

Getting Started at Canyon Elementary School

Welcome to Canyon Elementary school. Below are some helpful hints to aid in your transition to cougar cub country.

Website

The school's website is canyon.nebo.edu. The website provides lots of useful information:

- announcements
- monthly newsletters (current and archived)
- lunch menus
- faculty information
- class pages
- school calendar
- educational links
- bell schedule
- school community council information
- 4-H and PTA information

It also contains the Student Information System (SIS) where parents can view their children's grades and attendance and update contact information. Since the school is going paperless, it is important to look at the website often to see current information.

Registration

Kindergarten Registration will held on April 6th from 7:30-2:00. Late registrations (after the 6th can register in the main office).

Whole School (1st – 6th grades) registration will be held the first week of August.

This is an important part of getting ready for the upcoming school year. At registration parents and guardians can

- register for the SIS (Student Information System) program and update contact information
- pay for school lunch
- apply for free/reduced lunch
- order and pay for school t-shirts
- join the PTA or renew membership and pay annual dues
- sign up to help with PTA projects and activities
- sign up to volunteer in the classroom (regular class help and parties)
- sign up and pay to have your child participate in Swish (weekly fluoride supplement)
- select SEP (parent teacher conference) time
- get the school handbook, which provides information about the school's goals, the calendar for the year, and school policies.
- find out your child's teacher for the upcoming year

Please check the Canyon School Website (canyon.nebo.edu), Spanish Fork City Newsletter (included with the utility bill), or the school's marquee for the exact day and times of registration.

School Open House

The day before school starts there is an open house for the students to come and meet their teachers. It is a good time for the student to come and see where their desk is, find out who is in their class, as well as get a better understanding of what will be happening throughout the year. You can find out when the school open house will be at school registration, on the school's website, or on the school marquee.

PTA and Class Activities

The PTA sponsors or provides several activities throughout the year. Some of these include Red Ribbon Week (Drug Free week), Green Ribbon Week (health and safety), Literacy Month, Fun Run, Reflections Contest, Swish program, and many more exciting activities. There will be a school

fundraiser carnival mid September. There are two book fairs during the year (the weeks of SEP conference.) Additionally, each class has activities throughout the year. Teachers will provide information about class parties and field trips.

Lunch

Starting in 1st grade your child will be going to lunch in the school cafeteria. Their lunch ID that they use each day is their student ID number, which is available at registration. The lunch menu can be found on the school website. However, if your child does not like what is being served, your child has a few options: a corndog or yogurt and graham crackers are available each day to take the place of the main course or he or she can bring lunch from home. School lunch prices are listed online and can be paid in advance at registration.

If your child is getting low on lunch money, the lunch secretary will stamp your child's hand with a red smiley face stamp as a reminder for you to send more money (cash or check) to school the following day. Nebo School Lunch is a separate entity from the school. Please place the cash or check made out to Canyon Elementary in an envelope with the student(s) name on it. Your child can turn the money into Janine Hatfield (lunch secretary) in the lunch room before school starts the next day, and it will be immediately loaded onto his/her lunch number. Her phone number is 801-798-4626. Nebo School District has a no charge policy, so please keep their lunch account current.

You're welcome to come and eat lunch with your child, if possible call the school ahead of time to let the lunch clerk know which so they can prepare the right amount of food. When you come, you need to bring the exact amount of money or a check.

Excused Absences and Early Release

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school office (801-798-4610) that morning and excuse him or her for the day. Also, if you need to pull your child out of school early, please go to the office to sign a release form and to have the secretaries get your child from class.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to be involved with the school and your child's educational experience. Many opportunities are available through the PTA and individual teachers. When you volunteer at the school, you need to enter the school through the main entrance and check in at the school office. There is a binder for you to sign your name in as well as the amount of time you'll be volunteering. Inside the binder are volunteer stickers that you should wear so the faculty knows you are at the school to help out. Please log in any volunteer hours that you have done outside of the school, like preparing a game for a class party. It is very important to log your volunteer hours because we report our hours to the State PTA and the more hours we record, the more grants and support we receive from them.