

Idaho Hill Elementary

Newsletter September 2018

STEAM

is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

- Susan Riley
Arts Integration Specialist

Thank you for supporting Idaho Hill Elementary!
The school where EVERYBODY is SOMEBODY.

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A word from our principal.

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Idaho Hill Elementary has 115 students enrolled in grades K-6th and we have been busy "settling" into our school routines. Attached to this newsletter, you will find our school wide expectations chart....we have been teaching to this and the students are doing a great job!

This year we are so excited to continue working towards our goal of becoming a STEaM school. Our teachers took STEM courses during the summer and our computer lab has been transformed into a Maker Space. Students have weekly scheduled time in the Maker Space room to explore, collaborate and learn together! On Friday early release days our staff will be planning units of study with our new science standards. It is our goal to ensure that every student reaches high levels of learning!

Idaho Hill Elementary is a Title 1 school which means we receive additional federal funds to help our students master the essential skills that are necessary for success. Title 1 funds are also designated to support parents/guardians in helping their children succeed academically and socially. This month you will be receiving a survey asking for input on the topics you would like addressed. We are in the beginning stages of planning family events and need your feedback to make these meaningful for you and your child/children.

Our school website is in the process of being up-dated and it should prove useful keeping you informed regarding upcoming events, newsletters, school rules, and other pertinent information. You can visit our website at idh.sd83.org. The Parent/Student Handbook is also posted online.

We are excited to have the Seattle Pacific Science Center here on Thursday, September 27th. Sponsored by the Priest River Community Foundation, this program provides an assembly, hands-on museum, and class lessons. The topic this year is **Physics!** Please join us if you can!

There are a number of ways to be informed and get involved in our school community. You are invited to attend our monthly Site council meetings held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. At this meeting you can hear from our school board trustee as well as keep up on the specific school information. I would also encourage you to be involved with our parent-teacher organization. They meet monthly at the school.

Looking forward to our work together this year!

Mrs. Luckey

Student Paperwork

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned all their updated papers.



It is important that we have **current** information on your student.

If you need help or have questions please stop in the office or call 208-437-4227.

School Picture Day

Our picture day will be Tuesday, October 23rd.

More details will be sent home next month.

New School Schedule

Our day begins at 7:45 a.m.

Tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.

Free Breakfast every morning at 7:30 a.m.

School dismissal: 2:35 p.m. Bus
2:40 p.m. pick up
2:45 p.m. walkers

Early Dismissal 2nd & 4th Friday each month.
Friday, 9/14/18 1 p.m. dismissal
Friday, 9/28/18 1 p.m. dismissal

Pacific Science Center

"Physics"

Thursday, Sept. 27th

This wonderful event is made possible by the generosity of the Priest River Community Foundation.



READING CHALLENGE

- ⇒ Read 20 minutes a day for 3 days.
- ⇒ Return Reading Challenge Slip with parent signature every Friday.
- ⇒ 6 out of 8 to earn 1st Quarter Reward

Help your class win the classroom competitions by turning in your reading slips!

AFTER SCHOOL ART

Origami project

9/27/18 2:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

Limited space. Return sign up sheet asap.

Bulldog Friday



Show your school spirit by wearing **Red & White** on Fridays.

Students are encouraged to wear their bulldog T-shirts every Friday!

If your student needs a Bulldog T-shirt please return the t-shirt form. Our amazing sponsors will provide a free T-shirt to all of our students who need one.

The class showing the most spirit each week will receive a surprise!

Band Night

Our Band Teacher, Mr. Jordan Ballenger, is hosting a “**Band Night**” for students & parents on **Thursday, September 27th at 6pm in the Priest River Junior High Cafeteria!** Students interested in participating in band or those needing information about instrument rentals are encouraged to attend. Mr. Ballenger will be sending home more information with all 6th graders.

Child Sponsor Program

Our school received generous donations from a local group of community members in Blanchard. They donate to Idaho Hill so that every child can participate in all of our school activities (school pictures, t-shirts, field trip admissions, basic supplies, etc.). We are so fortunate and thankful for all they do for our students.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 9/11 Parent & Teachers meeting at 2:45 p.m.
- 9/14 Early Dismissal—1 p.m.
- 9/17 Constitution Day—Wear red, white & blue
- 9/19 School Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 9/27 Site Council Meeting at 7:15 a.m.
Pacific Science Center Program
After School Art—2:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
- 9/28 Early Dismissal—1 p.m.
- 10/5 No school for students—Teacher In-service

RESPECT

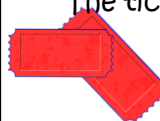
Our school wide character focus this month is “Respect” Students are encouraged to show respect by recognizing, considering and properly honoring the worth of one’s self

RED TICKETS

Students can receive “red” tickets throughout the week for showing **safe, responsible, respectful and kind behavior**. They can also receive red tickets for being able to name our school rules:

**Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful,
Be Responsible.**

The tickets go into a drawing for awesome prizes!



Parent & Teachers Working Together

Please join our **Parent Group** at **2:45 p.m.**

October 9th in the library.

Like us on Facebook at Idaho Hill.

Remember to keep turning in those box tops!

