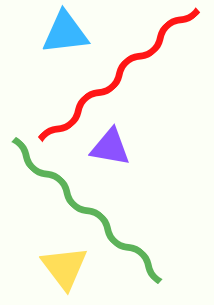
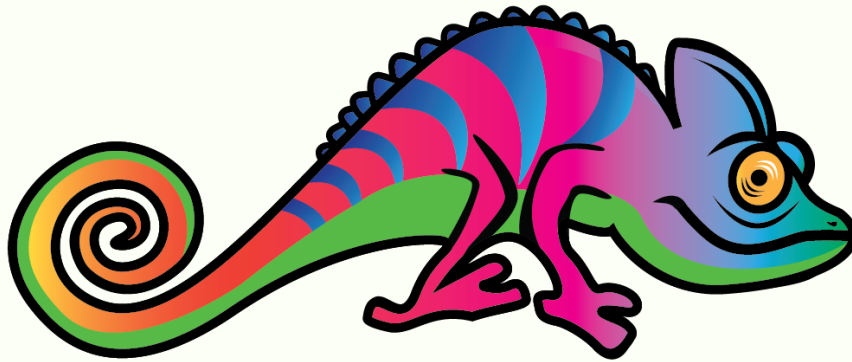


CHAMELEON CHRONICLES



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR JORDAN VALLEY SCHOOL.



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Upcoming Dates

- 6** - No School
Every Friday -
Chameleon of the Week
PBIS Celebrations
- 15** - Class Field Trips to
the State Fair
- 22 & 23** - Parent Teacher
Conferences
- 24** - No School

Welcome to our New Staff

Curtis Sanderson, Music Therapist

Curtis graduated from Utah State University in music therapy. He completed his internship at Hartvigsen School. Music and psychology have always been passions for Curtis. When he discovered music therapy as a field, Curtis dove in, never looked back, and couldn't be happier with his career choice. Curtis's life at home is very full. He and his wife have 5 energetic kids who light up the world. Curtis is beyond excited to come work at Jordan Valley! He is looking forward to getting to know everyone!

Carolyn West, Middle School Classroom Teacher

I am joining Jordan Valley's amazing team of teachers this year and I could not be more excited!! Some of you may recognize me name as I have been a paraeducator at Jordan Valley for 9 years prior to COVID. This past December, while I was working in an online classroom I graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor's in Family, Community, and Human Development. I also have a minor in Psychology. I will be returning to the U in the fall to pursue a 2nd Bachelor's degree in Special Education. I am a single mother with 4 children, 2 dogs and 3 cats, I adore my little family at home and am so very excited to be re-joining my Jordan Valley family. I look forward to the year ahead, the opportunities to get to know those of you I don't, and most of all the joy of being back in the classroom with the kids!!

New Staff Continued...

Eric Shiring - Beverly T. Sorenson Arts Teacher

Eric recently moved to Salt Lake from London, U.K. where he graduated with his Master of Fine Arts in Choreography with distinctions. He has been teaching and professionally performing for over sixteen years. He specializes in dance composition, ballet, jazz, modern, improvisation, and musical theatre. He also teaches at Gravity Dance Studio as one of their ballet directors and instructors. I have worked for Disney, Universal Studios, short film productions, live performance, several dance companies, and music videos. I have spent some time doing musical theatre, commercials, and working with improvisational groups. He's very excited to get to know the students and how he can support their programming.



Brittany Dalglish, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Brittany attended Utah State University where she discovered her passion for occupational therapy. She graduated from the Salt Lake Community College accredited OTA program in 2020. She is ecstatic to join the team here at Jordan Valley and to begin building relationships and working one on one with the students to reach their OT/ educational goals. In her free time, she enjoys playing the cello, playing with her nieces and nephews, playing pickleball and frisbee. Her life motto is, " You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

Megan Okumura, Paraeducator in Deven Perry's class

Megan is currently an online student at Utah State University majoring in Special Education with an emphasis in severe disabilities. She loves to go hiking, backpacking, camping, and river rafting. Her favorite thing to do is paint and play board games with her family. She has a cute dog named Kylo Ren. she loves to take him for walks and play with him.

Kortnee Spencer, paraprofessional in Kelsie Wilson's class

Kortnee is 25 years old and loves to make resin art, paint, cook, hike and camp with her family. She also loves attending concerts whenever she can and playing with her animals.

Volunteers

We love volunteers! There are many ways you can become one. You can connect with your student's teacher and brainstorm how you can support them from home or at school. You can join our School Community Council where we discuss safety and functional goals for the school to focus on. You can also join the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) that helps staff and students throughout the year. Complete the District Volunteer form at <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/volunteer/> so we can add you to our volunteer list!

Spoofting Scam

I wanted to make you aware that a number of Canyons District principals, PTA members, and School Community Council members have recently been targeted by cyber criminals in spoofing scams. With spoofing, or imposter schemes, scammers pretend to be someone you trust in order to convince you to send them money. They often purport to be a school principal, for example, who is seeking a gift card in support of a school cause. The good news is that none of the District's or school's computer systems have been compromised. Canyons District has robust tools in place to catch and prevent spoofing and phishing. But it's important to be vigilant. The reality is that spoofing scams are a growing problem worldwide, and the best defense is to know what to look for to protect yourself. Attached is a flyer with tips for identifying imposter fraud, the best advice being:

- As a principal, I will never email you from my work account or a personal email account to request money or the purchase of a gift.
- If a CSD employee's message comes to you from an address you don't recognize, or that doesn't end in canyonsdistrict.org, treat it as suspect and report it to the school.

School Community Council

Would you like to be more involved at Jordan Valley? We are always looking for additional guardians to participate on the School Community Council (SCC). This group meets once a month to review school data, safety plans, and discuss Land Trust and TSSP expenditures. We welcome all. Please fill out the attached SCC form to be added to our council. Our first meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10th at 3:30pm at Jordan Valley School.

Positively PTA

Hello Jordan Valley Families and Happy New School Year! We hope that your year is off to a great start! It was fun to see so many smiling faces at Back-to-School Night. We would love to invite you to join the Jordan Valley PTA, so that we can keep you up to date on everything that we are doing for our school. Volunteer hours are not required, but we would love to have you if you have the time. You can join our PTA at <https://jordanvalley.memberhub.com/store> or if you come into the school, there is an envelope in the front office.

You are always welcome to call or text with any questions or concerns.

We hope to see you soon!

Becca Stradling
Jordan Valley PTA President
602-930-0464



Successful Start Up

Students and Staff had a successful return to Jordan Valley last month! We have 94 students enrolled this year in 11 different classrooms. The pool is back up and running allowing our students to practice safety habits in and around the pool. It is also helping relax and stretch muscles. We are so thankful our students can be in the pool again! Our very first fire drill was practiced and students demonstrated their ability to listen and follow directions. We are thankful to have such caring staff that know how to support the students in an emergency.

School Swag

New to Jordan Valley? Ready to add more school spirit to your closet? This is your chance!

School Store for apparel will be open September 22-30. The link to access the school apparel will be sent in a Skylert just before it opens. The store will be open for one week, so mark your calendar!

