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**Next PTO Meeting Tues. Feb. 2 at 5:30
 ALL Parents Welcome!**

Have you wondered whether you can attend a PTO meeting? All parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings are designed to discuss upcoming events, fundraising ideas, classroom needs and other topics impacting our school (e.g. the upcoming levy). The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the preschool classroom so that parents can bring their kids. Hope to see YOU there!

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 1 (Wed.) Open Enrollment & Continuation Applications Due For 1st Consideration

Feb. 2 (Thur.) South JHS Choir Concert at 9 a.m.

Feb. 2 (Thur.) PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. in the Library

Feb. 8 (Wed.) 7:00-8:00 p.m. 6th Grade Parent Orientation at South Jr. High Auditorium

Feb. 10 (Fri.) Papa John's Pizza Night (Fund Raiser)

Feb. 14 (Tue.) Idaho Theater for Youth 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 15 (Wed.) 6th Grade Junior High Registration at South

Feb. 20 (Mon.) NO School Presidents' Day

March 5-9 Book Fair

Mar. 8 (Thur.) Kindergarten Registration 4:00-5:30

Mar. 11 Daylight Savings Begins

Mar. 13 (Tue.) School Levy Election

Mar. 20 (Tue.) Spring Class Pictures

March 26-30 Spring Break



**K-3 Students Celebrate Valentine's Day
 Older Students Do NOT**

We have scheduled an educational assembly by the Idaho Theater for Youth on Valentine's Day (Tuesday, February 14) at 9:00 a.m. This is the only way that students in 4th through 6th grade will celebrate the day. **Please do NOT send nor allow your older students to bring Valentines, candy, treats, flowers, etc. to school on Valentine's Day.** This protects learning time and allows children to be children without the pressures and confusing feelings that can accompany a romantic holiday.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will exchange Valentines at the end of the day. Please remind your child that part of being kind is to bring an appropriate and comparable Valentine for each classmate.



Boise Levy Facts

Why is the Boise School District seeking a \$14 million per year, five-year levy?

"Boise's nationally recognized schools have sustained three years of devastating state funding cuts, along with significant losses in local property tax revenue. As a result, the District faces a projected ongoing deficit of \$14 million beginning in 2012-2013. To balance the budget, voters in the Boise School District will be asked on March 13 to approve a temporary, five-year school levy of \$14 million per year. **The cost to the average homeowner in Boise would be about \$7 per month.**"

Boys' Basketball Schedule

- Feb. 01 Owyhee @ Jefferson 1
- Feb. 02 Monroe @ Owyhee
- Feb. 07 Jefferson 2 @ Owyhee
- Feb. 09 Owyhee @ Hawthorne 1
- Feb. 14 Owyhee @ Sacred Heart





Treasure Valley Mathematics and Science Center (TVMSC) Hosts Open House This Thursday, February 2



On Thursday, February 2, the Treasure Valley Mathematics and Science Center (TVMSC) will host an Open House and Orientation from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. at the school, located on the campus of Riverglen Jr. High School, 6801 N. Gary Lane. It will include an overview of the school, the student selection process, and an opportunity for questions.

TVMSC offers a progression of challenging mathematics and science courses for high potential students. Students attend TVMSC for a half day with the other half spent at the school of their choice. Students may enter TVMSC as soon as they are ready for Accelerated Algebra 1 (regardless of their age or grade). Further information about TVMSC including the application process and forms can be found on the TVMSC website: www.boiseschools.org/schools/TVMSC/apply.html.



Submit Open Enrollment Forms by February 1

Do you want your child to attend Owyhee next year and you don't live in our attendance area? If this is the case you must complete an open enrollment application (for new students) or continuation application (for returning students). Applications received by February 1 will have first consideration for available openings. **Yikes! That's tomorrow!** Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered after all applications submitted by February 1 are approved. Applications will be approved or disapproved by April 1.

Kindergarten registration will be Thursday, March 8, from 4:00 –5:30 p.m. Kindergartners must register at their neighborhood school and must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2012 to attend kindergarten.

What Teachers Wish Students and Parents Would Do

Parents often wish they knew what teachers were thinking. What do they want students--and parents--to do? One expert asked his son, who was also a teacher, about this, and the answers were fascinating. When it comes to parent involvement, teachers hope parents will:

- Take responsibility for study time. Teachers can't follow kids home and make sure studying takes place. They rely on parents to enforce rules about this.
- Have high expectations. Sometimes parents let kids off the hook by saying things like, "I don't like reading either. She got it from me." Instead, expect that your child will succeed.
- Understand teachers' schedules. Teachers want to communicate with parents, but sometimes their time is limited. Keep this in mind when chatting at unexpected moments.
- Attend parent conferences. You should attend parent-teacher conferences, even if your child is doing well.
- Avoid absences. Missing an occasional day of school is understandable. Missing a week should be due to an unusual circumstance, since missing too much school hurts learning.
- Expect timely feedback. If it's been more than a week since your child turned in work, ask the teacher about it. A long wait makes it harder for your child to learn from mistakes.