



WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 5, 2019

HOME OF THE COUGARS



Our Mission Statement is to assist and empower ALL students to reach their full potential in a safe environment.

December 12	6th Grade Band Concert 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
December 19	Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Christmas Concert 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
December 20	2 Hour Early Release at 12:40 p.m.
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Winter Break - No School
January 6	School Resumes
January 8	PTA Meeting 7:30 a.m. in the library - ALL WELCOME!!!
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 24	End of Quarter 2 - Non-Student Day
January 29	Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser Night

PTA News:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA Meeting will be January 8 @ 7:30 a.m. in the Library
- **Box Top Due Dates:**

February 26th

****Box Tops for Education is transitioning to digital only! Download the Box Top app today****

- **Papa Murphy's Fundraiser Dates:** January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29
- **Movie Night:** February 21st (movie TBD)
- **Own the Night ticket will be sold Friday, December 13 and Thursday, December 19 outside the Washington School office from 2:30-3:00**
- **Twilight Ski Dates**
 - **Daily:** December 26-31, 2019
 - **Friday & Saturdays:** January 3, 2020 - March 7, 2020
 - **Select Sundays:** January 19, 2020 & February 16, 2020



Cold/Wet Weather Expectations

At Washington Elementary we believe outside time is important for kids. We go outside even in the wet and/or cold weather. Please have your child come to school with appropriate outerwear and footwear so they can play outside. Sending extra dry clothes in their backpacks is always a good idea.

Thank you!

School Closure Text Messaging Alert

If you would like to receive text messages alerting you of school emergencies and closures, you have to first make sure that your information is in our School Messenger contact database. If it is not, you can sign up by using this [registration link](#) with LPOSD84 as the Site Access Code. You will be emailed a confirmation code that you must use to complete registration. Once registered you have to add your phone to your account settings by logging in [subscriber link](#). Once logged in, click on "Add More" under Contacts, enter your phone number and follow the instructions. You can login at any time to modify your settings.

Once your device is in our database, you must "Opt-In" to receive receive text message alerts.

1. To "Opt-In" Text "Y" to 67587 from each wireless device you wish to receive alerts on.
2. To "Opt-Out" Text "STOP" to 67587 and alerts will stop coming to that device.
3. When you text to 67587, you should receive a confirmation message back.

How LPOSD makes school closure decisions:

- Transportation department will start driving roads and checking conditions at 3:00am. Weather forecasts will be watched closely.
- A recommendation from the transportation department will be given no later than 4:30 am and the final call for a closure will be made no later than 5:30am.
- If school is closed each employee and parents (if registered to receive) will receive a phone message, a text, and email about the closure. If you are in spotty cell service the message may be unclear, so please check email.
- The school closure hotline is 208-263-2312 for all parents and patrons to call if needed. Television,radio,LPOSD website,and Lake Pend Oreille School District Facebook will also have the notification.



Title 1 Support



Have you filled out a Free and Reduced meal application this school year? Did you know that Title I Reading support is funded from our low income eligible student numbers and positively affects ALL students? **At Washington Elementary, Title I funds a 0.5 teacher and support staff, as well as educational resources and family event nights.**

If you have not already completed an application or received an eligibility approval letter via U.S. mail from LPOSD's Child Nutrition Program this school year please do so.

Free and Reduced Priced Meal Program

(A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EACH SCHOOL YEAR)

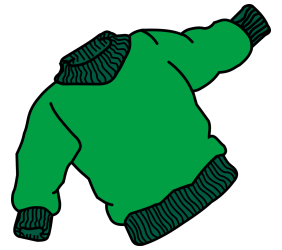
All households should submit a new application every school year! Families who participate in Bonner County's SNAP or TAFI programs through Health and Welfare will be on the Direct Certification list from Health & Welfare and do not need to complete a new application.

Go to: <http://www.lposd.org/LPOSDHOME/child-nutrition> to find: 2019-2020 Low Income Eligibility meal application form (prior year forms cannot be accepted), Medical Food Allergy Statement form, Breakfast and Lunch menus, Breakfast and Lunch Carbohydrate Counts, Mealtime online payment link, Meal Prices and much, much more information.



Lost and found is overflowing!!!

Please stop by lost and found (next to the office) to check for missing coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc...



Items not picked up before winter break will be donated.



❄️❄️❄️ Safe Routes to School - Winter Walking Tips: ❄️❄️❄️

Snow is on the way but walking to school can still be fun! Plan extra travel time, walk slowly, and be cautious of the ice. If there is fresh snow on the roadway, there is a potential for ice below the snow. Wear waterproof boots with good traction (it may also be a good idea to pack an extra pair of socks in case your feet do get wet). Dress in layers to stay warm ...don't forget your mittens, gloves, and hats. With fewer daylight hours, it is important to wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight so cars can see you from a distance. Cars can have difficulty stopping on the ice and slide into pedestrians easier, make sure and wait for a car to pass or stop completely before stepping into the roadway. Also remind your children to stand five giant steps back from the road when waiting for the bus. During winter break, please take the time to walk around Sandpoint or your neighborhood with your children to discuss winter car safety. Always take extra precautions to stay safe while you explore winter. Happy Holidays!



