



WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 10, 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 14-18	Spirit Week
January 17	PTA Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser
January 21	Martin Luther King Day - No School
January 24	Winter Carnival 5:30 - 7:30 pm
January 25	End of 2nd Quarter - Non - Student Day

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 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 - Back from Winter Break Tips:

Winter can make walking to your destination a challenge. If the sidewalks and walkways are impassable and you have to walk on the street, walk facing oncoming traffic and as close to the curb/side of the road as possible. Proper gear is a must, but wearing dark winter colors may make it difficult for motorists to see you. Wear a brightly-colored scarf or hat and reflective gear if you are walking early dawn or dusk when motorists have a more difficult time seeing pedestrians. Don't forget to wear gloves and boots with non-slip soles. Dress to keep warm, but also make sure you can see and hear what is going on around you. Snow that has accumulated into drifts can muffle the sounds of approaching motor vehicles. Stay safe on your way to school this winter.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

January is a busy month with the preparations for the end of the first semester and Winter Benchmarks Assessments.

Students in grades 3-6 will be taking mid-year assessments (NWEA MAP); students in grades K-3 will take the Winter Idaho Reading Indicator as we continue to use data to ensure we are doing our best for our students. This is our district's mid-year check to see and ensure the growth of all of our students.

SPIRIT WEEK- January 14-18

Join us for a week full of fun as we have a special theme for each day of the week!

Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - Animal Day (Dress up as your favorite animal)

Thursday - Sports Day (Wear your favorite team jersey OR come dressed up in your favorite sport attire)

Friday -Favorite Movie/ Book Character

PTA News:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next scheduled PTA meeting will be Wednesday, February 6, at 7:30 am in the library.
- **Papa Murphy's Night**
 - Dates: 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.
- **PTA Winter Carnival Meeting:** We are trying to schedule a Winter Carnival Meeting before that day. Please check your email for the date and time.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE!



It is officially 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**

If you are sick STAY HOME

- **Fever**
- **Chills**
- **Severe Cough**
- **Chest pain/congestion**
- **Muscle aches**

Good diet and exercise will help keep you healthy!

Notes to Parents:

- ❖ Students will be going outside at recess, even in the wet weather. Please have your child come to school with appropriate outer clothing and footwear, so they can be prepared to play outside. Sending extra dry clothes in their backpacks is always a good idea. Thank you!
- ❖ Please label anything that students bring to school - coats, hats, gloves, lunchboxes, etc.

OWN THE NIGHT - TWILIGHT SKIING

Twilight Skiing on Schweitzer Mountain is now open!

Friday and Saturday Evenings: January 4 - March 2, 2019
Select Sundays: January 20 & February 17, 2019

Tickets will be available for \$10 at:

Washington Elementary: Fridays, December 14 - March 1 2:30-3:00pm
(When school is in session)

Schweitzer Conoco: Friday, February 15
Friday, February 22
Saturday, March 2

Creations on Cedar Street Bridge
&
Trinity at City Beach Tickets are available for purchase anytime throughout the season.



This is a Washington PTA fundraiser benefitting our school.
Please make checks out to "Washington PTA."

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Parents, please update phone numbers for any parent, contact, work, pick up, or emergency contact that may have changed. We would like to make it easier to get a hold of you in case your child needs to go home.

Thank you!

News from the School Counselor-

Welcome Back From Break!!

For January, Grades K-5 will start learning about Second Step's Calming Down Process (Stop, Name Your Feeling, Calm Down). During these lessons, students will learn about strong emotions and explore what brings out these emotions. The 6th graders are continuing work with the Real Game Program (a career exploration project) and will be learning about various topics relating to careers, budgeting, and money management.

Reminder- As the wintery weather blocks the sun for the majority of the day until about April, make sure to be checking in with your students and see how they are doing!



YEARBOOKS

PTA is putting together a yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking for photos of students during classroom parties, school events, and time in the classroom during parent volunteering. If you have any photos that you would like to submit, please email them to your child's teacher, and they will forward them to the PTA.

YOUTH BASKETBALL:

If your student is a boy in the 3rd/ 4th grade, or a girl in 3rd/ 4th and 5th/ 6th grade and they are interested in playing basketball, Sandpoint Parks and Recreation would like to have you sign up for Winter Basketball. If you are interested there are flyers in the office, or you can register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/ID/city-of-sandpoint/catalog>.

HOOP SHOOT WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following hoop shoot winners:

8-9 Boys - Knox Williams

8-9 Girls - Leah Clark

10-11 Boys - Kai Longanecker

10-11 Girls - Fiona MacDonald

12-13 Boys - Reid Bradburn

12-13 Boys - Alexa Tuinstra

These six students represented Washington Elementary on January 5th at the district finals that took place at Farmin Stidwell.



Washington Elementary PTA invites you to join us for our annual Winter Carnival!

**Thursday, January 24th from 5:30-7:30 pm
at Washington Elementary School**



Magic Show, Fun Games, Food, Face Painting, Activities & Prizes!

All games, entertainment & food will require tickets

Washington Elementary Winter Carnival Prepay Form

Cost: \$1 per ticket on the evening of event

Or

Prepay and receive 25 tickets for \$20 (5 free tickets!)

Family Name: _____ # of tickets: _____ \$: _____

Preorder Whole Medium Pizza for \$7. Pepperoni or Cheese (Please Circle)

Family Name: _____ # of Pizza's: _____ \$: _____

Prepay Forms are **due back to school by Monday January 21st**. Please make checks
out to Washington PTA

**Prepaid tickets will be available for pickup at the front office window from
5:30-7:00 pm the night of carnival.*

Washington Elementary 6th graders will be in gym selling pizza, snacks, beverages, and
popcorn to help raise money for their events and activities.

