



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Parent Informational Nights -Over the next two weeks, we will be hosting informational nights for those parents with children in kindergarten, fourth, and/or fifth grade. While there are changes from every grade level to the next, more questions seem to arise at these three grade levels than any other. Our goal with these informational nights is to review procedures, curriculum, expectations, and at the 4th and 5th grade nights we will review grading practices. This week we will be hosting our 4th grade parent night on Wednesday, 9/7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (in your child's classroom). On Thursday 9/8, we will be hosting the 5th grade parent night from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (in your child's classroom). Next Monday, 9/12, we will be hosting the kindergarten parent night from 5:30-6:00 p.m. (in the library). We hope you can join us!

Fall Assessments and Data Analysis - Over the course of the next two weeks students at all grade levels will be given a variety of short reading and math assessments to determine who needs extra reading and math support as well as enrichment. Performance on these assessments are what qualify students for extra reading support through our Title 1 targeted assistance program with Mrs. Mahoney and Mrs. Howard (also known as "the ABC club"). At the end of the month, each grade level team will meet with Mrs. Mahoney, our special education teachers, gifted and talented teacher, counselor, and myself to review the data and determine who needs extra support/enrichment, when it will take place, who will provide it, and with what materials. Over the course of the first semester, our grade level teams will meet again in November to review progress made. Then in January, another round of mid-year assessment takes place and we repeat the process second semester! In my opinion, this data review and planning process is a key to our academic success with students. I appreciate how much time

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and energy our staff puts into reviewing data and developing individualized interventions for our kids!

PAT Fall Fundraiser - Our PAT is sponsoring a fall wrapping paper fundraiser that begins on Tuesday, 9/6 and ends on 9/16. PAT Officers will be coming around to classes on 9/6 to share about the details of the fundraiser and pass out the catalogs. Please let us know if you have any questions! Our fabulous PAT most recently supported our school with an incredible donation towards updating our lab. We now have a 30 student station lab of Chromeboxes for student projects, keyboarding, and testing! Many thanks to our parents and community for their generous support!

Counselor's Website & Virtues - Meghan Raney, our amazing school counselor, has a great website that shares about her program and special groups she offers to help our students. Please check it out at: <http://lenacounselor.weebly.com>. Our virtue lesson topic this month is respect...please ask your child about it! ☺

Community Flyers - Last year our district moved to having all community flyers posted on our website instead of sent home in Wednesday folders. To access the flyers about the many wonderful events and activities taking place in our community, please go to the district website (www.msd281.org), click on the "community interest" tab and then under that "community event flyers".

Up-coming events:

- 9/6 - PAT Fall fundraiser starts (ends on 9/16)
- 9/7 - 4th grade parent night, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in your child's classroom
- 9/8 - 5th grade parent night, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in your child's classroom
- 9/9 - 5th grade field trip to Paradise Ridge Challenge Course, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 9/12 - Kindergarten parent night, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the library
- 9/20 - PAT, 6:30 p.m. in staff lounge
- 9/23 - 5th grade field trip to Festival Dance performance in Pullman, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- 10/6 & 10/7 - No School, Professional Development Days
- 10/18 - individual picture day

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