



WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 9, 2019
HOME OF THE COUGARS



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

January 15	PTA Meeting 7:30 a.m. in the library
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
February 5	PTA Meeting 7:30 a.m. in the library
February 21	Movie Night

PTA News:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA Meetings will be January 15 & February 5 @ 7:30 a.m.
 - **Box Top Due Date:** 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 at the Washington School office.**
 - **Twilight Ski Dates**
 - **Daily: December 26-31, 2019**
 - **Friday & Saturdays: January 3, 2020 - March 7, 2020**
 - **Select Sundays: January 19, 2020 & February 16, 2020**

Hoop Shoot Winners

8-9 Mazie Miles

8-9 Blake McGrann

10-11 Knox Williams

10-11 Ellie Mire

12-13 Reese Burnett

12-13 Kai Longanecker



The contest was at Farmin-Stidwell on January 4th and these students represented
Washington Elementary!



Congratulations to Washington Spelling Bee Winners

4th grade -Brennen Roop
Dexter Simmons
5th grade -Sophia Taylor
Knox Williams
6th grade -Jace Dick
JaseyTreman

GOOD LUCK AT THE DISTRICT SPELLING BEE!

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.

Book Fair Thank You

Wow, what a wonderful, successful Scholastic Book Fair we had! Thank you so much to those of you that stopped by to shop and attend the special family event night. It was a lot of fun for all. Because of your generosity, we were able to "earn" a great number of new titles for the library. It is so awesome to see kids and parents get so excited about books! From all of the students and staff at Washington Elementary, thank you and happy reading!

A special thank you to my helpers, Stephanie Chamberlain, Derrick Chamberlain, Kelly Miller, Kathe Murphy, Nancy Wehrle, Tom Wehrle, and Gayle Wyborny Coyle. We couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely,

Ellen Frei, Librarian

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you completed a Free or Reduced meal application this school year?

If yes, thank you! Many federal, state and local grants use our district's 'Low Income Eligibility' percentages to determine if an individual school or district as a whole are eligible to apply for funding. The higher the percentage, the more likely eligibility will be considered. This is regardless if individuals who qualify choose to participate in the meal service program regularly.

It is our hope that all children are encouraged to eat in the school cafeteria. Our district participates in the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast Programs. We also participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program which provides supper, free of charge, to all students participating in the After-School Programs at Kootenai and Farmin Elementary. All meals served to children in our district's cafeterias follow the "School Meals Initiative" by using Nutrient Standard Menu Planning. Meals are nutritionally analyzed to provide the nutrients required to sustain optimum health and growth for children.

If you have not already completed a Low Income Eligibility (Free and/or Reduced) application this school year, or **if your income has decreased for any reason since you last applied or if your household size has increased, please take this opportunity to complete the attached application.** All information provided is confidential and not used for any purpose other than to identify individual eligibility. Only one application is needed per household.

If you are on the Food Stamp program in Bonner County, you do not need to complete an application. Your information has already been obtained directly from Health and Welfare Services.

If you have already completed an application this school year and have received an approval letter from me and have not had a decrease to your income or increase to your household size, there is no need to complete another application at this time. Thank you.

School meal prices, breakfast and lunch menus are available at all school locations and on our web page at www.lposd.org

If you have any questions about the Child Nutrition program, please contact me at 265-1569. It is our pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Coleman, CN, CFSM

Child Nutrition Director

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Drop off and pick up:

Have you ever dropped off a passenger at an airport and noticed that they are all one-way? This is because one-way streets improve safety for motorists and pedestrians during loading and unloading. Consistent with national safety guides, the street in front of WA Elementary, Erie Street, becomes a temporary one-way street during drop-off and pick-up times.

Similar to an airport, **drivers on Erie Street are required to remain in their vehicles; this area is for loading and unloading only.** On Erie Street, between Boyer and Lavina Avenues, vehicles will form three one-way lanes. The two inside lanes closest to the curb will be for active loading and unloading. The outside lane farthest from the curb is for exiting only; no loading or parking is permitted in the outside lane. Teachers will escort students and help guide vehicles within the loading zone.

Please, please do not use Lavina Ave or Boyer Ave as a drop-off or pick-up area. The new one-way is the safest route for our students. If you prefer to park and walk your student to school, please continue to do so outside of the loading zone. If you are not going to get out of your vehicle, please use the designated drop off and pick up zone. **Thank you for teaching your child to walk on the sidewalk and cross at designated crossing.** The one-way loading zone improves safety for all and especially aims to ensure safe practices once students leave a vehicle or school grounds.

