



Borah Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/6: PTO Meeting
3:45 pm in the library

**2/8: Borah Hearts
Reading**
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**2/11: PTO Mrs. Fields
Cookie Dough
Fundraiser Packets Due**

2/15: No School
Teacher Work Day

2/18: No School
Presidents' Day observed

*A place where every
story matters...*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an exciting end to January and start to February! Mrs. Davenport and a team of Borah teachers have spent the last week in Denver at the Thinking Strategies Institute Conference and we can't wait to hear about all the exciting new things they learned! Check out this photo and post from CDA Schools that features Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Davenport while at the conference! To keep up to date on exciting things happening in our district "like" CDA Schools on Facebook!



CDA Schools shared a photo.

January 29 at 11:48 AM · 🌐

In our continuing effort to provide exceptional education in our district, 33 of our teachers, principals and district leaders are in Denver this week to learn new thinking strategies to use with students on a regular basis. Educators from our three middle schools as well as Atlas and Borah elementary schools are learning how to teach, support and plan for deeper thinking – strategies that promote deep learning by fostering engagement and understanding. In other words, thinking to learn and learning to think. #WeAre271 #PEBC #ThinkingStrategies



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Happy February! In honor of Valentine's Day this month, the entire school is focusing on KINDNESS! Being kind or caring means helping others no matter what, having empathy for others, and showing compassion to others. We are encouraging students to not only do acts of kindness, but also to recognize when they see other people doing acts of kindness. We are hopeful the kindness will spread and take over our entire Borah community!

At home, you can model kindness to your students, and encourage it in many ways. Here are two ideas for how to incorporate kindness into your family routine:

1. When reading books or watching movies with your student, discuss how the characters showed kindness towards one another. Any discussion about kindness is helpful!
2. If you see your student doing something kind, reward them for their efforts. Rewards don't have to cost money, even just a simple "I'm proud of you" motivates your child and reminds them the important of being kind!

Also this month, with help from the Idaho State Police Department, classes will also have a lesson on personal safety. A letter already came home about that, but if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Mills. As always, please let me know if I can support your student or family in any way.

With Kindness,
Lauren Mills, School Counselor
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No act of kindness,
no matter how small
ever goes unnoticed.





**2/25 - Free Dental
Cavity Prevention Clinic
for 1st and 2nd graders**
Participation by
permission only. Contact
the school nurse if you
need a permission form.

Health tips from the Nurse

- To help prevent the spread of the flu and other illnesses please help encourage your child to cough or sneeze into a tissue or into their elbow; wash their hands often especially before and after eating or using the restroom; do not share water bottles or food with others; and avoid touching eyes, ears, nose or mouth.

If your child has had a fever, vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours, please keep them home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

- If your child has a temperature above 100 with a cough or sore throat your child may have the flu. Please **keep** them home from school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours, with no fever reducing medication given.
- **ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS:** When your child turns 11 years old they are eligible to receive two required immunizations, **Tdap and MCV (meningitis)**. These are **required before 7th** grade. If your child receives any new immunizations please bring updated shot records to your building nurse.
- A reminder that if your student requires **any medication** at school during the day, even over the counter medications (i.e. ibuprofen, Tylenol or cough drops containing Mentholatum) must have an authorization completed by a parent and Licensed Health Care Provider. Cough drops that do not contain Mentholatum may be brought to school, but must be kept in the office.

If you have any questions, concerns or changes in your child's health please contact:

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Coeur d'Alene School District 271, Health Services
Borah Elementary & Fernan STEM Academy
208-661-1621; ajameson@cdaschools.org

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Instructional Spotlight:

Each month, we will spotlight different learning opportunities for our students.

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ADVENTURES FROM 4th Grade

Fourth grade students are studying the Lewis & Clark Expedition. As part of their PBL, students will be “portaging” through the playground. Wonder what “portaging” means? Ask a 4th grade student!

ADVENTURES FROM P.E.

University of Idaho’s Eat Smart program has been teaming up with Mrs. Nixon to help students learn about healthy eating; students enjoyed games and activities focused on learning more about food groups. Yum!

ADVENTURES FROM MRS. CRAWFORD IN TITLE

We can’t wait to celebrate our love for reading at Borah’s annual BORAH ’S READING event, we hope to see you there!

 'S READING'. Below this, it says 'Join us for a night of FREE family fun!'. A list of activities follows: 'Stations include:' followed by 'Free books', 'Photo booth', 'Class valentines', 'Bookmark creations', 'Bookmobile', and 'Gizmo'. At the bottom, it says 'FEBRUARY 8TH 4-6PM'."/>

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FEBRUARY 8TH 4-6PM

READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Are you interested in receiving parenting information, training, toys, and materials to help your Pre-K child be ready for Kindergarten? If yes, this workshop by The United Way is an incredible opportunity to learn and help your child.

[PDF WITH INFORMATION](#)

HEADPHONES

Parents, if you have quality headphones at home to send with your child(ren), it would be very helpful and appreciated.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Our cookie dough fundraiser has started! Orders are due to classroom teachers 2/11.

ROAR CARD SCHOOL DRAWING IS COMING UP!

Student celebrations of ROAR behaviors assembly is coming up next week. Borah Lions ROAR (ROAR = Really kind, Optimistic, Always safe, Responsible)

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Please check with your child's teacher regarding any activities for 2/14 for Valentine's Day. Please make sure if your child brings a card/treat for one student, they bring one for the entire class.



BORAH TIPS AND INFORMATION

BUS LOOP - Please keep the bus loop on the north side of the building free of cars. This is for the *bus only* and the driver has noticed parents driving through during drop off and pick up times. Parents, please help us to keep our children safe and stay out of the bus loop.

ABSENT STUDENTS - Thank you for calling the office when your student(s) will be absent. Debby has noticed an increase in calls and appreciates your help. Also, research shows that attendance has a dramatic impact on students' academic performance. Even sporadic absences can cause your child to fall behind their peers. Please let us know if we can help you make sure your student attends school regularly. Regular attendance is the best thing you can do to help your child be successful in life.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM - Parents, please fill out a Free/Reduced application even if you do not think you will qualify. This helps us for many funding programs. Also, they only last for a year, so yours may have expired if you completed one last year. Please feel free to call our counselor for support or check with the nutrition department at Nutrition Services:
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Phone: (208) 667-7469 / Fax: (208) 765-5781
Office Hours: 7am - 3pm (Monday - Friday) [Nutrition Services](#)
