



Charger Chatter Newsletter

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PTSA Update

There is little doubt that Churchill Jr. High is a great school. Families move into this beautiful area partially because of the fantastic schools. 30-40% of the students at Churchill Jr. High are from out of the school's boundaries. Many of us choose to send our children to this school during open enrollment because of the great teachers, test results, and opportunities. But every successful organization needs volunteers and financial help to continue to be successful, and Churchill is no different.

Our parents need to be motivated to help our students and teachers to succeed. The more time you take out of your busy day to become involved with your child's education, the better. Being an involved parent can be as simple as helping your child with homework or even reading together. You don't have to make PTSA a full-time job to make a difference. However, volunteering occasionally and attending school events really matters. Showing your children you value education will teach them to value it as well.

The PTSA needs parents to provide the organizational skills and resources necessary to support our school. What that looks like is up to each individual family. There are many opportunities from birthday pizza lunches (45 min., 1x per month), to Reality Town (4 hours, 1x per year), to just attending a PTSA or Community Council meeting. We have opportunities to help after school hours counting box tops or creating bulletin boards and teacher appreciation gifts.

Along with other schools in the area, Churchill is struggling to find enough volunteers to educate your children strong and successful. Please visit www.churchilljrhighptsa.weebly.com.

Sincerely,
The Churchill Jr. High PTSA
Churchilljrhighptsa@gmail.com

Churchill PTSA Membership Update:

We are down 50 memberships from last year, and 78 from 2017. The programs in the school including intramural sports, lunchtime activities are still available to purchase for you, your spouse, or student on the Churchill Jr. High campus. Please contact us if you are one of those who have already purchased a membership this year! (Total memberships 2015-16=291)

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Community Council Update:

What is the Community Council?

<https://www.graniteschools.org/blog/2016/09/14/what-does-the-school-community-council-do/>

Public Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1:30 pm @ Churchill

THANK YOU! 2019-2020 Community Council Representatives:

Shannon Fischio - Chair & Parent

Chris Brussow - Parent

Heidi Romney - Vice-Chair & Parent

Amy Hall - Parent

Cris Brimley - Secretary

Katie Dahle - Parent

Tammy Miller - Parent

Julie Sasouda - School Employee

Steve Simos - Parent

Manu Collins-Peynaud - School Employee

Hollie Pettersson - Parent

Mary Anne Weibe-Strong - School Employee

Masha Schwankl - Parent

Employee Spotlight



Detective Bettina Allen

Unified Police Department
Millcreek Precinct
School Resource Officer
Churchill Jr. High School
BRAllen@updsl.org

One perk of volunteering frequently at school with the PTSA is getting to know the wonderful people who work with our students every day. These people truly care about our students. We would like to try to 'spotlight' one of them every month in order to give all parents a greater understanding of our school. *Please note the attachment about online safety included with this email from Detective Allen and the Unified Police.*

What Do You Do? My duties as a Junior High School Resource Officer (SRO) include assisting Admin with maintaining a safe environment for students. In that respect, I observe and report to Admin the things in the environment and student activities that I feel are a concern or should be rewarded. I walk the halls between classes. I try to project a friendly, approachable Police Officer presence, but also to remind students that I am a proactive presence and will not hesitate to do whatever needs to be done to protect students and the adults working at Churchill to provide them with an education.

What do you love at Churchill? I love coming in and greeting the students, talking to them and answering their questions. I try to memorize two new names every day..a daunting task, but I'm working at it!

What inspired you to become a police officer? My desire to become a Detective stemmed from my ever present desire to know and do more. As I have matured in my career, I have found that working to achieve long term solutions to criminal activity and other problems in my community has brought me much more satisfaction than the quick "collar". Both are valuable, but that's where I have focused my efforts, Community Oriented Policing.

What is your favorite part of Churchill? My favorite part of Churchill so far has been the super supportive staff and PTSA I get to work with. The students are fantastic too!

What is something people don't know about you? What most people don't know about me..hmm well, I have a grown son and three grandkids. I am a certified Chef from the Cordon Bleu Academy in Portland, Oregon. I have served in the Army as a Combat Field Medic and in the Air Force as a Fuel Systems Specialist on F-4 fighter jets...and been a Police Officer for over 18 and a half years.

Do you have any pets? I have one pet, my sweet German Shepard Boris. He is super lovable, not nearly as scary as he looks, but don't tell anyone!

Do you have any questions for parents? My only question for students and teachers would be to ask what you feel is a concern here at school and how can I help you to feel safer?

What would you like parents to know? I would like parents and students to know that I am always here if you have questions or concerns. You can call me at 801-783-8517.



Thank you for supporting our efforts to become a School of Excellence last year! Churchill Jr. was the only Jr. high/ Middle school in Utah to earn the distinction.

We need volunteers!! Thank you for your support!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73376D60FA0CFECC60-churchill>

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Upcoming:

- Halloween Hustle - Oct, 29, 2019
School Fun Run (Menchie's)
Lisa Doyle
- 8th Grade Parents!!
Reality Town - Nov. 13th
Shauna Godfrey needs 70-80 volunteers!!
Community members and parents of all grades
encouraged to participate.

Email ChurchilljrhighPTSA@gmail.com if you can help facilitate a committee.

Support Positive Behavior

Want to make a small donation that goes directly to Churchill JHS students?

Help us to encourage Churchill Junior High students to:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible



Students are given “Charger Checks” when they are caught being safe, responsible and respectful. Students can collect those checks and then exchange them for different levels of rewards. (Examples of rewards include pens, pencils, bracelets, candy, chips, headphones, drawstring backpacks, etc)

Parents are invited to click on the below QR Code to help us purchase those rewards from Amazon. You may also take donations (purchased elsewhere) to the front office.

You can also search for our Amazon Registry List – Churchill Junior High Salt Lake & Churchill PBIS