



# The Eagle Newsletter

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello parents and students. Have you noticed how cold the mornings have been lately? I happen to enjoy a bit of crisp morning air, but I cringe when I see our students showing up for school and lining up outside in shorts or without a jacket. Please dress your kids appropriately for school, realizing that they will be outside unless temperatures are well below zero. If they want to come in and have our free school breakfast, that is great—but afterwards they will still line up outside. Students need coats, hats, and gloves to protect against the weather, and I hope you'll encourage your kids to wear them.

I've also noticed a habit of some families showing up late for school. Please help your child build a sense of responsibility and dedication by making timely arrival at school a priority. It will help set a precedent for their future lives and make them better employees and citizens.

Another item to note is that we had our fall break this month, and I've heard great stories about vacations and hunting trips that occurred over the break. Coming up, we have Thanksgiving break next month and the Christmas break from December 18 to January 2. For those who are planning ahead even further out than that, our spring break is March 19 through April 1. These are wonderful, timely breaks given to families to help them visit relatives, take vacations, or just get a few needed appointments at the doctor and dentist completed. Make sure you are taking advantage of these breaks and not scheduling time out of school during regular school days. We've got such important instruction going on that missing days of school really affects the kids' performance. I hope you'll comply with these dates and get your relaxation in over these breaks.

Finally, I am happy to say we had our first Soaring Eagles assembly Wednesday, October 4. I enjoyed seeing the expressions on the students' faces who were honored to be part of the winning row. I think our program is effective and that the idea of "caught being good" has inspired helpful school citizens. We are regularly calling parents and reporting that their kids have been good listeners, kind classmates, and have acted in many other positive ways to make our school successful. Thanks for raising such great kids! We look forward to seeing more and more Soaring Eagles' names appear on our board and giving them a chance to be honored, too.



Come celebrate with the cutest spooks and ghouls in school. Monday, October 30, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Candy cannon goes off at 5:30!



*During the first Soaring Eagles Assembly, students got to try out the new bleachers.*

### To Do List:

- Turn in Box Tops for the school competition.
- Buy Halloween Carnival tickets in advance to save money.

### SYNC YOUR CALENDAR:

October 25 — PSAT test for high school sophomores

October 30, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. — Halloween carnival, gym & classrooms

November 1 & 2, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. — Parent Teacher Conferences high school; elementary by appointment

November 1 & 2, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Nov. 3 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — Book Fair, school cafeteria

November 10, 1:00 p.m. — Veteran's Day Assembly, gym. Family members and all veterans are invited to attend

For busing concerns, please call Teton Stage Lines: 529-8036

Please update your contact information in PowerSchool. You can opt-in for text alerts through this program (link is on the school website).



### JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

The junior high is happy to have their first team of girls starting in local club basketball. Our junior high team is being coached by faculty volunteers Michael VanDyke and Mitch Byrnes. The team will practice every Monday and Wednesday during November in the gym from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Games will be held against other regional charter schools in an intramural style format.

### HIGH SCHOOL SPOOK ALLEY

The high school student government is organizing a spook alley to be part of the school Halloween carnival on October 30. Students are needed to help set up at the end of the school day, as well as take down and put away items at the end of the carnival. Please contact a member of student government to volunteer.

## SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors will be applying to colleges as part of their advisory class this week and continuing through the month of November. Students are encouraged to research schools that they will be interested in. Idaho state schools are more affordable as they offer in-state tuition rates, but other schools offer great opportunities as well.

One great opportunity for seniors is the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship administered by the state Board of Education. The Opportunity Scholarship awards eligible applicants

up to \$3,500 per year and is renewable for up to four years. This is a need-based scholarship that requires a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

Another great scholarship is the Idaho Governor's Cup. This is a merit-based scholarship that requires community service, and a minimum GPA of 2.8. For more information about these and other scholarship opportunities, visit <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/scholarships/>

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### SPIRIT WEEK AND HOMECOMING

#### SPIRIT WEEK

Well this spirit week was a wild ride. On Monday everyone was dressed in their most comfortable PJs. It was a day made for a nap time that no one got. On Tuesday everyone's country roots came out, where students dressed in an outfit that they weren't afraid to get dirty. Now on Wednesday it was a bit more interesting. There were video game characters and other fictional heroes. It was nice to spend the day with characters that people loved.

Thursday saw students dress as if they were in the 80's and the 90's, and someone even came dressed like the 40's. On this day you could tell which time period students wished they could live in. Then Friday rolled around and everyone showed their team pride. Whether it was football, soccer, baseball, or any other sport, it was a good way to show your interests and find other fans like you.

Many people were sad that this fun week has to end, but at least we get to see it off with our awesome homecoming dance.

#### HOMECOMING

Homecoming was a blast from the past. The 50's theme was very popular among the students. The most interesting thing about the night was how many people knew the older music that was played, such as "Footloose," many Elvis songs, and music from the early 2000's.

We embraced the spirit of the Sock Hop, as we had everything that made this a real authentic 50's dance. We had Coca Cola products, an old cotton candy maker, and a milkshake machine. Most importantly, we heard all night that the dance was "a lot of fun" from the students in attendance. Even we were surprised by how many people were still at the dance before it ended. It was nice that there were barely any messes, and that take-down was much faster than setup. I can say that all of the high school kids who were at this party got a good night's sleep once they got home, exhausted from how much fun we all had.

— by Carleigh Garcia

## PFA HOSTS HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND BOX TOPS COLLECTION

The Halloween Carnival is coming up next week! It will be on Monday, October 30th, for family night. Things will kick off at 5:30 pm with a candy cannon! Games and food will be open from 5:30 to 7:30. At 7:30 in the gym we will announce the winners of the pumpkin decorating costume, have a costume parade, and one more blast of the candy cannon.

Tickets are now for sale for carnival games. If you pre-order your tickets, you get five for \$1.00. Tickets sold the night of the carnival are 4 for \$1.00. Order forms were sent home with your child, or you can ask for one in the front office. You can see a list of tickets per game on the PFA website.

### FAMILY PICTURES

PFA is offering family pictures for any families that would like to get their pictures done for Christmas. \$40.00 for family shot and individual child pictures. Basic Editing and an electronic version for your printing needs will be sent with a special code. Dates will be Friday and Saturday November 17th and November 18th.

## BOOK FAIR COMING!

In conjunction with Parent Teacher Conferences, the school library will be holding a book fair on Wednesday, Nov. 1, Thursday, Nov. 2, and concluding Friday, Nov. 3. The fair will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day, as well as after school on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come visit with their child before or after their scheduled conferences.

Studies show that when children get to choose their own books, their engagement in reading increases. Help your child develop a love of reading through the great book choices offered in our fair. Purchases help support our library as well; 50% of the proceeds go towards future library purchases.

Fliers should be going home with your children to preview the book titles available. Parent volunteers are also needed to help run the register during the fair hours. Contact the PFA if you can help out, or contact librarian Becci Christensen; bchristensen@teeagles.com or call the school at 552-0397.

### BOX TOPS CONTEST

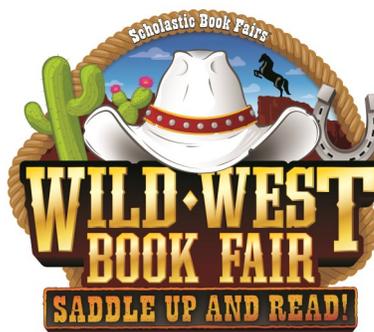
Box Tops are being collected now! The last day is October 25. Our contest this fall of-



fers great prizes for each student who brings in 100 or more, or for the class that collects 1500 or more. Please clip those Box Tops and save them to help our school earn money for teachers and classrooms supplies.

### NEXT MEETING:

- November 28



### TESTING DATE

#### OCTOBER 25, 8:00 A.M.

PSAT: sophomores. This is also the NMSQT test for possible college scholarships.

PSAT 8-9: freshmen. This test helps guide career choices and selection of college majors.

ASVAB: juniors and any seniors who have not taken the test. This test is administered by the armed forces, and helps guide selection of careers as well.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 1 & 2

The first set of parent teacher conferences will be held November 1 and 2. These conference are for the elementary, the junior high, and high school.

Junior high and high school parents will meet with teachers in the teachers' classrooms from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. each day.

Elementary parents are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the classroom teacher. Forms went home last week to select appointment times. If you did not receive one, call the school or send a note to the teacher.

### BOARD UPDATE

At the last board meeting, the criteria recommended to the board by the Leadership Premium Committee were approved. The Leadership Premium funds are funds that the SDE distributes to teachers for extra duties as outlined by Idaho Code 33-1004J. Also, the Interim Budget as presented by Mrs. Toop was also approved.

### PROFORM AIRBORNE JUMPERS

The ProForm jump rope clinic is held every Monday at 4:00 p.m. in our school gym. This is a fun group that is open to everyone, and a great way to exercise when the weather is cold outside.