



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Parent Bulletin, January 9, 2017

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).

Concert Recordings - As we've done in the past, our Winter Concert was filmed and posted on SchoolTube.com for families to share with others. Type "2016 Lena Whitmore" into the search engine to see them all! Enjoy!

Parking Around Lena - Heads up that with the snow piles on Blaine and First Street, the parking around Lena has gone from bad to worse! You may want to visit with your kiddo(s) about an alternative drop-off and pick-up location if you drive them to/from school. I would suggest the parking area on Cleveland down by the picnic shelter or towards the intersection of First and Cleveland.

Genuine Quality Group - Our awesome Mr. Briggs is launching a "Genuine Quality Group" with our fifth grade boys! Each month the boys will meet with Mr. Briggs at lunch and discuss/do an activity around goal setting, responsibility, chivalry, teamwork, leadership, and more! They will work towards one service learning project and present to 3rd-5th grade classes. Applications are due by this Tuesday, January 10th and fifth grade boys pick up the applications from Mr. Briggs.

Security Cameras (update from Charlie Gerke, MSD Operations Director) - As you may have noticed or heard from your kiddo(s), security cameras are being installed in and outside of our school. This project is being funded through the facility bond passed by our community four years ago. The overall goal of this project is to improve the safety and security of MSD

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students and staff through improved control of access into our facilities and monitoring of transitional areas in and around each building, both during and outside of regular school hours.

Geography Bee Semi-Finals - We're going to run the Geography Bees a little different this year and try separate 4th and 5th grade semi-final competitions. If your 4th/5th grader would like to participate, they should sign-up outside of Mrs. Weesner's classroom (up to 35 students per grade level can join). The dates of the semi-finals are noted below. Classroom teachers and Mrs. Weesner have more information on sites to practice. The final 4th/5th grade Geography Bee will take place in the library on 2/1 at 11 a.m. Good luck!

Extra Clothing Needed - Our loaner clothing closet could really benefit from some donations of new/gently used gloves/mittens and little girl underwear. If you have any of those items to spare, we would greatly appreciate it!

January Virtue Lessons - Our January virtue lesson this month is on "idealism"! Fifth grade Student Council officers and class representatives are going to assist Mrs. Raney and I with a special lesson this month. We start this Tuesday and I hope this is something your kiddo comes home and shares about!

Up-coming events:

1/10 - PAT at 6:30 p.m. in lounge

1/10 - 1/12 - Idaho Reading Indicator and winter benchmark testing in reading and math

1/16 - No school, MLK, Jr. Day

1/18 - 4th grade Geography semi-final bee, lunch time, in the library

1/20 - twin dress up day; 5th grade Geography semi-final bee, lunch time, in the library

1/25 - 4th and 5th grade spelling bee, 8:30 a.m. in gym

1/27 - No school, data analysis/teacher workday

1/31 - Title 1 Family Dinner Night, 6-7 p.m.

2/1 - Polar Walk to School; 1st-3rd grade Spelling Bee in gym, 9:30 a.m.; 4th/5th grade Geography Bee in library, 11 a.m.

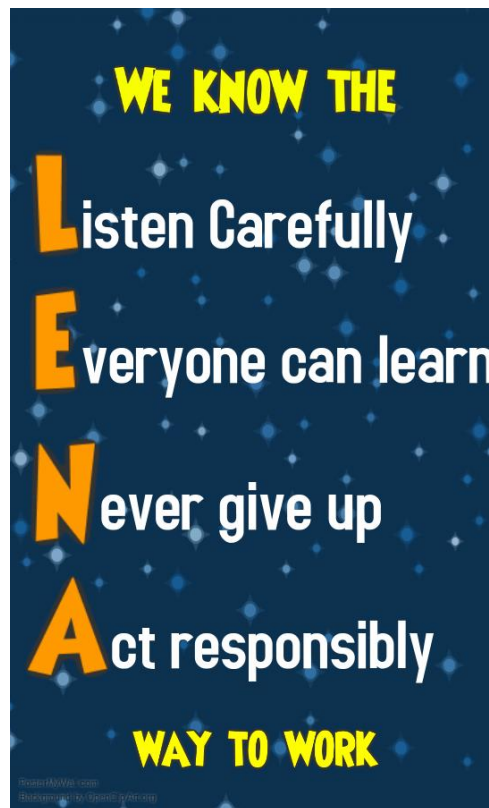
2/16 - Color War dress up day (kindergarten - tie-dye; 1st grade - green; 2nd grade - black; 3rd grade - white; 4th grade - blue; 5th grade - pink)

2/17 - No school, professional development/curriculum day

2/20 - No school, Presidents' Day

2/21 - PAT at 6:30 p.m. in lounge

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