



Lena Whitmore Elementary School

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Parent Bulletin, September 29, 2019

Take Your Parent to PE Week - Our first ever "Take Your Parent to PE Week" was a HUGE success! Over sixty parents came to play tag and Omnikin ball games with their child(ren)! Many thanks to all of you for coming and stay tuned for a survey that we'll be sending out in the next week to get feedback on how we can improve it for next year!

Amazon Fundraiser - There is an easy way to support building an ADA friendly playground at Lena Whitmore through every Amazon purchase. The current wooden structure is slowly reaching the end of its lifespan and is needing replaced. We want to build a playground that is accessible for the whole Moscow community and is ADA friendly. Parent volunteers and teachers have been fundraising for the past two year, but we are still far from our goal (\$73,000 raised of \$200,000). Amazon has created an easy way to donate...Go to this website: smile.amazon.com Select Lena Whitmore Elementary Parent Advisory Team. They donate a small percentage of your purchase to the fundraiser, and it doesn't cost you anything extra! Thank you for helping to build a more inclusive playground!!

Lena Makerspace - The Lena Makerspace in our library is a place where students can self-direct their learning through open-ended exploration and play! The Epic LEGO Wall is always an option; we rotate other building materials such as wooden blocks, Lincoln Logs, Strawbees, Keva Planks, and Tinkertoys into the mix. We are excited to feature robotics, chess and coding activities this year as well! Each grade level has a designated day of the week to come to the library during their lunch recess, starting mid-September and running through the end of May We are looking for volunteers to help set up and supervise the Makerspace activities from 11:15-12:30 Monday-Thursday (Monday - 3rd grade; Tuesday - 2nd; Wednesday 1st/4th; and

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Thursday - 5th). Thank you in advance for volunteering your time to supervise these amazing and fun activities: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FABA92CA2FE3-1stquarter>

PAT Meeting Minutes - We had an amazing turnout for our first PAT meeting of the year!

Thank you all for your involvement! Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 10th at 6 p.m. in our gym. Here's a link to our minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lhcxT7IStvPyJL9Agt6BCg_cXcSVRDnGlnPqa4j330g/edit?usp=sharing

PAT Fall Fundraiser - Our PAT is sponsoring a fall fundraiser with Charleston Wrap that started Friday, 9/20 ends on Wednesday, 10/2. Your child(ren) should have brought home the packet of catalogs/order form on Friday. Please let us know if you have any questions! We've raised over \$73,000 so far towards our goal is \$200,000 for new ADA-friendly playground equipment! Many thanks to our parents and community for their generous support!

Student Directories - Each year, upon request, we offer to email out student directories for each class. An opt-out letter will be sent home this week if you'd like to not have your child's information included. Please send those opt-out letters back by Friday, 10/11. The student directories will include your child's name, your name, cell/home number and email. These are great for scheduling play dates and emailing invitations out. Once the directories are ready to go, we'll put a note in this bulletin to request them via email.

Walk to School Day - Mark your calendars for the annual "Walk to School Day" Wednesday, 10/2! Students and staff are encouraged to walk to school on this day to promote a healthy lifestyle. We'll have some UI athletes on site to play some games with the kids before school!

Professional Development Days - This Thursday and Friday there will be no school for kids as teachers participate in statewide professional development days. Teachers will be continuing to learn how to use our new TeacherEase grading and reporting system that will be generating our new report card at the end of first quarter. They will also be working in district-wide grade

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level/specialist teams to discuss what student work products/assessments they will be using to determine mastery of their specific learning targets.

Up-coming events:

9/20 - 10/2 - PAT Charleston Wrap fundraiser

10/1 - 5th grade attends the UI Young Persons Concert, 12:30-2:15 p.m.

10/2 - Walk To School Day

10/3 & 10/4 - No School, Professional Development Days

10/15 - individual picture day

10/30 - Math Day! End of 1st quarter; Book Fair in the gym, 3-6 p.m.

10/31 - Book Fair in the gym, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

11/1 - Book Fair in the gym, 8 a.m. - noon

10/31 & 11/1 - Fall parent/teacher conferences, no school

11/6 - Picture retakes

11/20 - Kindergarten Father's Day Feast, 11:15-11:45 (more on that to come)

11/25 - 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break, no school

12/19 - Winter Concert, 6 p.m. at Nazarene Church