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# ALL EAGLES SOAR

Ensign Elementary PTA

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## OVERVIEW

### Thank You Teachers!

Teachers deserve all the thanks we can give them, so PTA shows its appreciation on a regular basis. We provided a Bagel Breakfast in August, dinner in September, and caramel apples in October.



Special thanks to parent Laila Lamani for sharing her time and culinary skills in the making of a spectacular dinner during SEP conferences on September 30th!

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#### Dates to Note

**Oct 24** - Spiritwear orders due.  
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**Oct 29** - 8:30 AM  
Halloween Costume Parade  
& Pumpkin Display

**Nov 5** - 11:30 AM PTA meeting

This newsletter is produced by the Ensign PTA. We welcome your contribution! To write an article for the next edition, contact [emilyneuman@gmail.com](mailto:emilyneuman@gmail.com) by November 1.

## Fine Arts Are On the Move at Ensign This Fall

by Ashley Anderson, Academic Enrichment Chair

Students's fine arts opportunities at Ensign have increased this fall with the addition of a dance specialist from the University of Utah who can teach side-by-side with our classroom teachers.

Dance Specialist Tristana Yegge integrates academic content with the fine arts core in 45 minute classes weekly. Ms. Tristana holds a BFA in Ballet and a BS in Economics. She loves teaching because she enjoys watching students develop their own language of personal self expression through dance.

Ms. Panameno's class has been practicing skip counting (by 2, 3, and 5) and has also been re-enacting a folk tale using action words. To prepare for their INFORMance, she's begun to introduce weather concepts like rain, wind, fog, snow, sun, and even tornadoes into their dancing.

At the end of the fall semester, both classes will perform a concluding dance. In the spring, Mrs. Stratford, Mrs. Cornelius and Mrs. Kean's classrooms will participate.

Last spring, the PTA secured funding from the Salt Lake City Arts Council and matched funds from Gallery Stroll to support five classrooms who were interested in a semester of creative dance.



*Is it a spider web? A bridge? An eroding arch? Ms. Tristana makes a connecting shape with 2nd-graders in Ms. S's class.*

The PTA would love to expand this opportunity to more classrooms. If you or your student are interested in dance at Ensign, join the Academic Enrichment Committee of PTA. Contact committee chair Ashley Anderson at [ashley.michelle.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.michelle.anderson@gmail.com).



Goal: \$15,000  
Raised: \$10,500

## Fall Fundraising Results

by Emily Neuman, Fall Fundraiser Chair

*Ensign PTA thanks every family for their participation in this fall's fundraiser. We did not reach our goal, but we did raise enough to continue supporting teachers with supply and field trip funds, small gifts of appreciation, and a Thank-You dinner during SEP conferences in September.*

**Donations are still welcome.** Send a check to Ensign PTA c/o the school or visit our website [EnsignPTA.org](http://EnsignPTA.org).