COUGAR CONNECTION

GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE – ROOTED IN KINDNESS

May 8, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cook Cougar Community,

As we wrap up our final newsletter of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on just how incredible this school year has been. Thanks to the strong partnership between our families, community, faculty, and staff, this year has been filled with remarkable growth, joy, and support for our school and—most importantly—our students.

We are especially proud of the academic progress our students have made. This year, our students' reading growth and proficiency levels have exceeded what we have seen in several years and, in fact, represents the highest reading data we have on record for Cook Elementary. That kind of achievement does not happen by chance. It happens when caring adults work together to create a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where students feel encouraged to learn, take risks, and grow. Thank you for being such a vital part of that process.

As we head into summer, I encourage you to help your child keep their reading skills strong. A little reading goes a long way! Here are a few simple ideas to support reading throughout the summer months:

- Visit the Syracuse library and let your child choose books that interest them.
- Set aside a short, consistent time each day, or even each week for reading—whether independently or together.
- Encourage reading in everyday life, such as recipes, signs, directions, or magazines.
- Talk with your child about what they are reading to build comprehension and a love of stories.

Finally, I want to thank you once again for your kindness, trust, and support. It has truly been a privilege to serve such an amazing school community. I wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer, and I look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed and ready for another great year in August.

Elizabeth Jensen
Principal, Cook Elementary

Data Update:

Rise Data- Percentage of students who are proficient in this subject area. This year's data is not yet complete, however, these are current projections based on who has already taken the tests. It's looking good.

2025	2026	
ELA: 48.2%	51%	+3%
Math: 47%	51%	+ 4%
Science: 53.2%	60%	+7%

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11- 2nd Grade Field Trip - Red Butte Garden/Natural History Museum
May 12 - 4th Grade Field Trip - Capitol/DUP
May 14 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - Hill Aerospace Museum
May 19 - PTA Spirit Night at Zupas 4 to 9 pm
May 20 - 6th Grade vs Faculty/Parents Kick Ball Game
May 21 - Field Day
May 21 - 6th Grade Advancement 6 pm
May 22 - Kindergarten Program 9:15 am

Online Calendar

(Click for a full calendar)

TO DO LIST

1. Add our upcoming events to your calendar. 🙂
2. Sign-Up to join our PTA. This helps fund our school activities.
3. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and You Tube.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

Click on the link below to **share your feedback** with our school. Have you seen something awesome and want to **give a shout out**? We would love to hear about it here. Do you **have a question**, a need, or want to **share a suggestion**? If so, please take a moment to send us your thoughts.

If you have a need or concern that needs to be addressed quickly, please email or call the office at (801)402-2200 to report it directly.

LINK



FEEDBACK PAGE



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I know how much my child grew academically this year?

A: This year brought exceptional academic growth for our students, especially in reading. In fact, our school reached the highest reading data we have ever recorded. This reflects the hard work of students, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the strong support from families at home. You can see your child's scores in My DSD for RISE and watch for communication from teachers for Acadience Assessment.

Q: What should my child be doing over the summer to stay on track for next year?

A: Summer should be a time to relax and enjoy family, but keeping learning light and fun can make a big difference. Reading regularly—even 15–20 minutes a day—helps students maintain the strong reading growth they achieved this year. Visiting the library, letting children choose books they enjoy, reading together, and talking about stories are all wonderful ways to support learning without pressure.

Q: How can families stay connected and prepared for next school year?

A: Over the summer, we encourage families to watch for school communications with important updates and back-to-school information. Ensuring contact information is up to date will help you stay informed. Most importantly, enjoy the summer knowing that your child is leaving this year confident, capable, and ready for the next step in their learning journey.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have students who will NOT be attending Cook Elementary next school year—other than those affected by the boundary change—please notify the office so we can plan classes accordingly for the upcoming school year.



COOK ELEMENTARY

ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF



TERRI STRAWN

30 YEARS

WITH DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

- All 30- yrs spent teaching at Cook Elem
- 18-yrs teaching Kindergarten
- 12- yrs teaching 5th grade

Terri plans on traveling the world- starting with Tahiti in June then Croatia.
She looks forward to spending time with her children and 6 beautiful grandchildren.

"I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE POEPLE I HAVE KNOWN AND LOVED FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS. I HAVE LOVED THE STUDENTS I HAVE TAUGHT, THIS TRULY WAS MY DREAM JOB!
I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE PEOPLE I HAVE WORKED WITH AND THE TIME WITH YOU!"
PEACE-OUT- TERRI



Please send well wishes to
tstrawn@dsdmail.net



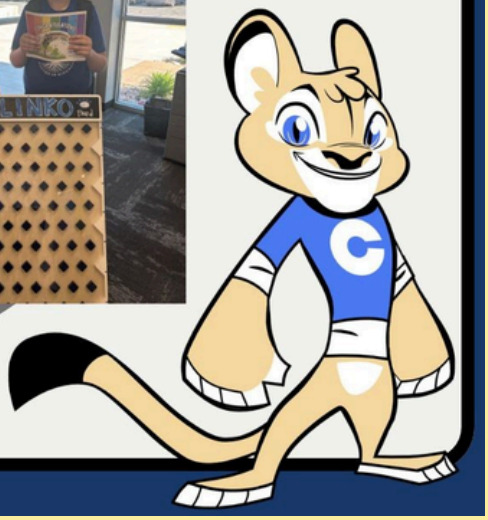
ON MONDAY, MAY 4TH, THE COOK ELEMENTARY OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETED AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT STEM OLYMPIAD. WE HAD 26 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE COMPETING IN SIX DIFFERENT MATH AND SCIENCE EVENTS. COOK'S TEAM HAD A SUCCESSFUL DAY BRINGING HOME 9 MEDALS, INCLUDING 1ST PLACE IN 4TH GRADE SPHERO, 1ST PLACE IN 5TH GRADE SOMA CUBES, 2ND PLACE IN 4TH GRADE PING PONG PARACHUTES, 2ND PLACE IN 6TH GRADE SOMA CUBES, 2ND PLACE IN 6TH GRADE SPHERO, 2ND PLACE IN 5TH GRADE SPHERO, 2ND PLACE IN 4TH GRADE SOMA CUBES, 3RD PLACE IN 5TH AND 6TH GRADE PING PONG PARACHUTES. CONGRATULATIONS COUGARS!



Congrats



Last PLINKO winners for the school year



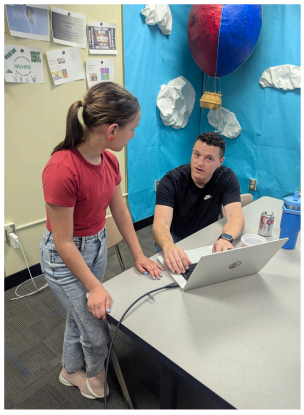
WAY TO GO!

Mrs. Whitaker's

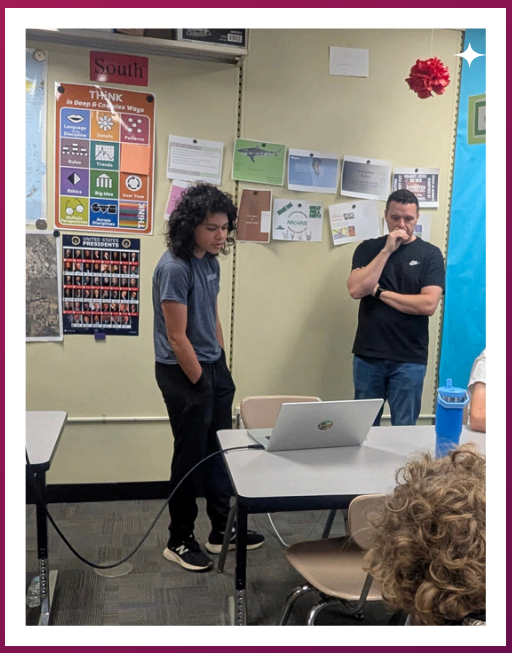
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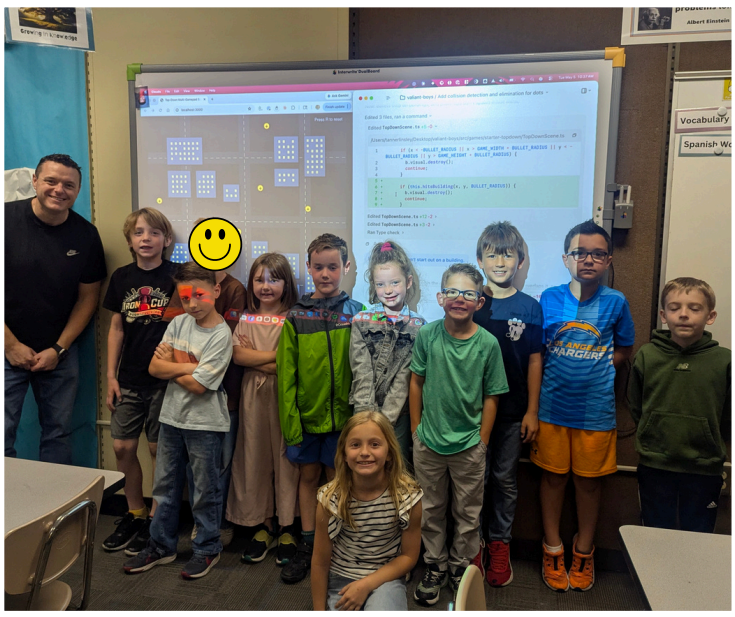
Congrats to these students for learning all their letter names and sounds!













Special guest speaker, Tanner Linsley, joined DEEP groups on Tuesday, May 5th. Mr. Linsley is a software engineer and entrepreneur whose work is used by a variety of companies including Apple, Google, Facebook, Amazon and more. Students were taught how AI has greatly impacted software engineering this last year. Using AI, DEEP students were given the opportunity to program and play their very own video games. Thanks to AI, programs that took hours, days, or even weeks to write, can now be done in minutes! Mr. Linsley inspired students to explore AI more and discover what they can create in the future!

FIELD DAY

Sign up Here Help!

Mark your calendar!



Field Day

Field day is coming on May 21, 2026! We need A LOT of volunteers to make it run smooth. Please look over the sign up and pick an activity that works for you! Reach out if yo...

signupgenius.com

PTA NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As our 2025-2026 school year comes to an end, we are looking at how we can improve as a PTA and better help our school community. We appreciate all the volunteer help we got this year. We couldn't do events without the help of our wonderful parents. As we plan for next year, we would appreciate your input for activities and how we can improve.
Thanks so much!
Cook Elementary PTA

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thank you!



FROM YOUR
COMMUNITY
SCHOOOL

COOK
ELEMENTARY



A BIG THANK- YOU FOR
YOUR DONATION
FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK AND FOR BRIGHTENING
A TEACHER"S SMILE!

THANK

YOU

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FROM YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOOL

COOK ELEMENTARY

FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!



2026 SUMMER LUNCH

FOR FREE

Ages 1–18 Years



From June 1st-July 23rd

WHERE:

- **Adelaine Elementary**
  731 W. 3600 S. Bountiful
- **Antelope Elementary**
  1810 S. Main St. Clearfield
- **Centerville Elementary**
  350 N. 100 E. Centerville
- **Doxey Elementary**
  944 N. 250 W. Sunset
- **Whitesides Elementary**
  233 Colonial Ave. Layton
- **Holt Elementary**
  448 N. 1000 W. Clearfield
- **Lincoln Elementary**
  591 W. Antelope Dr. Layton
- **So.Clearfield Elementary**
  990 E. 700 S. Clearfield
- **Sunset Elementary**
  2014 N. 250 W. Sunset
- **Meadowbrook Elementary**
  700 N. 325 W. Bountiful

Adult Lunch: $4.30 **Extra Milk: $0.50**

ALL LUNCHES MUST BE EATEN IN THE CAFETERIA

Serve time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Monday-Thursday
Holiday Closures: June 15th and July 6th

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

2026 ALMUERZOS DE VERANO

GRATIS

Edades desde 1-18 años



Desde Junio 1ro a Julio 23

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Almuerzos para Adultos: $4.30 **Leche Extra: $0.50**

Todos los Almuerzos deben comerse dentro de la CAFETERIA

Los Almuerzos se servirán: 11:30 am a 12:30 pm
De Lunes a Jueves
Cierres por Días Festivos: Junio 15 y Julio 6

ESTA INSTITUCIÓN PROVEE IGUALDAD DE OPORTUNIDADES

SYRACUSE JR HIGH

JOIN OUR SUMMER

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP



JUNE 1 - 4

3-5 PM IN SJH GYM

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Skill development
- Team building exercises
- Strategy sessions
- Fitness & conditioning drills
- Friendly Matches

AGE GROUP

7TH - 9TH GRADE

FOR UPCOMING '26 - '27 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration Fee

$50 PER ATHLETE



Information Links

- **School Events Calendar**
- **Cafeteria Menu Breakfast and Lunch**
- **Counselor Corner Links: Ask a Therapist with Dr. Kevin Skinner Flyer link**
- **Davis School District's Statement on Discrimination and Harassment**
- **Report Harassment or Discrimination**
- **Cook Elementary Handbook**
- **Cook Elementary School Website**

School Information

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