



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Parent Bulletin, August 11, 2017

PAT Pool Night - I hope you can join us for our 3rd annual PAT Free Lena Pool Party, Sunday, August 20th from 7-9 p.m. at the HLAC. Former, current, and future Lena students and families are invited!

Class Lists - We will post the class lists on Friday, August 25th at 4 p.m. on our front windows as well as on our webpage under the "student and parent info" tab.

Back-To-School Night - We hope you can join us on Monday, August 28th from 5 - 6 p.m. for Back-to-School Night! This is a great time to meet your child's teacher, drop off school supplies, find out where they sit, where to line up on the first day, and pick up the beginning of the year paperwork. Parents can also pre-pay for the breakfast/lunch program in the gym with KaCee our cook. We'll be serving cookies in there as well! I look forward to seeing you!

First Day of School! - Tuesday, August 29th is the first day of school! School begins at 8:15 a.m. and unless eating breakfast, we would love for the kids to play outside on the playground until the bell rings at 8:15 a.m. so we can finish our last minute preparations for the big day! School ends at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2:15 p.m. on Fridays.

Busing - If you plan to have your child ride the bus to or from Lena each day, please be sure and contact Jim or Greg at the bus garage at 882-3933 before the first day of school. Please also give your child's teacher and/or the office a heads up that they are riding so we make sure they get on the bus!

Staffing Changes - There are a few new faces at our school this year and some staff in new places! We are excited to welcome James Johnson to first grade and Gena Hudelson as our

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third, 3rd grade teacher! This summer we also hired Ruth Reardon as our new Speech/Language Pathologist. Megan Cuellar transferred from 2nd grade to kindergarten and is now in room 10 and Lacey Watkins moved to room 1 (the kindergarten suite).

PAT Corn Hole Tournament/Potluck - Our wonderful PAT is hosting the first ever Lena Family Corn Hole Tournament on Thursday, September 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. on our playground. We'll have a potluck dinner as well so please bring a dish to share!

MSD Security Upgrades - The installation of security improvements in the Moscow School District is nearing completion. The overall goal of this project is to improve the safety and security of our students and staff through improved control of access into our facilities and video monitoring of transitional areas in and around each building. These improvements include interior and exterior security cameras and electronic door access controls, and the replacement of many exterior doors.

Starting on August 29, the first day of school, this will result in changes in how students, staff, parents and other patrons access our buildings. All visitors will be required to communicate with the school office via new intercom and camera systems located at the main entrance of each school before being allowed entry. We recognize that this is a significant change from the way we currently operate, but it is necessary to stay up to date with current trends in school safety and security.

Requesting the Use of District Facilities - Non-Moscow School District groups or individuals wishing to use District facilities for meetings or other activities must now submit requests via our on-line scheduling system. The link and a brief video tutorial on how to submit requests can be found at the MSD website (msd281.org) under either the Community Interest or Operations tabs.

Up-coming events:

8/20 - Lena family pool night, 7-9 p.m. at HLAC

8/25 - Class lists posted, 4 p.m.

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8/28 - Back-to-school night, 5-6 p.m.

8/29 - First day of school!

9/4 - No school, Labor Day

9/7 - PAT corn hole tournament and potluck, 5:30 p.m., Lena playground

9/11 - Fall PAT fundraiser begins (more on that to come)

9/14 - 5th grade field trip to Paradise Ridge Challenge Course; MMS back-to-school night, 6 p.m.

9/29 - Family Bingo Night, 6 p.m.

10/5 & 10/6 - No School, Professional Development Days

10/17 - individual picture day

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