



# WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 6, 2018

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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December 13	PTA Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser
December 21	Early Release - 12:40 pm
December 24- January 4	Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL
January 7	School Resumes

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## Reminder for School Closures:

For staff or parents, if you would like to receive text messages alerting you of school closures, you MUST do the following:

1. From your cell phone, text the word "Join" to the number 56360.
2. If our messaging system finds a match for your number in its database, you receive a confirmation message thanking you for joining school alerts.
3. At any time, you can unsubscribe by texting "Stop" to 56360.
4. If you cannot enroll and receive a message that your cell number is not on file, please email [message.system@lposd.org](mailto:message.system@lposd.org) with your name and your cellular phone number.

The district hopes this system will help inform staff and parents of closures earlier and more efficiently.

## 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. 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. Wear reflective clothing so cars can see you from a distance. Also remind your children to stand five giant steps back from the road when waiting for the bus. Take extra precautions to stay safe while you explore winter. Happy Holidays!



## **TOYS FOR TOTS-**

**The Sandpoint Lions Club has a donation box available in front of the office. Please donate any NEW item to the drive. There is also a donation jar in the office. Your donation can make all the difference! The Lions Club helps supply food and toys to families in need. The collection box will be picked up Wednesday, December 19. Thank you!**

## PTA News:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, at 7:30 am in the library.
  - Subjects of discussion at the meeting are: Papa Murphy's, Winter Carnival, and Own the Night, Smencils, and t-shirts.
- **Papa Murphy's Night**
  - Dates: December 13th, January 17th, February 11th, March 7th, April 11th, May 9th, June 6th.
- **Washington Elementary and PTA Facebook Page:** Join our Washington Elementary and PTA Facebook page to stay up-to-date on info about events, activities, and happenings.

## NEWS FROM THE NURSE!



**It is the beginning of cold and flu season.**

**Take precautions & be proactive**

- **Get a flu shot**
- **Wash your hands, wash your hands, and wash your hands!**
- **Drink plenty of water**
  - **Wash your water container once a week in hot water or the dishwasher**
- **If you are sick STAY HOME**
  - **Fever**
  - **Chills**
  - **Severe Cough**
  - **Chest pain/congestion**
  - **Muscle aches**

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# Happy Holidays!

## HOLIDAY GRAMS

The 6th graders will be selling Holiday Grams the week of December 17th - December 21st for \$1.00 each. There will be NO SALES on Wednesday, the 19th due to 6th Grade field trip. We will be selling before school from 7:30 - 7:55 am and during lunch. Students, parents, and teachers can write a special note with their Holiday Grams!

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CEDAR STREET BRIDGE PARENT PASSPORT:**

Fundraise while you shop! Present the passport to any store and/or restaurant located in the Cedar Street Bridge Public Market and 15% of your purchase will be donated to Washington Elementary PTA. Come by the office to get your passport!

