



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Mindset Focus This Year - Throughout this year, our staff is participating in a book study together using the book *Mindsets in the Classroom* by Mary Cay Ricci. This book is based upon the work of Dr. Carol Dweck around fixed and growth mindsets. This research is about how intelligence can be developed with persistence, hard work, and effort. Throughout the year, I hope your child(ren) will share some of the things they are learning about (such as for starters what is a growth mindset, the difference between a fixed and growth mindset, and the learning cycle). I'll share more each month about the focus of our book study chapters, in what ways it is transferring to our students, and how you can support this at home!

November Virtues - Following along with the growth mindset philosophy, our virtue for this month is "perseverance"! Throughout this month, Mrs. Raney and I visit each classroom and discuss what the virtue means and how we practice it at home and school. This month, students in grades second on up are writing a letter to their parents about what goal they are working on this second quarter, ways they can reach it, and how they will know they've met it.

Retakes - This Wednesday, November 9th is picture retakes in the morning. Please let your child's teacher know if they need retakes...they can get them redone for any reason whatsoever.

Keyboarding - Keyboarding lessons have begun in grades two on up with Mr. Briggs every Thursday and Friday. Many students have been asking how they can practice at home (which is awesome!). There are many free keyboarding sites, but one we'd recommend is www.typing.com.

Parent Survey - In an effort to continue the improvement of the operations of the Moscow School District, Lena Whitmore Elementary is participating in a District Parent Survey. We value your opinion as a stakeholder and parent, and ask that you take some time to complete the *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.*

survey. The survey will remain open through November 15th. Please use the following link to bring you to the Moscow School District Survey, choose your language, and then choose Lena Whitmore Elementary School from the drop down menu.

<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/11345/p31487>

Student Directories -Lexie has compiled the student directories and we're ready to email them out upon request! Please send either of us an email requesting the class(es) that you'd like (mcmillank@msd281.org and lhamma@msd281.org).

Student Council -Student Council election process kicked off last week and we had the most candidates ever wanting to run! Fifth grade students are able to run for the office of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers meet with 3rd-5th grade classroom representatives each month to discuss and plan Student Store, theme dress up days, Sock Hop theme, and more! Mrs. Druffel and Mr. Briggs are the teacher representatives helping us this year. Our election assembly takes place on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th, at 9:20 a.m. in our gym. Students and staff cast their ballots electronically after the assembly. We'll announce our 2016-17 Student Council officers at the end of the day.

PAT Family Bingo Night - This Friday, November 11th is our annual Family Bingo Night from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in our gym. We'll have pizza, pop/water, and candy for sale again. Bingo cards are \$1 each and/or 6 for \$5. I'm certain we'll have a few "celebrity" guest bingo callers throughout the night! This is always a fun night for all families and I hope you can make it!

Up-coming events:

11/8 - Student Council Election Assembly, 9:20 a.m. in the gym

11/9 - Retakes in the library

11/11 - PAT Family Bingo Night, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

11/15 - Title 1 Family Dinner Night, 6 - 7 p.m.; Mrs. Mock's class visits Palouse Ice Rink for "Science on Ice"

11/21 - 11/25 - No school, Thanksgiving break

11/29 - PAT meeting in the lounge, 6:30 p.m.

12/13 - Winter Concert, 6 p.m. Nazarene Church

12/19 - 1/2/17 - Winter vacation, no school

1/3/17 - First day back for students

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