



# WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 12, 2020

HOME OF THE COUGARS



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

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November 6 - 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec 21 - Jan 1	Winter Break - No School
January 4	School Resumes

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### ~Safe Routes to School News~

**Dress for Winter Safety Tips:** As we see the colder temperatures move in, it's time to see that your child has warm winter clothing that still fits. Make sure snow boots have good traction with no breaks, tears, or holes. Wet, frozen toes are no fun and can be very dangerous. It's also important to layer your children as you bundle them up. Opt for poly-blend fabric over cotton during winter. Make sure the head, ears, and hands are covered, with the option to tuck chins and cheeks behind a scarf. However, make sure not to obstruct your child's view or ability to move head freely to check for traffic before crossing the street. Walking to school and traveling by foot in the winter weather can be done if we're dressed appropriately. Remember to wear bright or reflective clothing to be seen when walking! Visit our Facebook Page for safety tips, newsletters, and upcoming events: **Safe Routes to School Sandpoint Idaho LPOSD 84.**



### 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 the [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 into the [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. You can also call the School Emergency Closure phone number: **208-263-2312**

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

## 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.**



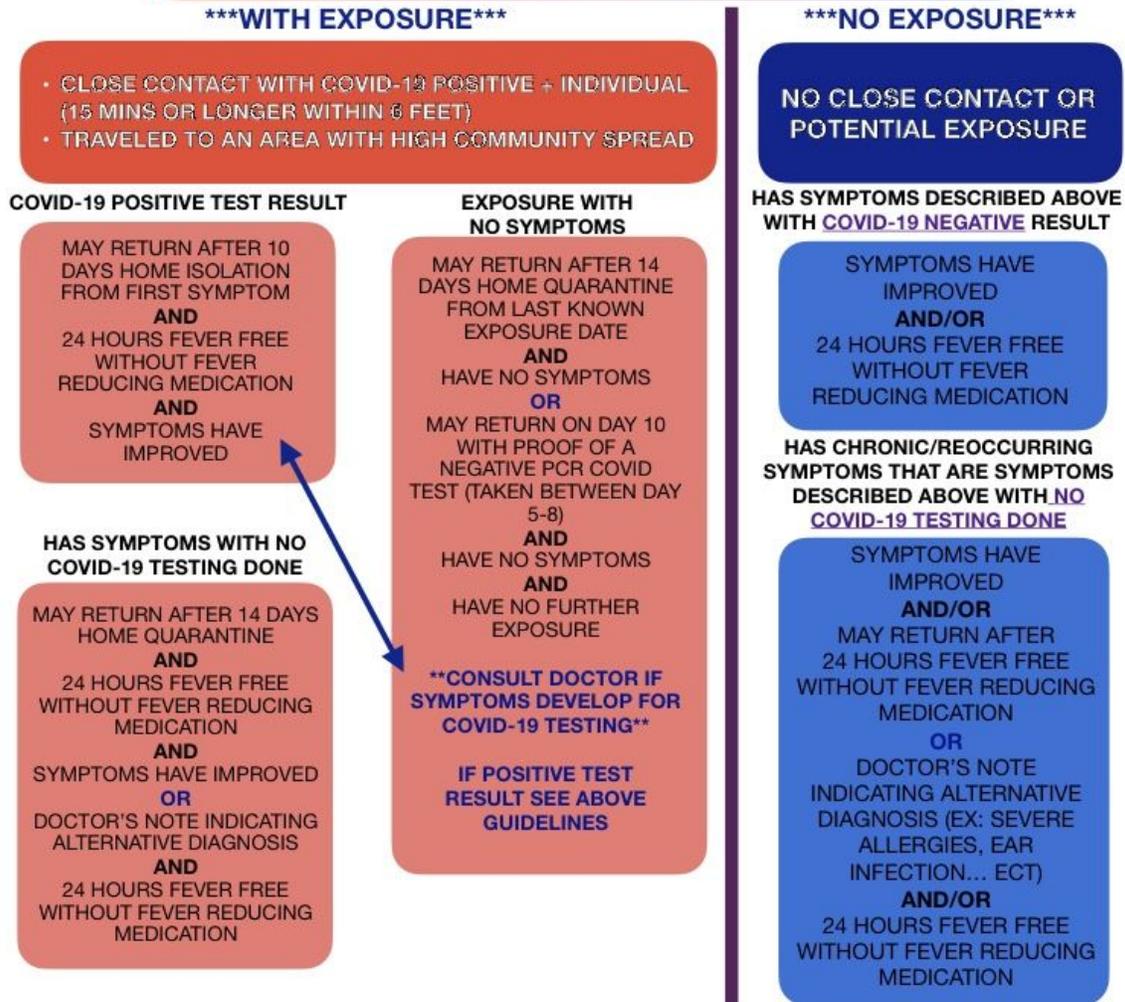
Thank you!

### COVID-19 Decision Tree for School Information updated 11/2020

Follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person is experiencing the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19



### When Can I Return To School



## PTA News Corner

Our first-ever BoosterThon was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of you, your friends, and family, we are excited to announce that our school raised **\$26,376.02!** We exceeded our goal and will be able to purchase the gaga ball pit and fund grant requests for the foreseeable future. Grants are essential, as they ease our teachers' financial burden, allowing them to obtain supplies and materials outside of the traditional budgets. We will be completely transparent in how we spend the fundraising dollars.

During this unusual year, PTA will not be holding any of our customary events and meetings, including movie nights, the Winter/Spring Carnival, and our monthly meetings typically held in the school library. We will still have a PTA, operating in a virtual capacity. The purpose will be to review and approve teacher grants, discuss future funding opportunities (outside grant opportunities, sponsorships, etc.), and brainstorm alternative event ideas that will create excitement for the kids throughout the year. If you are interested in being involved in the PTA please let us know.

We are genuinely hoping by the spring; we can hold an event such as Jog-a-Thon or Field Day. Let's all hope for the best! Until then, we will focus on supporting our teachers, administrative, and custodial staff as best we can.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Your Washington Elementary PTA

**Kristin Carlson - President**

**Genevieve McGrann - Vice President**

**Suzette Lopez - Secretary**

**Rosalee Ballard - Treasurer**

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Hello Washington Cougar Parents! The PTA would love to hear from you regarding your interest in supporting upcoming PTA activities and programs. Please take a moment to fill out this very brief survey – we greatly appreciate your time!

Here is the survey link. The link will also be sent to you in an email.

<https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/2lOQq4>



## Litehouse Lids

Do you have litehouse lids around the house? Send them into the school with your student. We get .50 per lid back to our school from Litehouse. Thank you Litehouse foods for sponsoring this program!



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## What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

## Step by Step Directions on how to start donating to our Washington School PTA account

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your amazon account.
3. It will then bring up a page to pick your own charitable organization.
4. Search for “**Washington School PTA**”
5. It will then bring up a list of all Washington School PTA.
6. Scroll down and look through them and select the one that says **Sandpoint ID**.
7. You are now ready to shop on amazon all the while 0.5% will go back to the PTA.

