



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Student Directories -Lexie has compiled the student directories and we're ready to email them out upon request! Please send either of us an email requesting the class(es) that you'd like (mcmillank@msd281.org and lhamma@msd281.org).

Children's Matinee Series - The Village Cinemas at Eastside Marketplace is once again offering the winter movie series. Series tickets (8 films for \$5) are sold in our school office. Films run Saturdays & Sundays at 10:30 a.m. starting on January 21st. \$1 of each series ticket sold is kept by the school and goes towards our International Day celebration fund.

Kindergarten Registration - Hard to believe that it's already time to start thinking about kindergarten registration for this fall! If you have a child that will be 5 on or before September 1st, 2017, please plan to call Lexie on March 1st to schedule your time to register your kiddo. Like last year, we're going to have two registration/screener days at each elementary school where parents schedule a time to come in and complete paperwork while your child rotates through stations assessing their literacy/numeracy skills, fine motor and speech skills. We will also have a hearing and vision screening station. This information helps us with class placements of our kindergarten friends in the fall. Our Lena registration/screening dates this spring will be April 12th and 13th. Again, please give Lexie a call after March 1st to get your time booked!

Bookabunga Day - Next Friday, March 3rd, we will be celebrating our annual Bookabunga Day! This day is set aside to celebrate reading in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday! Students and staff will have guest celebrity readers visit their classrooms throughout the day, such as: district administrators, police officers (including our Chief), firemen, Mayor Lambert, School Board

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members, and even the President of UI and Dean of Education! The Cat in the Hat will also be prowling around reading its favorite book to classes! Students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite PJ's that day to school (because it's so much more fun to read in your jammies). It's always one of the best days of the year at Lena!

Free/Reduced Lunch Form - This week we'll be sending home a free/reduced lunch form just in case you have had any changes in your income this winter. Even if you're not sure your child would eat breakfast or lunch at Lena, qualifying for the program helps our school. Our Title 1 (or ABC Club) is federally funded if our free/reduced lunch percentage is at or above the district average and we always seem to hover precariously at it! Thank you in advance for helping us out!

Book Character Day - Next Friday, March 10th is Book Character dress up day! Students and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. Thank you for keeping all toy weapons at home (just in case your child's character happens to carry one!). ☺

Elementary Science Fair - The 2017 Science Fair is almost here! All Moscow students from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to participate in the Science Fair. Students should select projects that match their interests and abilities. This voluntary activity should be fun and interesting and provide a chance for parents and students to work together. Prizes will be awarded to fifth-grade students for best overall project (\$300), and for honorable mention, best display, and most original idea (\$100). Registration is open until March 6. To register your child go to: <http://media.msd281.org/sciencefair>

Up-coming events:

3/1 - Kindergarten registration opens

3/3 - Bookabunga Day

3/6 - Registration for the Science Fair closes

3/10 - Book Character Day

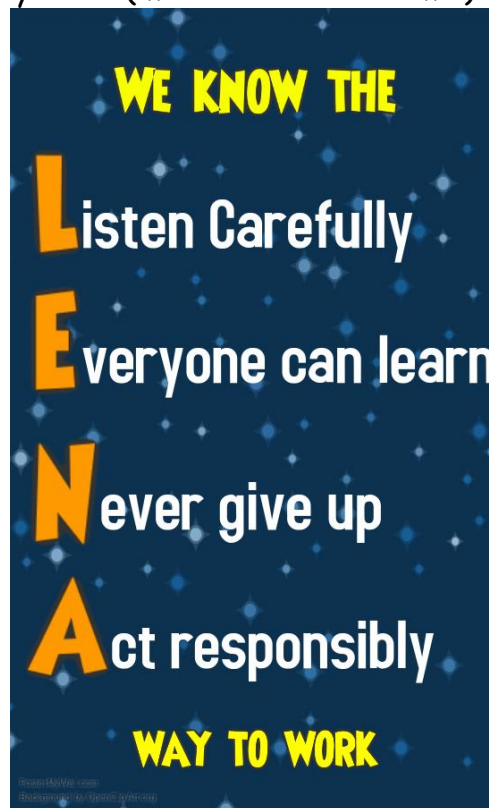
3/13 - 3/17 - No school, Spring Break ☺

3/20 - Reading is the Ticket log due to teacher

3/24 - PAT Family Bingo night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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3/27 - 3/31 - Artist in Residency week (more on that to come!)



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