



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Playground Changes - You may have already noticed that our wooden jungle gym on the playground has shrunk. 20+ years ago, our generous PAT purchased and installed that structure and over the past few years different parts have slowly been reaching the end of their lifespan. Our PAT will be sponsoring multiple fundraisers over the next year to raise the money for new playground items. Thank you in advance for your support and help!

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.

Lena Whitmore Elementary School is a community of caring people who believe that each individual has a right to a rich and rigorous education, to feel welcome, safe, and worthy of respect.

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.

Donations - Many thanks to the very generous anonymous family donations for room cooling/fan units for our classrooms! Our building's electrical supply does not support air conditioners at this time. However, one of our amazing Lena families started a donation drive and within days we were able to raise enough funds to purchase 21 fan units! We are anxiously waiting on their arrival as the heat continues! Thank you for helping our students and staff!

Up-coming events:

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); 4th grade parent night, 5:30 p.m.

9/12 - Kindergarten parent night, 5:30 p.m. in the library

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

9/19 - PAT meeting, 6:30 p.m. in our staff lounge

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

10/4 - Safe Routes to School Walk to School Day

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

10/17 - individual picture day