



Borah Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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1/8: PTO Meeting
3:45 pm in the library

1/10: PTO Skate Night
6-8:30 pm

**1/16: Grandparents
Breakfast, 8:20 - 8:45**

**1/18: Borah School
Spelling Bee, 1:30-3 pm**

PTO Triple Play Night,
6-8 pm

1/21: No School
MLK Day observed

1/25: No School
Teacher Work Day

**1/30: District Spelling
Bee, 5 -6 pm**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and happy 2019 to you all! I sure hope you were able to spend some warm and happy family time together whether it was reading a good book, doing a craft, or being outdoors in the winter weather. I know we are looking forward to a very productive January with our students and due to the timing of the holiday break, this month will go by fast.

Parents, thank you for encouraging your child to read every night as it really does make a difference to their success. And, if you haven't had a chance to check out the Libby app, our local library has an incredible selection of children's books accessible from any mobile device with your library card. Also, if you feel your child needs more practice in any academic area, make sure to reach out to your child's teacher and they can provide ideas which will support and enhance the classroom learning.

As a new year is upon us, this is a great time to talk with your child about their goals for this part of the year and what they want to learn and accomplish. Your support is a critical piece of the picture and we appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely, Kristina Davenport, Principal: kdavenport@cdaschools.org

Every Story Matters



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I hope your time away from school was fun and relaxing and you feel ready to take on 2019! It's always fun to start a new calendar year and see how much our students continue to grow and learn. I hope you don't feel the need to load yourself with overwhelming resolutions for the new year, but if you vow to do something, here are some suggestions for you and your family:

- Read to or with your child at least 3 times a week
- Build a snowman as a family
- Eat a meal, as a family, at least 1 time a week
- Help your child write a thank you note for someone who gave them a gift or did something kind
- Sit down and do art with your child
- Play a board game
- Give your child a big bear hug

Hopefully this list gives you a start on some ideas that will bring added joy and connection to you and your family. As always, my door is always open to support and encourage our students and our families. Many thanks!

Lauren Mills, School Counselor

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Instructional Spotlight:

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



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ADVENTURES FROM 3rd GRADE

Third grade has launched their second PBL project, finding ways to bless our community. Students have been working on writing letters and making cards to deliver to the residents at Bestland. They took a walking field trip to deliver cards on Friday before break, in time for Christmas!

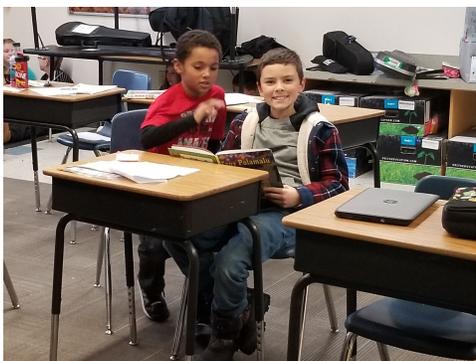
This is the first part of a larger community project that they will be continuing in January.

ADVENTURES FROM 5th GRADE

Fifth grade has continued their year long driving question, “What is it like to walk in someone else’s shoes?” They have supported the Food Pantry by organizing their very own food drive at Borah before break, assisting the local fire department in unloading a large donation of food to the pantry, and by our very own Student Council hosting a successful food drive at Super One in December. Through this they have learned about estimation in math and conversions in units.

ADVENTURES FROM 2nd and 5th GRADE

Second and fifth grade students experienced reading buddies this past month. Students from both grades really enjoyed the opportunity to get with a partner and show off their reading skills, help one another, and just share in the joy of reading. It was a beautiful sight to behold!



GRANDPARENTS BREAKFAST!

Grandparents, please join us for our annual Grandparents' Breakfast on 1/16 from 8:20 to 8:45 am in the cafeteria. Breakfast is \$ 2.20 for adults and we are having bars / cereal / fruit / juice / and coffee. Grandparents who join their grandchild(ren), will get a ticket to be able to help their grandchild(ren) choose a free, gently used book.

SPELLING BEE!

Our annual school spelling bee will be this month. Please check with your child and their teacher to get the list of words to study and the date for their class Bee; the school Bee will be at 1:30 pm on 1/18. This is for 3rd through 5th grade students. A winner will have the opportunity to participate in the CDA District Spelling Bee on 1/30 for a chance to go to Regionals.

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](#)

THANK YOU TO EXXON AND KERR OIL!

Exxon and Kerr Mobil recently donated \$500 to math and science at Borah Elementary! We appreciate their continued support of our efforts and look forward to putting the money toward their wishes.

LOCAL HOOP SHOOT OFF!

Congratulations to our Borah Hoop Shoot winners and good luck at the Local Shoot Off on January 13, 2019 at Lakeland High School Gymnasium. Please contact Marla Nixon at mnixon@cdaschools.org for more information.



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](#)
