



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

110 South Blaine St., Moscow, ID 83843
208-882-2621 FAX: 208-892-1202
www.ms281.org/lena

Parent Bulletin, August 27, 2017

Class Lists - Our class lists are posted 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 - We are excited to welcome Rachel Marone to our Lena family! Rachel will be working full-time as a special education paraprofessional. Also joining us as literacy paraprofessionals are Lorie Quist, Lori Stedman, and Sarah Bergdahl. We are still looking to fill some classroom aide hours each day due to class sizes being over the district limit. If you are interested in just an hour or so a day of work in a general education and/or pe/music classroom, please give me a call!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Up-coming events:

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

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