



## Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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### Parent Bulletin, September 18, 2016

PAT Fall Fundraiser - It's not too late to send in your fundraiser order and money by noon this Monday, 9/19. Many thanks to all of you who sold items! We appreciate your support!

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](http://www.msd281.org)), click on the "community interest" tab and then under that "community event flyers".

New Literacy Law - This past legislative session, our ID State Board of Education passed a law to increase funding for k - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading intervention, with the purpose of increasing reading achievement in the primary grades. According to House Bills 451 and 526, any child, kindergarten through third grade, who scores a "1" (below grade level) or a "2" (near/at grade level) on the Fall Idaho Reading Indicator assessment will now have an additional 60 to 30 hours of reading intervention time over the course of the year above and beyond their core reading instruction with their classroom teacher and in addition to even Title 1 support (since we are a targeted-assistance Title 1 school). This extra literacy support could be in the form of additional instruction in the area of need from a reading paraprofessional during the day or before/after school, and/or additional time on an online supplemental reading program called Lexia. A letter will be sent home this week notifying you if your child scored a "1" or "2" and then the following week we'll send home their individualized literacy plan. Please let us know if you have any questions about their plan!

*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.*

PAT Mother/Son Breakfast - Mark your calendars for our annual special event...Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is our free mother/son breakfast in our cafeteria! This is a free event sponsored by our PAT. It begins at 7:15 a.m. and I will share the menu out once it's finalized!

Up-coming events:

9/20 - PAT, 6:30 p.m. in staff lounge

9/23 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Festival Dance performance in Pullman, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

10/5 - Walk to School Day

10/6 & 10/7 - No School, Professional Development Days

10/18 - individual picture day

10/25 - PAT Mother/son breakfast, 7:15 a.m.

10/31 & 11/1 - Parent/Teacher conferences, no school

10/31 & 11/1 - Fall Book Fair in our gym