

Buckle Up- It's the Law- Layton City Police Intend to Enforce!

In our continuing effort to not only improve traffic flow around the school, but safety as well, I would like to clarify the seat belt statute as well as stress the importance of properly restraining your children in motor vehicles.

Under State Law (UCA 41-6a-1803), any child in a vehicle under the age **16** is required to be restrained in a properly adjusted seat belt. Children under age **5** are required to be in a child safety seat used in a manner prescribed by the manufacturer of the seat.

Seat belts in vehicles were designed to fit average sized adults, not children. The shoulder belt is supposed to cross the shoulder, not cut across the neck, and the lap belt should cross the hips, not abdomen. If your child is small and the belts cross the neck and abdomen, your child needs a booster seat. Also, once your vehicle leaves school property and is on City or State roads, your children must be secured. It is the responsibility of the **driver** to ensure that children under 16 are properly restrained during transport.

Not wearing a seat belt is an obvious violation, however, the improper use of a seat belt is also a violation of the seat belt law. It is common to see children in the front seat of vehicles, sitting behind the airbag, with the seat belt fastened and the shoulder strap behind the back. In cases like this of **improper use**, the devices meant to lessen the chance of major injury can actually cause greater injury in children. Please, take the extra time to ensure your children are properly restrained.

It is my sincere desire to educate parents about this issue and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached by Email at Jhinojosa@Laytoncity.org or by phone at 336-3453.

Thank you,

Sgt. Jason Hinojosa, Traffic Division-
Layton City Police

NDPA Board Meeting March 8, 2006.

This months Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 7:00 PM. This is an open meeting that parents are welcome to attend. The items on the agenda for this meeting include: A report from POET, a report on Staff and Educational Improvement, a Management report from Academica West, and a Budget report. Business items to be addressed include: The POET Co-Chair policy, the Parent Grievance policy, the Jr. High Proposal, the Website, and a New Board Member Position Announcement and Protocol. Additional time for other business and public comment will be allowed.

Upcoming POET Elections

This month we will be electing the 2006-2007 POET Co-Chairman. POET Co-Chairman's main responsibility is to function as "President Elect" and to learn the job of POET Chairman and to serve as a member of the NDPA Board of Directors.

If you are interested in running for this elected position, please fill out the Co-Chair application (which can be found at the volunteer desk) and include a picture of yourself by March 17th . Applicant bio's will be sent home with Friday notes on March 24th . Elections will be held March 27-30th. If you have questions about this position, please feel free to call Kim Lovell 825-3729 kiscrappy@csolutions.net or Kim Valeika 546-4927 or lilys_mom@yahoo.com

Gold Medal Schools

We are proud to announce that our school was selected to be the school of the month for Gold Medal Schools! This means that Miss Utah will be coming back to our school on Monday, March 13th to speak to the students about being healthy and congratulate them on doing such a great job with the Gold Medal Mile. She will be distributing "Healthy Weight For Life" wristbands to every student and staff member. Look on the Gold Medal Schools web-site to see an article on

Action - Art Auction!

Please look at our list and note the themes for the class baskets to be auctioned at the Art Auction/Dinner. We are asking that anyone with personal connections (family or friends) to local businesses to acquire donations that would go along with the different themes. Items may be brought to school and given to the appropriate teacher. The Teachers and the themes are as follows: Kindergarten: C. Hansen AM - Caldecott and Newberry, C. Hansen PM - Everything Disney, 1st Grade: Broceno - Read-A-Thon, Banks - Summertime Hobbies, Brown - Outdoor Family Fitness, Wood - Dress up for Drama, 2nd Grade: Lawhead - Harry Potter and Narnia, Lopez - The Artist in You, Coleman - Game Night, Smith - Disney Magic, 3rd Grade: Weiss- Sports- Let's Play!, Fortun, Book-it!, Carlson - Into the Woods (Camping), 4th Grade: Kelley- The Family Getaway, Bostick -You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Hansen- Family Time Activities, 5th Grade: Sevy - Kitchen Crazy, Adams- Americana, 6th Grade: Riquino - Around the World Gourmet, Neilson Hawaiian Luau.
Submitted by Noelle Taylor

STAR training available for home use.

We are extending an invitation for parents interested in becoming STAR trained for use at home, to attend a training session Thursday, March 16, from 10:00am to 12:00pm.. STAR (Student Tutoring Achievement for Reading) is a program to enhance your child's reading skills. This is your opportunity to be trained in the program so you can tutor your child at home.

A binder of materials is available from the State for a cost of \$10.00 each. All binders must be pre-ordered and paid for prior to the week of training. Enrollment is available to the first 40 parents to return the form below. This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your child's reading skills.

End of Year BBQ

our school that will be there through the month of March. You can find it at www.hearhighway.org. Look under "School Information" and then click on "Gold Medal School of the Month". Way to go students and staff! This program has worked only because of the team effort you have put forth!
Submitted by Kathryn Ricks

Don't forget to clear your calendar for May 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Layton Park Amphitheater. We will be having our 2nd annual end of year BBQ. This year will be a FIESTA theme. We will have another planning meeting on Mar. 21st at 5:30 pm at the school. Come and join our fun committee as we finish planning this exciting evening for families!
Submitted by Kim Valeika 546-4927