



### **Parent Education Network Hires Outreach Staff**

We did it! We are excited to announce that we found the final two members of our outreach staff! We'd like to introduce to you:

**Kelly Rogers**—Riverton, Lander, Dubois and Wind River Reservation

**Tammy Goich**—Rock Springs, Green River, Kemmerer and Evanston

Don't hesitate to contact them for questions, assistance or for ideas!

See their full information at our [website!](#)

### **Parent Involvement—At Home**

Just because you know how to read doesn't mean that you come equipped with the tools to help your struggling reader. There is much more to reading than just sounding out the words. Here are a few tips that just might help you through tonight's reading selection.

- Use picture clues—its ok to look at the pictures to try to figure out the word
- Chunk it up—break the word up into manageable pieces. Breaking up compound words, prefixes and suffixes work to help readers
- Keep reading—skip the word and read for meaning, look for clues then come back to try to solve the word mystery
- Use prior knowledge—does it look like other words, or can you relate it to what the story is about?

Look for more reading and word strategies at [Reading A-Z](#)

### **News You Can Use....**

#### **Time: The New Currency for Volunteers**

by Mark Levin

Without question, the single biggest challenge facing PTOs today is getting more parents involved in school activities. While this has been a concern of schools and parent groups for many, many years, it seems to be getting worse. Fewer parents attend meetings, participate in activities, or support the parents who do want to get involved. Why does it seem to get harder and harder each year? [more](#)

#### **Cultivating Parent Leaders: One District's Story**

by Roberta Furger

As a confident Louise Dodson guides a roomful of parents through the steps toward becoming advocates for their children and leaders in their schools, it's hard to believe that just a few years ago she was an angry, frustrated mom struggling to obtain services for her young son. [more](#)

#### **Getting an Education in Parent Involvement**

by: Emily Graham

A few years ago Liz Gardner's worst nightmare was speaking into a microphone at a PTO meeting. The mother of two overcame her fear of speaking to groups, and this summer she presented her plan to raise parental involvement in academics to the Kentucky commissioner of education. [more](#)



### **Good Apple Spotlight**

Eastside Elementary in Cody, WY celebrated their BINGO for Books by working not only with their parents and teachers, but actively involved the ideas and creativity of their children. Kids made all invitations and posters for the event, giving them a great reason to bring their parents to the activity! Congrats to Ann and the Eastside crew for this month's Good Apple Spotlight Award.

### **Activity Ideas**

**Math Night**—bring your math curriculum to life! Help parents understand the why behind "Why do we need to learn this!"

**Science Night**—get down and dirty with science! Make learning fun by conducting experiments with your kids!

**Trick or Treat for Books**—spooktacular event where reading is the tasty treat!

**Tech the Halls**—catch up to your kids! Learn how technology is integrated into their day!

**Jammies and Jingles Night**—snuggle up with a good book and celebrate the reason for the season!

### **Content Standards?**

*"Some parents attending seemed shocked at the complexity/purpose of the standards!"*

-TG,

**Westridge Elementary**