



## Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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### Parent Bulletin, September 25, 2016

New Literacy Law - This past legislative session, our ID State Board of Education passed a law to increase funding for k - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading intervention, with the purpose of increasing reading achievement in the primary grades. According to House Bills 451 and 526, any child, kindergarten through third grade, who scores a "1" (below grade level) or a "2" (near/at grade level) on the Fall Idaho Reading Indicator assessment will now have an additional 60 to 30 hours of reading intervention time over the course of the year above and beyond their core reading instruction with their classroom teacher and in addition to even Title 1 support (since we are a targeted-assistance Title 1 school). This extra literacy support could be in the form of additional instruction in the area of need from a reading paraprofessional during the day or before/after school, and/or additional time on an online supplemental reading program called Lexia. A purple letter was sent home last week notifying you if your child scored a "1" or "2" and then this week we'll send home their individualized literacy plan. Please let us know if you have any questions about their plan!

Elementary Orchestra - Our district's beginning and intermediate level elementary orchestra classes began this past week for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders before or after school (depending upon the class) at McDonald Elementary. Students can take the bus to and from McDonald if needed. If interested in joining, please email our orchestra teacher, Janet McIntosh at [mcintoshj@msd281.org](mailto:mcintoshj@msd281.org).

Spirit Fridays - We are ready to kick off our "Lena Spirit Fridays" this year! Please encourage your kiddo to wear their Lena gear on Fridays. The class with the "most spirit" earns the

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privilege of housing this awesome trophy for the week. You can see our Lena gear options on the bulletin board by the gym doors. Items can be bought in the office.

Toys and Trading Cards - We need your help...our building aides who supervise at recess have asked that our students please keep their toys, stuffed animals, and trading cards at home. They are causing drama on the playground. Thank you for your support! ☺

BoxTops For Education Drive - Our fall BoxTop drive will start on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and run through the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will send home a sheet to tape them onto so they're easier to send in. Be sure and put your child's name and teacher's name on them so that class gets credit for them. The class that brings in the most BoxTops receives a special treat from our PAT! Funds raised by the two BoxTop drives fund our Art Day in May!

PAT Mother/Son Breakfast - Mark your calendars for our annual special event...Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is our free mother/son breakfast in our cafeteria! This is a free event sponsored by our PAT. It begins at 7:15 a.m. and I will share the menu out once it's finalized!

Up-coming events:

10/5 - Walk to School Day

10/6 & 10/7 - No School, Professional Development Days

10/12-10/21 - BoxTops for Education drive

10/18 - individual picture day

10/25 - PAT Mother/son breakfast, 7:15 a.m.

10/31 & 11/1 - Parent/Teacher conferences, no school

10/31 & 11/1 - Fall Book Fair in our gym