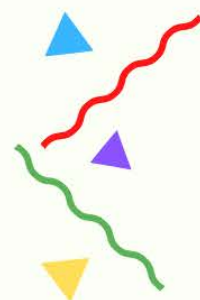
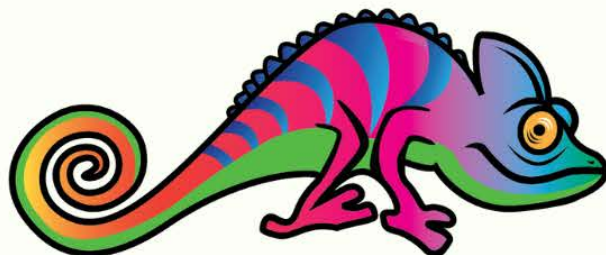


AUGUST 2022

CHAMELEON CHRONICLES

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR JORDAN VALLEY SCHOOL.



August Issue:

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- New Staff Bios
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Calendar

Aug 1-5 Online Registration

August 11th - 4:30-6:00
Back to School Night

August 15th - First Day of
School

August 18th - First Day for
Kindergarteners

Welcome to our New Staff

Amy Alger is one of the new speech therapists at Jordan Valley. She lives in South Jordan with her family. In her spare time she likes to hike, travel, watch fireworks and eat! She is just finishing up her Masters degree in Speech Language Pathology from Idaho State University. I have worked for the last 4 years at Spectrum Academy Charter School, which specializes in students with Autism. I love working with this population and cannot wait to join the Jordan Valley team and see the progress students can make with their functional communication efforts.

Jennifer Christensen was a long-term substitute for us last year and is now completing her student teaching in her own classroom with us this year. She was born and raised in Salt Lake City. She studied English at the University of Utah and received a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is about to graduate with her Master's Degree in Special Education from Grand Canyon University. She was working as a Cosmetic Laser Technician and living in Jackson, Wyoming. She has 3 children and they enjoy hiking, white water rafting, and skiing.

Elizabeth Fuchs is joining our communication team! She was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and completed her undergrad degree in Family and Human Development at Southern Virginia University and later received a Masters in Speech-Language Pathology at Boston University. She's played tennis her whole life and loves all sports. She also enjoys movies, podcasts, reading, and exploring new places. She loves working with children and helping them improve their communication skills. She's excited to start her first year at Jordan Valley!

Kara Henrie graduated from the University of Utah where she received her Ed.S. in Educational Psychology. She also is a Licensed Behavior Analyst/BCBA. She has worked in multiple school districts and in a clinical setting practicing within Utah where she gained experiences evaluating within multi-disciplinary teams and providing behavioral and counseling services for students of various age ranges and various needs and supports. Kara is now the school psychologist at Jordan Valley School and enjoys camping and hiking with her dogs.



New Staff Continued...

Dana Lea... soon to be Pettinato is our new Music Therapist! She attended Berklee College of Music, where she completed her music therapy degree and later went on to complete her internship at Primary Children's Hospital & Kauri Sue Hamilton School in Jordan District! She has been working in the field for a total of four years and has recently started studying American Sign Language in order to broaden her communication skills with her non-verbal and deaf clients. Outside of work, she enjoys trail-running, bouldering, and spending time with her fiancé and their dog, Kodiak. She is SO excited to join the Jordan Valley family and be apart of such a wonderful school!

Liane Lipscomb is so happy to be joining the Jordan Valley team! She loves working with kids and is thrilled to meet new students and new Canyons co-workers. When she is not at work, she loves spending time working out, gardening and cooking with all the things she grows. She is excited to start a next adventure with Jordan Valley and to be a Chameleon!

Chloe Neuberger is from San Antonio, Texas. She loves Mexican food, Dr. Pepper and anything sweet!! Outside of school she enjoys reading and doing things outside. She moved to Utah to attend Utah State University and recently graduated in December 2021 with a degree in Special Education. She has had the amazing opportunity to see how schools in other countries work. Recently, she spent her summer working at a school for individuals with autism in Kenya. She is so excited to work at Jordan Valley and meet everyone!

Jenny Warner will begin her seventh year of teaching this fall. She just moved with her family to Utah from Montana and is so excited to be a part of Jordan Valley School! She has worked in Special Education for 20+ years in a variety of roles and classrooms. She started her journey as a Special Needs Assistant in the Independent Living and Delta classrooms while working on her degree and raising her two amazing children with her fabulous husband, Nate. Her husband is also a teacher and so they will both be starting at new places which feels like a breath of fresh air as they embark on this new chapter as a family. Jenny is looking forward to teaching here, learning from colleagues and working with amazing students! Here's to a great year!

PTA Corner

We are excited to introduce our PTA Board for the 2022-2023 school year!

Donata Trussell, President
Lori Woodley, President Elect
Tiffany Sisneros, Treasurer
Fia Amosa, Secretary
Ashley Wagner, Teacher Representative VP
Stacey Nofsinger, Administrator VP

Additional VPs will be identified for the following board assignments: Fundraising, Membership, Legislative, & Awards. If you're interested in helping with any of these, please reach out to a PTA Board member.

You can join our PTA online or at Back to School Night with a \$5.00 donation.

<https://jordanvalley.memberhub.com/store>

Also, everyone needs a little bit of JarViS in their wardrobe! We will be providing each student and staff member with a free t-shirt this year! Keep your eyes open for the size request form.



School Community Council

Our SCC is need of council members! This group meets once a month to review school data, safety plans, and discuss Land Trust and TSSP expenditures. Look for more information at Back to School Night. The Candidate forms will be available for anyone interested in running for the council. Our first meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9th at 3:30pm at Jordan Valley School.

Volunteers

Complete the District Volunteer form at <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/volunteer/> so we can add you to our volunteer list, allowing you to volunteer at school and on field trips! There are many ways you can volunteer your time. You can connect with your student's teacher and brainstorm how you can support them from home or at school. You can also join the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) that helps staff and students throughout the year.

JarViS Recommends...

Activity




Each month we will provide an activity for you to do with your student, if you choose. We hope you have fun with it. Feel free to share pictures on our Facebook page!

Backyard Scavenger Hunt			
Find as many as you can and put an X through them.			
Garden 	Trampoline 	Playset 	Pool 
Grass 	Lawnmower 	Firepit 	Patio Table 
Grill 	Dirt 	Doghouse 	Water Hose 
Birdhouse 	Sandbox 	Tree 	Flower 

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<http://www.theresourcesforallmama.com/>

Recipe

Each month we'll provide a visual recipe for you to prepare with your student. Who doesn't love nachos!? Follow these simple steps:

1		Spread chips onto plate
2		Cover chips with handful (or more) of cheese
3		Add salsa or skip this step
4		Microwave for 2 minutes, dip in sour cream
5	Enjoy!	

