



## A CANYON GROVE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 27 2021

### I am **RESPONSIBLE** to do my best and to be my best.

What does it mean to be responsible?

To respond is to answer. To be responsible is to be answerable or accountable. We are each responsible for the kind of person we choose to be. Responsibility is about learning to direct our will and self-power. It is the ability to manage our actions and behavior, and to be accountable for our own choices. When we are responsible, we do all we can to contribute in positive ways and to work on becoming the best we can be. Responsibility is accountability in action. Being responsible is a sign of maturity, self-worth, and independence. Becoming responsible begins with opportunities for practicing it in childhood.

The well-known story of "The Little Red Hen" is a good option for an introductory family chat about the work-aspect of responsibility.



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# Goates Notes

BY KIM GOATES

Here's what a few parents shared:

- "Our children grow up knowing that when they make a mess, they clean up after themselves. Everybody is responsible to contribute to the well-being of our family. Everybody has jobs and chores to do. We often work and learn together. We try to make it fun, and hope our children gain the satisfaction and joy of a job well done."
- "We set the bar very high. Our children know that we have high expectations for them. We help them make goals that require them to stretch and grow and gain confidence in their own abilities and talents. Our high expectations help them to take ownership of their choices and actions. In our family, music, theater, dancing, and athletics are favorites. The children consistently practice, make mistakes, learn new things, and work hard. If they want to get really good at what they love--it's up to them to learn and do whatever it takes. My wife and I often praise them for their efforts."
- "Developing character and virtue is important to us. We teach personal responsibility by practicing our core values--being honest, keeping commitments, being polite and considerate of others, self-governing, learning from our mistakes, completing our work before play, obeying rules, apologizing and forgiving often, and by supporting each other through times of difficulty and achievement."



- When we act responsibly...**
- We do the things we need to do, when they need to be done.**
- We give our personal best effort.**
- We make good choices.**
- We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and choices, and their consequences.**
- We are accountable for our learning journey.**
- We take care of ourselves, and those around us.**
- We take care of our duties, and chores.**
- We take care of our personal possessions and our surroundings.**
- We plan and prepare ahead.**
- We are dependable.**
- We share.**
- We show and express appreciation.**
- We ask for help when we need it.**
- We speak up and stand up for what is fair, right, and kind.**
- We follow our best intuition.**
- We act on generous thoughts and impressions.**
- We commit to achieve our goals and dreams.**
- We follow through and finish what we begin.**
- We live true to our core values and standards.**
- We see a need and fill it.**
- We apologize and forgive.**
- We learn from our mistakes and failures.**
- We solve problems.**
- We do hard things.**
- We approach difficulty with courage and hope.**
- We don't give up. We keep on keeping on.**

**WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OURSELVES, EACH OTHER,  
AND THE WORLD AROUND US.**

**YOU G.O.A.T. THIS!**



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# ADVENTURES AT-SCHOOL

FULL-TIME ON CAMPUS

## ALLY

Parent invites for Ally are coming this week. Watch your inbox!

You will love using Ally for watching your student progress and mastery of standards. All information regarding your child will be found here.

It's going to be AMAZING!

## INNOVATIONS & DISCOVERY

Grades 4-6: We have two more Mondays at the marina so send your students with their swimming/ paddle boarding gear.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 30-Sept 3

**Acadience Assessments**

Sep 16

**Family Skate**

Sign up now to reserve your spot

## Student Safety

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## EPIC

**Epic Day:** Be sure your ES is aware of any allergies your student(s) have.

Please arrive between 8:50am and 9am for Epic. Doors aren't open earlier as staff need time to prepare classrooms. 9am is our time to celebrate student learning and birthdays. We don't want your student to miss the fun!



Dive Deeper takes the Epic learning to a new level. Find links to additional Epic content that you can do at home with your students [here](#).

## INNOVATIONS & DISCOVERY

**Innovations:** The educational adventures begin right on time so please make sure you are dropping off your students by 8:50 am so we have time to get them checked in. We divide and walk to classes at 8:55 so we can start right at 9:00. Please remember that all students must be checked out with the staff member with the roll before you take them home. Please use the carpool lane and we will get your students to your car as quickly as possible.

**Discovery:** Please make sure you send your student with a water bottle marked with their name. There is not a water fountain at the marina. Swimsuits and sunscreen need to be on the students when they arrive.

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Please make sure that your students get a good nights sleep and eat a good breakfast so they are ready for assessments. IF you have headphones, please bring them.



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Zearn, ST Math, Imagine Learning, BrainPOP, and Lexia logins have been sent out. Your student can access these through their Ally dashboard. Please let your ES know if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance. Login information for other platforms will be arriving soon!



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Join the [Facebook](#) conversation:  
Pleasant Grove Innovative Learning Center

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Sept 8-15

### NWEA Assessments

Sep 1

### Speech & Debate

[Sign up now](#)

Sep 16

### Family Skate

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We couldn't be more thrilled at how much our Middle School has grown. Our Middle School students are a bright and talented bunch and we can't wait to see all the ways they will display their genius this year!

NWEA Testing: NWEA testing is an integral part of helping your students succeed. Middle School Students are scheduled for the NWEA on Wednesday September, 8th at 9 am. Look for a detailed letter called "What to plan for at NWEA" that will come to your email. For students who cannot make it on that date, we can pull them out on the following Tuesday at ILC during CGA class rotations (not ideal, no one wants to miss the farm class!) Or you can arrange a makeup time the following Wednesday with Sara Holt at [sara.holt@canyongrove.com](mailto:sara.holt@canyongrove.com).

Absences at ILC or Google Meets: If your student will be absent for ILC, please make Canyon Grove and Williamsburg aware of the absence so we can excuse them by emailing [curtis.hansen@canyongrove.com](mailto:curtis.hansen@canyongrove.com) and copying [jodi@williamsburglearning.com](mailto:jodi@williamsburglearning.com). You can also call the front desk. If they are going to miss their classes in Google Meets for CGA Humanities or CGA math, please email Mrs. Bauer (humanities) or Mr. Hansen (math). You can do this in Ally or Google Classroom.

Speech and Debate Openings: We are so excited for a fantastic new partnership with the Wasatch Independent Debate League.

Taking Speech and Debate class is a growth filled, character developing, mind expanding (and super fun) experience that students will not forget. There are still a few openings for our Canyon Grove class. Go to the Middle School page of the website for all the details and to register.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding Ally, Google or Williamsburg Classes, subscriptions or anything else, contact Sara Holt, the Middle School Supervisor at [sara.holt@canyongrove.com](mailto:sara.holt@canyongrove.com).

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