




# WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2017  
HOME OF THE COUGARS



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

January 26th - February 9th	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart
February 6th	PTA Papa Murphy's Fundraiser Night
February 10th	PTA Winter Social & Carnival 5:00 - 7:30 pm
February 20th	President's Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
March 1st	PTA Meeting in Library 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.
March 10th	Student Led Conferences – <u>Non-Student Day</u>
March 12th	Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward 1 Hour
March 14th	Levy Voting Day
March 17th	Happy St. Patrick's Day 

## FOOD DRIVE:

Way to go Washington School!!! Student Council's Food Drive in November brought in 1,033 pounds of food. Our school collected a total of 1, 259 items; with Mrs. Dickinson's class the overall winner in the class competition with 218 items. Thank you for helping us support the local food bank.



## P.E. News:



Jump Rope for Heart is January 26 - February 9. Please turn in the envelopes by February 9th. Students will learn how to keep their own hearts healthy and how to help others. The donations raised will help fund research and educational materials to lower the risks of America's #1 and #5 killers: heart disease and stroke.

## PTA News: \*\*\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

\*December 1st - March 3rd, PTA Fundraiser: \$10 lift tickets for Twilight Night Skiing at Schweitzer Mountain from 3-7 pm Friday and Saturday nights

\*February 6, PTA Papa Murphy's Fundraiser Night

\*February 10, PTA Winter Social & Carnival - Come and join in the fun! There will be a magic show, face painting, food, fun games and prizes. All money raised will support school field trips, special activities, supplies for the classrooms and more.

If you submitted "Reflections" artwork, please contact the school office at (208)263-4759. Thank you!

## Notes to Parents:

- ❖ Please label anything that students bring to school - coats, hats, gloves, lunchboxes, etc.
- ❖ Lost & Found is very full. If you are missing something, please stop by and check it out. Since Lost & Found continues to overflow, we will be donating all items left unclaimed on February 8th.

## IT'S COOL TO CARPOOL - Win a \$25 Gas Card:



We are holding a drawing at the end of this semester. It's EASY and It's FREE! Come to the school office and enter the carpool driver name each day of driving the carpool. The drawing will be held at the end of the semester. The gas card was donated by the DAIRY DEPOT located on Highway 2 at Michigan and S. Ella.

### Sixth Grade Future City Competition:

Recently two 6th grade teams attended the Future City State Competition for Engineering and Design in Boise. Future City is a competition that incorporates all aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The 6th graders started the competition in September with a walking tour of Sandpoint's public spaces. They looked at the design and layout of our city focusing on zoning areas, building architecture, sidewalks, parks, the Hwy 95 bypass, and City Beach. Next the students researched things that they would like to have in their city and wrote a project plan. This included residential, commercial, and industrial zones, garbage sites, energy generators, and public spaces.

The students then created a virtual city through the computer program Sim City. At certain check points the students needed to record the data of population, pollution, resident satisfaction, taxes, and other city related data. They created a PowerPoint presentation about the data to be scored by a panel of judges.

The teams then compiled their research and data into a 1,500 word essay describing their city. They followed a rubric to include specific information about a citywide problem their city faced and how they were going to solve it with their own creative innovation. This essay was judged and scored.

The final part of the competition was to create a scale model of their city matching their descriptions in their paper and virtual city. The students spent days building their city with a limited budget and resources. The students had to primarily use recycled material to create their city. The model had to follow their designated scale and design. Along with building a scale model of their city, the students had to present their model to a distinguished panel of judges in a face to face competition. The presentation had to be 5 minutes long with a question and answer period that followed. The presentations were scored on a specific rubric and the results from all the categories were tallied.

The top two highest overall scoring teams qualified to attend the State Future City Competition in Boise on Jan. 21st. Our teams competed against 28 other teams from around Idaho and Utah. Team Futuristic Four of Kelsey Cessna, Ayiana Prevost, Lis Fonseca, and Adeline Henney earned a trophy for Best Industrial/Commercial Layout for their city. Team Futuristic Final Four of Evan Dickinson, Breckin Nevarez, Emily Ballard, and Skylar Karasek earned a trophy for Best Innovative Solution for a Small Community. Washington Elementary was one of the only Elementary schools competing. Most of the other teams consisted of 7th and 8th grades. Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Warwick are extremely proud of all of our students and want to especially recognize the outstanding students we work with at Washington Elementary School. Great job 6th graders!




**Team Futuristic Final Four  
Best Innovative Solution for a Small Community**



**Team Futuristic Four  
Best Industrial/Commercial Layout**

## Congratulations to this year's Spelling Bee Winners:

 Spelling Bee	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4th Grade:	Keegan Weisz	Mason Blaser	Terra Converse
5th Grade:	Noah Bednarczyk	Asia Shrestha	Ivy Smith
6th Grade:	Margo Barton	Emily Ballard	Cameron Kramer

### Sick Children:

With all the illnesses that seem to be going around these days please remember to encourage frequent hand washing, don't share water bottles, wash water bottles at least once a week, and in the home, clean off desks, keyboards, and phones daily with bactericide and viroicide. If your child is running a fever, they should stay home from school for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicine. If your child has been given antibiotics by a doctor, they should not return to school until the medication has been in their system a full 24 hours. As usual if your child will not make it to school that day or will be late, just give us a call – we appreciate hearing from you!

Also some tips from Nurse Dana:

- WASH HANDS----FREQUENTLY
- TAKE WATER BOTTLES HOME & WASH IN DISHWASHER (or very hot water & a drop of bleach)
- STUDENTS OR STAFF SHOULD NOT SHARE ANY UTENSILS OR WATER BOTTLES.
- COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES.
- WIPE DOWN DESKS, DOOR KNOBS, TABLES, & KEYBOARDS---DAILY.
- IF STUDENTS HAVE A FEVER THEY SHOULD GO HOME.
- STUDENTS SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL FEVER HAS SUBSIDED FOR 24 HOURS AND ON ANTIBIOTICS.

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Lake Pend Oreille School District

This pair of young moose were photographed recently in front of Washington School by one of our neighbors.

