrs. Jeffs, the district is now able to create a collaborative team which will meet regularly to coordinate efforts, plan presentations, and discuss best practice. Also part of the Social/Emotional Collaborative Team is Ashley Jensen, district elementary counselor.

In other committee business, Emery High administrators Steven Gordon and Dean Stilson presented information on the school’s fees program relevant to discipline and truancy. The program was piloted last year and reapproved for the current school year. Mr. Gordon noted that it has helped with truancy issues, but there are still questions about

whether or not the program is teaching the students the importance of attending school and following rules.

Mr. Stilson updated the board on his research into a proposal to require a minimum amount of class presence as a requirement for graduation. He offered several policies from other high schools that have such requirements. The committee took the matter under advisement and encouraged the high school administrators to discuss this matter with their stakeholders.

The committee also discussed the issue of vaping and the nation-wide call to action. It is anticipated that the 2020 legislative session will result in new laws to deal with vaping. Until then, vaping violations are handled just like tobacco violations.



STICKY NOTES:

3-Year Calendar: On Monday, Oct. 14, the Emery District 3-Year Calendar Committee will meet to begin the process of creating a 3-year calendar covering the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years. Input on that calendar will be accepted until that meeting. Stakeholders are invited to send suggestions to the superintendent at: larryd@emeryschools.org.

Youth Protection Seminars: The Emery School District will be holding two Youth Protection Seminars in November. The first will be on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6 pm in the Green River High School Auditorium, and the second will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Little Theater of the Spartan Center at Emery High School. Parents, students and all other stakeholders are invited to attend. Presentation topics include substance abuse, vaping, social/emotional well being, child abuse, and hazing and bullying.

First Term PLC Day: On Friday, Oct. 25, the last day of first term, no school will be held for students. However, teachers will be involved with their grade-level and discipline-level collaborative teams as part of the district Professional Learning Community Day (PLC). These teams will review student progress through first term, review data from formative and common assessments, and address individual student needs. End-of-Term PLC Days are also on the district calendar for second, third and fourth terms.

WET WARS: The EHS volleyball team entry in the Homecoming Parade proved to be an adventure for team members as well as those watching the parade. A Castle Dale fire truck supplied the transportation and an ample amount of water to keep things very cool.



Notes from the October Emery School Board Meeting

- ◆ The Emery School Board met at San Rafael Middle School on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019. Following are some highlights from that meeting:



- ◆ Board President Tracey Johnson and Board Member Marie Johnson reported on their participation in a recent USBA Leadership Conference. They shared information on Community Reinvestment Areas and creating a local board handbook. It was noted that work on the board's strategic plan will be on hold until a handbook is published.
- ◆ Board Member Kenzi Guymon reported that she had requested identification badges for each board member to wear on lanyards when they visit district schools. District employees are now required to wear similar identification. Kerry Lake, maintenance supervisor, was at the meeting and distributed the ID badges to the board.
- ◆ Ryan Maughan, district supervisor of student services, gave an update on 2018-19 state summative testing. Since the Utah State Board of Education had not given final approval to release the data from last year's RISE testing, the report was generic. More information specific to the Emery District will be forthcoming.
- ◆ A report on cyber security was presented by IT Supervisor Doug Johnson. He noted that the district now has 1500 computers and 1500 Chromebooks in use and that there are 170 wireless points. The district recently upgraded all IVC equipment and a filter has been added to go with protective firewalls. Student and other data are protected by backup systems. Also, the district is now requiring an 11-character password to access the system. The IT Department is offering ongoing professional development while also providing grants and stipends for technology advancement.
- ◆ The board was given a video update by the Maintenance Department on the capital outlay projects approved for the current school year.
- ◆ A request for an additional bus stop in Ferron for several elementary students who do not qualify for bus transportation was taken under advisement by the board pending further research into the request.
- ◆ The board chose not to take up a motion on a request by middle school cheerleaders to be allowed to participate in state cheer competition. The board did not want to make an exception to current policy which limits middle school travel for athletic competition to the Emery/Carbon area.
- ◆ San Rafael Principal Doug Mecham and Counselor Luci Robinson gave the board reports on activities and programs at their school. Emphasis was placed on the school's literacy program which involves a daily reading period.
- ◆ The next board meeting will be on Nov. 6 at Canyon View Middle School.

**Emery School District
Mission Statement:**

***“The mission of the
Emery County
School District is to
provide a compre-
hensive education
that will prepare
students to take a
proactive and re-
sponsible role in an
ever-changing
world.”***

District Calendar:



Monday, Oct. 7: Utah School Superintendents Association Meeting, Sandy

Tuesday, Oct. 8: Association/Board/Superintendent Meeting, 7:30 am, D.O...
Administrative Council, 8:30 am...
Technology Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm

Monday, Oct. 14: Administrative Team Meeting, 9 am, DO... District Calendar Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm

Oct. 17-18: Fall Break

Tuesday, Oct. 22: Repertory Dance Assembly, 10 am for elementary and 1 pm for secondary, Emery High Auditorium... Utah School Boards Association Fall Meeting, 6 pm, Carbon District Office

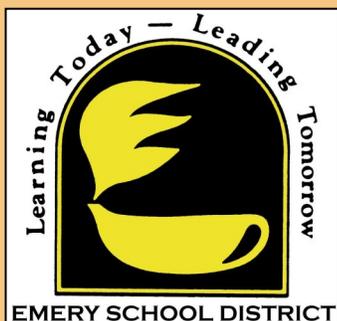
Friday, Oct. 25: End of first term– PLC Day for teachers; no school for students

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Flu Shot Schedule for

Emery District Employees and Families

Emery High School – Wednesday, October 2nd @ 7:30

Castle Dale Elementary – Thursday, October 3rd @ 7:45

Ferron Elementary – Monday, October 7th @ 7:45

SRMS – Tuesday, October 8th @ 7:45

CVMS – Wednesday, October 9th @ 7:45

District Office – Wednesday, October 9th @ 9:00

Huntington Elementary – Wednesday, October 9th @ 11:30

Cottonwood Elementary – Thursday, October 10th @ 7:45

Cleveland Elementary – Thursday, October 10th @ 11:00

Book Cliff Elementary – Monday, October 14th @ 9:00

Green River High School – Monday, October 14th @ 11:30