



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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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! They arrived on Friday and felt great with the smoky air and warm temperatures this past week!

Elementary Orchestra - Beginning or intermediate level orchestra is starting up again for 4th and 5th graders. Rehearsals are in the MMS band room on Tuesday/Wednesday from 3:30-4:15 for the beginning level and Wednesday/Friday from 7-7:45 a.m. for intermediate level students. There is a parent meeting on Tuesday, 9/19 at 5:45 p.m. in the MMS band room. Janet McIntosh is the teacher and you can reach her at 882-2343 for more information!

Elementary Choir - The Moscow Elementary Choir begins rehearsals this Monday, 9/11 from 3:20-4:30 p.m. in the Russell School music room. Rehearsals are held every Monday and Thursday. It is open to all students, grades 3 - 6 and costs \$35 per semester. Lisa Steckel is the director and you can reach her at 882-2715.

Parent Informational Nights - This Monday, 9/11, we will be hosting our fourth grade parent night at 5:30 p.m. in your child's classroom. On Tuesday, 9/12, we will be holding 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. We are also piloting the new Idaho Reading Indicator at our school at grades k - 3. It is a computer-based assessment

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called iStation and we're looking forward to the comprehensive picture it gives us about each child's reading abilities. Next week, each grade level team will meet with Mrs. Mahoney, our exceptional child and extended learning teachers, 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 and energy our staff puts into reviewing data and developing individualized interventions for our kids!

PAT Fall Fundraiser - Our PAT is sponsoring a fall fundraiser with Charleston Wrap that began on Friday, 9/8 and ends on Friday, 9/22. 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 have a 30 student station lab of Chromeboxes for student projects, keyboarding, and testing! Our next BIG fundraiser project will be new playground equipment to replace the outdated items! Many thanks to our parents and community for their generous support!

Up-coming events:

9/9 - Fall PAT fundraiser; 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

9/22 - Fundraiser ends...please send order forms and money to the office

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

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