

FEB 2012



WED 1	OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM DUE
TUE 7	Boys Basketball—Roosevelt
WED 8	Boys Basketball @ Adams PTA MEETING 6:30pm NJH Open House for 6th Graders 6pm-7pm
THU 9	Boys Basketball—Adams 2
MON 13	Registration For Incoming 7th Graders to NJH
TUE 14	Valentine's Day Boys Basketball—St. Joe's
MON 20	President's Day No School

From Our Principal

Roger Lingle

The new semester is here! It certainly has been a fast school year so far. We are excited for a busy spring here at Washington.

Our Boy's Basketball Team is off and running and the **Chess Club** remains active. Both groups are focused on upcoming games and matches.

On Valentine's Day, the 14th, the classes will be involved with some parties. You will be getting information from the teachers as to what kind of an activity particular classes will enjoy. Remember, we want this day to be fun for all. If your child passes out cards to classmates, please make sure that there is a card for everyone in the class.

As we get further into the spring there are some important dates to remember regarding next year; for instance, Kindergarten registration, PE physicals and 7th grade registration. In fact, check out the Counselor's Corner for 7th grade registration information. Check below for Kindergarten and 1st grade information.

Congratulations to Steven Weiner for winning the Geography Bee recently held here at Washington.

We are very proud of the commitment and work done by our great **Safety Patrol** so far this year. Please take the time when you can to let them know you appreciate their willingness to be on that team.

I have something very important to announce – Our longtime custodian, Mr. Chuck Hastings, is retiring at the end of this month. He has given over 30 years to the district and Washington in particular. We will miss him. We are recognizing him at our monthly Recognition Assembly on January 31st at 2:30; his last official day. Then, after school, we will have a reception for him in the gym. We hope you have the opportunity to thank Chuck for all of his service.

Once again I want to thank all of you for your support and time spent here helping Washington to be the best it can be!

Take care,
Roger Lingle

PLEASE CONTACT WASHINGTON IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL NOT BE ATTENDING WASHINGTON NEXT YEAR.

Kindergarten Registration Thursday, March 8 (4pm-5:30p)

For those of you who have incoming Kindergarteners next year OR if you know parents who do, click the link below to get copies of the forms you will need for registration
[Kindergarten Registration Forms](#) (Print, fill out and bring with you to registration)

The forms will be available on-site as well.

Please bring the following:

Certified Birth Certificate · Immunization Record · Current Proof of Residence

1st Grade Registration for Washington Neighborhood Students Coming in from Private Kindergartens.

If you have a child in a private kindergarten and will be enrolling him/her in 1st grade at Washington, you can register them on the above date and time.

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What's For Lunch?

[Boise Schools Lunch Calendar](#)

Washington Elementary

School 1607 N. 15th Street Boise, ID 83702 Phone (208) 854-6420 Fax (208) 854-6421

School Website: www.washingtonelementaryboise.org District Website: www.boiseschools.org/schools/washington

Parent Education: Some classes are starting at the end of January. Love and Logic will start on Jan 26 at White Pine on Thursdays and Parenting Teens will be at Hillside Jr. High starting Feb. 6 on Mondays. Anger Management for Parents and for Parents with Angry Kids starts Jan 23 at Horizon on Mondays. These evening classes usually run six weeks. Many of them provide free child care. Call 854-4103 to register and contact me if you need a scholarship. **Other class times and locations are available.**

The Leukemia /Lymphoma Society (LLS) will be starting a campaign at our school on February 6th-24th. The **Pennies for Patients** donations will help those who have been impacted with these diseases. Each classroom will have donation boxes and we encourage all who can, to bring in as many pennies as possible to benefit this worthy cause. Thanks, as always, for your support.

Firearm Injury Prevention:

I will be teaching one lesson in all classes, K-6th, on the rules to be safe around a gun. The rules are: Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the Area, Tell an Adult. If you have a firearm in your home make sure that it is locked in a safe place and that the children do not have access to a key. Make sure that the homes your children visit also observe firearm safety rules. It only takes a moment of curiosity to bring a lifetime of regret.

Guidance Curriculum: In February, I will be in the classrooms discussing ways to manage stress and make responsible decisions. In addition, I will begin the Safe Choices Unit where we will mainly discuss personal safety issues

Junior High Registration: Our sixth graders are preparing to make the transition to junior high school. On **February 13th**, North Junior High counselor, Laura Mundy, will be coming to Washington to register the children for their courses next year. A copy of these courses and registration information will be sent home prior to this time. Some anxiety about this transition is normal and allowing your child to share his or her concerns will help. So keep the communication lines open and please do not hesitate to contact me or their counselor at North, Laura, if you have any questions regarding this process. **North Junior High's open house** is scheduled for February 8, 2012 at 6:30 pm. The students will be **touring** North sometime during the month of **May**.

Idaho Career Information System

This year, Washington has been given access to a great website that the kids will be using until they are through high school. **www.idahocis.org**. It is an online system of career development information that set students on the road to planning their future. It is interactive and fun to use. Your kids will come home with their personal username and passwords to connect. Be sure to ask them about it. It is not too early to start planning! Parents can access this site by following **Option 2** for public access (City and Zip code). Once you are on, you can choose between CIS Jr, elementary version or the CIS for Middle/High School. It is a great resource to explore different occupations and see the trends and realities of thousands of jobs and career opportunities.

Internet Safety: I will have some brief discussions this semester with students about being safe on the Internet. It is very important that families make Internet safety a **priority**. Make sure you monitor your student's internet use. Computers need to be kept in plain view of the family, as in the living or family room. Kids need to understand what personal information is and that it should not be shared online.

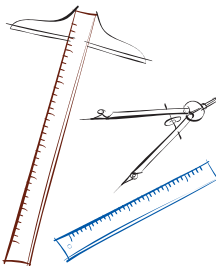
Be An Engineer For a Day!

Presentation by Astronaut Educator,
Barbara Morgan



- Experience a Portable Planetarium
- Airplane to the Moon
- Design a Bridge
- Ride a Segway
- Build an Edible Aquifer
- Experience a Wind Tunnel
- Learn about Super Computing

- Build a Bristle Bot
- Build a NASA Heat Shield
- Ride a Bicycle Generator
- 15,000 Volt Demonstration
- Robots in Action
- Tie Dye Chromatography



FREE parking available at the Lincoln Parking Garage, on the corner of University and Lincoln.

Saturday January 28!

Call **Leandra Aburusa-Lete** at 426-4432 or visit the website [Discover Engineering!](#)

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2 Fridays per month!
Starts Friday the 10th!

3 for .25 .25 a bag

Mrs. Hayden's Class Needs Yoga Blocks

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arts AUCTION fundraiser

Save The Date! May 19

Parents, teachers, friends of the school! The Washington School Arts Auction will be Saturday, May 19. Details to follow. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Dana at danazuckerman@gmail.com