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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Thursday, February 2:** PTO meeting, Garfield Elementary School, 1914 S. Broadway Ave., 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 2:** PTO meeting, Owyhee-Harbor Elementary School, 3434 W. Pasadena Dr., 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 2:** Math Night, Riverside Elementary School, 2100 E. Victory Rd., 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 3:** Invent Idaho Contest, Cynthia Mann Elementary School, 5401 W. Castle Dr., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cynthia Mann students have created unique and clever inventions as they compete for the honor of representing their school in the Southwestern Regional Invent Idaho competition on **February 10 and 11**. For more information, contact **Scarlett Randall**, grade 3/4 Gifted and Talented teacher, at 854-4729.

**Friday, February 3:** Sock Hop, Grace Jordan Elementary School, 6411 W. Fairfield Ave., 6-8 p.m.

**Friday, February 3:** Bingo Night, Garfield Elementary School, 1914 S. Broadway Ave., 6-8 p.m. Money raised will benefit Garfield's Accelerated Reader program.

**Tuesday, February 7:** PTO meeting, Hawthorne Elementary School, 2401 W. Targee St., 6 p.m. Child care provided.

**Wednesday, February 8:** Polar Bear Walk to School, White Pine Elementary School, 401 E Linden St. White Pine students are invited to walk, sled, or glide to school (depending on the weather, of course). Dress warmly, walk with a friend or in a walking school bus. Once students arrive at school, they can receive a sticker and orange slices, and put their name in a drawing for some great prizes! In addition, 3 polar bears will be hidden along the way to the school and the students who find them will each win a week long pass to the YMCA!

**Wednesday, February 8:** PTO meeting, Cynthia Mann Elementary School, 5401 W. Castle Dr., 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 8:** PTO meeting, Pierce Park Elementary School, 5015 N Pierce Park Ln., 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 8:** PTO meeting, Horizon Elementary School, 730 N. Mitchell St., 3:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 8:** PTO meeting, Washington Elementary School, 1607 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St., 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 8:** Open House, Mountain View Elementary School, 3500 N. Cabarton Ln., 6:30 p.m. Staff and parents will be on hand to answer questions about the District's upcoming levy election on Tuesday, March 13. Refreshments served.

**Thursday, February 9:** PTO meeting, Koelsch Elementary School, 2015 N. Curtis Rd., 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 9:** Movie Night, Valley View Elementary School, 3555 N. Milwaukee St., 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 10:** Art Night, Trail Wind Elementary School, 3701 E. Lake Forest Dr., 6 p.m. Trail Wind families are invited to a free evening of art, food and entertainment!

**Thursday, February 16:** PTO meeting, Shadow Hills Elementary School, 8301 W. Sloan St., 4 p.m.

**Thursday, February 16:** PTO meeting, Valley View Elementary School, 3555 N. Milwaukee St., 7 p.m.

**Thursday, February 16:** PTO meeting, Highlands Elementary School, 3434 N. Bogus Basin Rd., 7 p.m.

**Monday, February 20:** Presidents' Day. No school for Boise School District students.

**Tuesday, February 21:** PTO meeting, Monroe Elementary School, 3615 W. Cassia St., 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 21:** PTO meeting, Trail Wind Elementary School, 3701 E. Lake Forest Dr., 6 p.m.

**Monday, February 27 – Friday, March 2:** Book Fair, Pierce Park Elementary School, 5015 N. Pierce Park Ln.

**Tuesday, February 28:** Book Fair Family Night, Maple Grove Elementary School, 2800 S. Maple Grove Rd., 6-8 p.m. In addition, a Learning Fair for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held from 7-8 p.m., featuring hands-on electricity projects and math activities.

**Thursday, March 1:** PTO meeting, Garfield Elementary School, 1914 S. Broadway Ave., 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 2:** Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss's Birthday. The National Education Association (NEA) has conducted Read Across America Day on or near Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2) for the past 12 years. This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year the NEA has held this national reading celebration, motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

On this day, students from West Jr. High School's Accelerated 9<sup>th</sup> grade English classes will visit Maple Grove Elementary School from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to read with students in kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. For more information and to schedule news media coverage of this event, contact **Jonelle Warnock**, English Teacher, West Junior High School, at 854-6514.

**Friday, March 2:** Art Auction, Longfellow Elementary School, 1511 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., 6:30 p.m. A showcase for Longfellow student art and includes a silent auction and more.

**Tuesday, March 6:** Family Reading Night and Ice Cream Social, Garfield Elementary School, 1914 S. Broadway Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 8:** Boise School District Kindergarten Registration, at your neighborhood school, 4-5:30 p.m. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012, please attend kindergarten registration and get him or her off to a great start in the fall of 2012. Be sure to bring your child's birth

certificate and immunization records (visit [www.boiseschools.org](http://www.boiseschools.org), click on Student & Parent Services and follow the link to Health Services under Policies for immunization requirements). You will receive a kindergarten readiness packet and the District's 2012-13 calendar. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and have your questions answered. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

**Friday, March 9:** Movie Night, Pierce Park Elementary School, 5015 N. Pierce Park Ln., 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 10:** An Evening with the Borah Boosters, at the Basque Center, 601 Grove St., downtown Boise, 6 p.m. Live entertainment, silent and live auctions, international cuisine served bistro style, no host bar. \$40 per person for open seating; \$65 the night of. \$800 per VIP table for 8 (details on the Borah High website). Ticket info also on the web or by calling the Boise Public Schools Education Foundation, 854-4065.

**Timberline Receives Donation:** The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council recently made a generous donation of \$5,000 to Timberline High School to go toward repairs to the auditorium. As part of their 1992 gaming compact with the State of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has returned 5% of its net gaming revenues to the financial support of education. To date, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has donated more than \$17 million and counting to education around the region.

**Boise High Students Receive Award:** Boise High School students **Nicholas Davey** and **Hyonjee Joo** were recently selected as the 2011-12 Siemens Foundation Award recipients for exceptional performance on Advanced Placement exams. Only one male and one female student from each state are selected to receive this award each year. Both Davey and Joo will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to a college of their choice.

**Borah Students Selected:** Five Borah High School students have been selected to participate in Leadership Boise Academy, sponsored by the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce. The Leadership Boise Academy recruits 50-55 junior-level students from over 14 area high schools for a five-month program. The sessions covered in Leadership Boise Academy are Media, Business, Healthcare, and Legal/Social. As one of the oldest Chamber-sponsored leadership programs in the United States, Leadership Boise has graduated more than 1,300 civic leaders since its inception in 1975. The five Borah students selected are **Adriana Arata**, **Shannon Gray**, **Brittni Hanrahan**, **David Rendon**, and **Kayli Jenson**.

**Borah Students' Art on Exhibit:** BSU's Biennia High School Juried Art Exhibition was on display in the Student Union Gallery from January 5-25, 2012. Several Borah High School students had their artwork on display including **Jocelyn Schelske**, **Andrea Batten**, **Aleesa Haylett**, and **Kali Anderson**.

**Borah Counselor Recognized:** Borah High School's **Matt Rutte** recently received the Idaho Refugee Champion Award at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Conference for Refugees. Rutte is a counselor for the Bridge program, a program-within-a-school that provides an intensive English language program to limited and non-English speaking students in grades 7-12. The Champion Award is given to a non-refugee service professional or volunteer who has contributed significantly to the advancement of refugee resettlement, and the betterment of refugees' lives in Idaho.

**TVMSC Begins Application Process:** The Treasure Valley Mathematics & Science Center (TVMSC) is beginning the application process for students who wish to be considered for joining the school beginning in the 2012-13 school year. A full explanation of the application process can be found on the TVMSC website under Application Process; please contact the school at 854-6800 with questions.

On **Thursday, February 2**, TVMSC will host an **Open House and Orientation Night** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** at the school, located on the campus of Riverglen Jr. High School, 6801 N. Gary Ln. An

overview of the school and the student selection process and the opportunity for questions to be addressed will be provided.

The first **TVMSC Student Applicant Screening** will be held the following Saturday, **February 4th, 2012**. To reserve a space and to ensure that a set of assessment materials are prepared for each applicant, an Intent to Test form must be submitted to the TVMSC office by e-mail or U.S. Mail prior to the test date. (Address: Treasure Valley Math & Science Center, 6801 N. Gary Lane, Boise, Idaho 83714 or e-mail to [stacy.rogers@boiseschools.org](mailto:stacy.rogers@boiseschools.org) ) This Intent to Test form and additional application information is available from the TVMSC website: [www.boiseschools.org/schools/TVMSC/apply.html](http://www.boiseschools.org/schools/TVMSC/apply.html)

**Liberty Montessori Accepting Applications for 2012-13 School Year:** The Boise School District Public Montessori Program at Liberty Elementary School is accepting applications for fall 2012 now through February 10, 2012. Applications are being accepted for grades 1 through 6. Enrollment forms can be obtained online at the school's website under Montessori. For additional information, log on to [www.boiseschools.org](http://www.boiseschools.org) or contact Liberty Elementary School at 854-5410.

**BSD to Offer Free Preschool Screening:** Services are available for children with special needs through the Boise School District Early Childhood Special Education Program. Please call to set up an appointment if you have a child who is from 3 to 5 years old and may have possible problems in one or more of the following areas: self help skills, speech, language, social emotional, concepts, hearing, vision, motor skills. The remaining screening date for this school year is Monday, February 6. For an appointment call 854-5520.

**Just For Kids Update:** Just For Kids, the Boise School District's child care program located on 14 elementary school campuses, will be at Kindergarten registration on March 8, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children entering Kindergarten in the fall may enroll in the Just For Kids summer program starting on June 4. There will be 12 weeks of summer this year. We are pleased to announce that there **will not be an increase in tuition** even with the extra week and two extra field trips this summer.

**Driver Education Available through Boise School District:** Driver Education classes are available through the Boise School District. Classes are offered at Boise, Borah, Capital, and Timberline high schools as well as Fairmont and West junior high schools. Check the District website for more information, or call 854-6370.

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