

# SILVER MESA LITERACY MONTH



Dear Parents and Guardians,

March is Literacy Month, and the PTA would like to celebrate by hosting our 5th annual Harry Potter-themed games and activities that support and encourage literacy. During the month of March, we will have various activities to promote literacy and inspire our students to explore the magical worlds that await them in books. The 2 ½ weeks of Harry Potter literacy events will culminate with **Literacy Night on Tuesday, March 21st**, and house winners will be announced the next day.

As a PTA, we would like you to know what events are planned so that you can encourage your students to read and participate in the literacy-related activities. On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, your student's class will be sorted into a Hogwarts house by Ms. Fielding. Each of the "houses" will be competing to earn the most house literacy points and to hold the house cup for the remainder of the school year!

## Students earn literacy points for their house by:

- ❖ Completing OPTIONAL outside-of-class literacy activities listed on their "**Optional Literacy Homework**" sheet (see other side of this paper) and Harry-Potter-specific activities available in the classroom and in front office
  - Your student can complete as many of these optional literacy activities as they would like. Please cut out and initial the completed slips; have your student turn them into their teacher.
- ❖ "**Hogwarts Scholars**" work--Students may respond to reading prompts, write news articles, or create a Harry Potter-themed LEGO creation.
- ❖ **Reading at home** as assigned in class  
If your student's class meets their collective reading goal, **every student in the class will earn a \$5 coupon** that can be used at the book fair.
- ❖ Participating in "**QUIDDITCH**" matches played during the lunch tournament
  - All students in Grades K-5 have been taught how to play Quidditch during their Brain Booster rotation
  - Students in grades 3-5 wishing to compete in lunchtime games will sign up individually in the office or after their Brain Boosters rotation. All players will play for their class "House" team.
- ❖ Sending letters to Silver Mesa teachers and staff via owl. **The Owlery** is located in the library.
- ❖ **Lunchtime** "O.W.L." spelling exams during lunchtime on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Attending Literacy Night** and completing activities that night.
- ❖ **Donating socks to "SAVE HOUSE ELVES"** that will be donated to our local homeless shelter.

(socks must be new and in pairs)

## HONEYDUKES SWEET SHOP

is open for business on **Tuesday 3/7, Friday 3/10 and Friday 3/17 during lunch**. A must-stop for Hogsmeade visitors, butterbeer, chocolate frogs, Bertie Bott's, and much more will be on sale. **Cash only please!** All proceeds will be used to pay for Scales and Tales classes at Literacy Night.

## LITERACY NIGHT 3/21, 5:00 – 8:00 PM:

- Potions, green screen newscasting, hand-crafted wands, "Care of Magical Creatures" by Scales and Tales, and much more. You won't want to miss this magical night!
- Book Fair \*5:00 – 8:00 (open early to avoid crowds)
- Food Trucks \*5:00 – 8:00 (open early to avoid crowds)



Can't wait to see you there!

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