



The Eagle Newsletter

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

About this time of year, we start feeling a little "cabin fever" at school. The wet, cold weather has kept us indoors when we wanted to be out. Many of our students have struggled with strep throat, viruses, and other infections. We appreciate parents who have kept their sick kids home to contain the spread of germs. We encourage all families to wash hands often, or use hand sanitizer, to prevent the spread of illness. Let's keep our school full of healthy kids!

To ease the "cabin fever" and restlessness of our students, I am excited about a new program our school will be participating in, called Fuel Up to Play 60. This program is sponsored by the National Dairy Council and NFL, and it encourages children to get 60 minutes of active play time each day—cold weather or not!

This program will be launched next week in a school-wide assembly, but I'll tell you a few of the highlights. The school has received a grant to help us improve our nutritional program. This will help us encourage students to eat breakfast and include healthy fruits and vegetables in their diets. You can help, too, by keeping nutrition in mind when selecting snacks and treats for after school or between meals. A fresh apple or healthy nuts are a great way to "fuel up" our kids to get ready to play. Then send them outside, or into a gym in cold weather, and let them get their 60 minutes of play time! We love having our school P.E. staff work with all the students—offering P.E. once a day for the elementary grades is something we are proud of. Instead of cutting back on physical fitness curriculum, we are adding to it



Above, Mr. Wendt joins with Beth Long, Food Service Director, and Blaine McNelly, P.E. teacher, to accept a grant from Lynette Meek from the Fuel Up to Play 60 Program.

and using this grant to bring daily physical fitness into the spotlight.

You can be a part of this great program in your homes. Just go to **FuelUpToPlay60.com**, and set a goal for your daily 60 minutes of activity. There are great ideas on the web site from other schools, and you can see how you can promote eating healthfully as well.

Make the commitment in your family to join

with our school in this program, and you'll see the benefits of active, healthy children. One final note: please remember to only drive to the school by using Wood River Drive. We've had success in curtailing our high school students' errant "short cuts." Now we need parents to remember that only one way is the correct way to get to school—off Lincoln road and up Wood River Drive. Thank you for your cooperation.

To Do List:

- Bring Box Tops to help our school! Give them to your child's classroom teacher by Feb. 19.



- Buy tickets for the Spring Dinner Auction by Feb. 29.

CALENDAR:

Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m. — Growth Mindset high school assembly

Feb. 23, 1:30 p.m. — Fuel Up to Play 60 Kick-off, gym, kids can wear team apparel

Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m. — National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m. — High School Game Night

Mar. 3, 7:00 pm — Idaho Heroes Open House by 4th Grade students, commons

Mar. 4 — Idaho Heroes 4th grade exhibits, classroom

Mar. 4, 6:30 p.m. — PFA Dinner and Auction Fund-raiser

Mar. 11, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Science Fair, gym

Mar. 21 – Apr. 1 — Spring Break, no school

Please note:

Please be courteous to our neighbors and continue to use Lincoln Road to access the school.





Above, left to right: Elyse Blanch, Bethany Landon, and Nevada Harris, our school's top three winners.

POETRY OUT LOUD WINNERS!

Our school held the second annual Poetry Out Loud competition on February 11. This is a recitation and performance of poetry sponsored by the National Foundation of the Arts. The first place winner goes on to represent the school in Boise at the state level.

Our participants included Elyse Blanch, James Droegemueller, Israel Garcia, Nevada Harris, Alexis Helms, Bethany Landon, Ryan Weber, Josh Fransen, Eddie

Blanch, Savanna Lott, and Olivia Harris. Each participant memorized two poems to present that evening. The performances were spectacular, and the audience appreciated their creative and dramatic approaches to each poem.

The winners were: first place, Bethany Landon; second place, Nevada Harris; and third place, Elyse Blanch. We wish Bethany luck as she performs in Boise next month!

NEXT ACTIVITY

High school game night

Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m.

\$2.00 per person

Minute to Win It Games in the gym, followed by table top games. Snacks available for sale.

MORP DANCE

The Morp dance was held Feb. 12. This dance had great attendance and a fun, casual atmosphere. The winners of the matching t-shirt contest were Sara Haroldsen and Kyra Smith. Congratulations!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MILK BARRELS FROM DAIRY COUNCIL



The high school students can get a cold, refreshing drink of milk each day at lunch, thanks to a grant from the Idaho Dairy Council. The food services department applied for a grant to help maintain the quality of the milk while students wait for lunch. The milk barrels, picture above, keep one milk crate in each container. Students can now enjoy this delicious beverage at ice-cold temperatures! Many thanks go out to the Idaho Dairy Council for their generous grant.

With the grant from the National Dairy Council, the school will also receive some new equipment. The kitchen has purchased a cheese grater, a fruit slicer, and other preparation equipment. The P.E. program has outlined the purchase of a regulation sized soccer goal, as well as softball gloves. We will also have jump ropes available, which were donated by Maverik.

PFA FUNDRAISER



Get ready for a fun night of barbecue and auctions! The spring dinner/auction is rapidly approaching. Please make sure your calendars are marked for March 4th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. Tickets are now available at the office, \$15 per person, or \$100 for a table of eight. We will be serving apricot glazed chicken or ribs. There will also be a live band, The Blue Stem, performing after dinner.

We still need more donations for the classroom baskets. The students have chosen a theme for their classroom. We are handing out a fun prize for each child who brings a donation. Thank you to those who have already donated!

The class room themes are:

Kindergarten — Family Movie Night

First Grade — Photo project, please donate money for frames

Second Grade — I Can Read

Third Grade — Game Night

Fourth Grade — Idaho themed pillows, preorder for \$25

Fifth Grade — Date Night/ Family Outing

Sixth Grade — Dessert/Baking

Seventh Grade — Pet Care

Eighth Grade — Sugar & Bacon

Please have items turned in by February 26th. We will be putting together a lot of other baskets, so if you have something to donate that doesn't fit into the theme of your child's basket, please bring it to the office and we will make use of it. Thank you for all your support!



Box Tops — Please send in your box tops! The due date is Feb. 19. The PFA will pick up the box tops on Monday morning, so get them to your classroom teacher! The class with the most donations will win an extra recess!

SCIENCE FAIR

It's coming! The school science fair will be held March 11, and students in elementary grades are encouraged to participate. Most projects take time, so find your project this week and let Mrs. Mel-drum know what you will be doing. Elementary students do not have to include a research paper with the project.

On March 11:

- Students must have their project set up in the gym and ready to go before school. Also, if the student is going to be absent on the 11th the project must be turned in before that day.
- The judging is taking place from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Students who have science that day will visit the fair during science. The others will come down with their teachers during the day.
- Parents are welcome to come any time after the judging is done until 6:30 p.m.
- All projects must be picked up as close to 6:30 as possible so people will be able to see them.

BOOK FAIR

The next Scholastic book fair will be held at the end of April. Encourage your student to save up their money to enjoy these fabulous books!

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

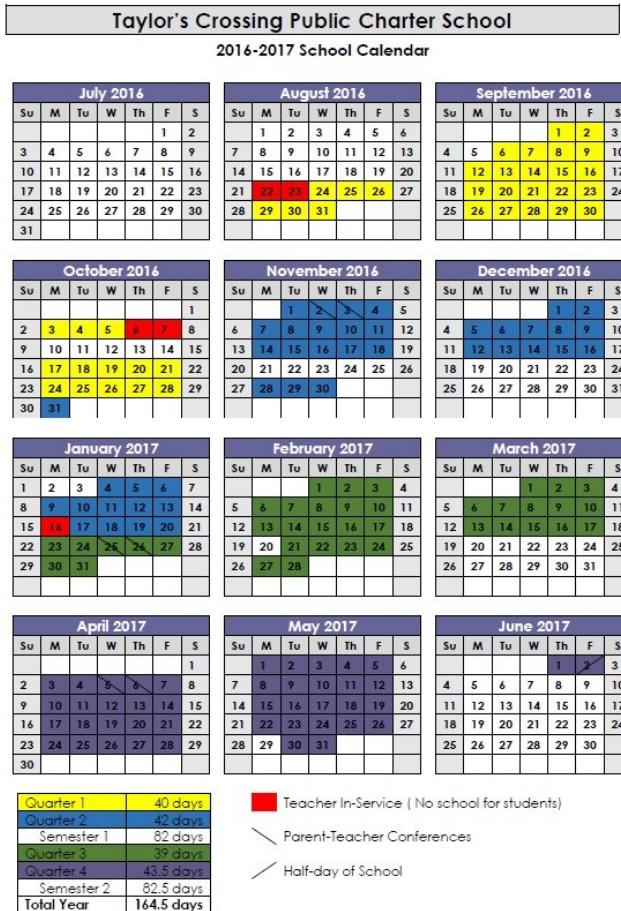
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BOARD NEWS

The board has been busy as they have updated policies and approved the interim budget. The meeting in January approved the formation of a high school Drama Club, which will run each Monday and Thursday for one hour after school. They also met in February to discuss an electronic device policy and a wellness policy. Copies of the policies will soon be made available on the web site.

CALENDAR

The board of directors approved the 2016-2017 school year calendar in their last board meeting. The following image shows the calendar, with days off for breaks in non-colored boxes. Please take a look and plan your family vacations and other time off accordingly.



LUNCH ROOM: JOIN THE KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

We are so excited to have the Fuel Up To Play 60 kickoff celebration this next Tuesday. We are calling it the Jumping Jersey Kick Off. We will have a professional Jump Rope Team here to demonstrate. Since the NFL is a sponsor of the Fuel Up To Play 60, we are encouraging anyone who can to wear their favorite team t-shirt or jersey. We are so excited for this opportunity to show off our school spirit and appreciation to the Dairy Council for the grant to make our Food Service Department and Physical Education programs better. The celebration will start at 1:15. The kitchen staff will have Cheese Quesadilla and Fresh Fruit to serve for the refreshments at the end of the celebration. Another item I need to mention is that Dr. Suess's birthday is March 2nd, so plan on a fun Suess-themed lunch on that day. Also parents please check your children's lunch balance and those that are charging I will have to start enforcing the No Charge Procedure because the end of school is quickly coming. Thanks and have a great month.

— Beth Long Food Service Director