



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Parent Bulletin, September 11, 2016

Parent Informational Night - This Monday, 9/12, we will be hosting our 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 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 began on Tuesday, 9/6 and ends on 9/16. 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!

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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".

New Math Program - This spring our district adopted a new math curriculum called "Eureka" for our kindergarten through fifth grade. Prior to school starting, all teachers and paraprofessionals received two days of training. This program is based upon Common Core Standards and focuses on a deeper understanding of how place value and algorithms work (not just memorizing the steps). Look for more information to come home from your child's teacher!

Elementary Choir - The elementary choir begins tomorrow and runs every Monday and Thursday from 3:20-4:30 p.m. at Russell Elementary for grades 3-5. Sign-up forms are located on the district website under the "community interest" tab. If your child is participating, please let them know that we will gather them all by the office so they can walk together to Russell each time.

Up-coming events:

9/12 - Kindergarten parent night, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the library

9/14 - Moscow High School Open House, 6 p.m.

9/15 - Moscow Middle School Open House, 6 p.m.

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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