



DATES TO

REMEMBER:

12/4—Day of Code—9:15-11:10—3rd & 5th Grades 1:15 to 3:10 4th & 6th Grades.

12/7—9:45—12:30—Choir sings at the Capitol and the Merc.

12/14—Choir, Band and Orchestra Performance

12/15—Nutcracker Field Trip (6th Grade only)

12/16—Christmas Program

12/20—Walking Club Parent Dollar Day

12/21—Christmas Parties

12/21—Early Release 1:15

12/22-1/3—Winter Holiday Break

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Cougar Tracks

December 2016

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that donated to Operation Wish Book. Our school sent 54 books to this worthy cause. Thanks again for your generosity!

Our "Kindness in the Community" activity was a success. We want to thank everyone for their kindness in donating to our food baskets and the clothing drive. We know the families at our sister schools really appreciate our kindness, food and clothes. We are so thankful for all of you.

Help—Photos Needed!

Please help fill the yearbook with wonderful photos of your children. Currently seeking photos of the **first day of school**, **fall carnival** and **Halloween parties**. You can upload photos straight from your phone using the "Image Share" app.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/balfour-image-share/id940654327?mt=8>

Choir, Band and Orchestra Performance

Date: December 14th

Time 9:30-Dress Rehearsal, 2:00-Parent Performance

Where: Hidden Springs Gymnasium

Winter Holiday Program

“We can’t wait for the Holidays” Please join the Kindergarten class, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades for some holiday cheer.

Date: Friday, December 16th

Time: 9:30 Dress Rehearsal 1:30 Parent Performance

Where: Hidden Springs Gymnasium

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Work with a great team, dedicated to serving students

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HSES Adopt a Military Family

Christmas is coming!



It is almost time for our annual holiday Adopt a Family project. This year we will help four local veterans who have just returned from deployment in Turkey and are wounded physically and/or emotionally. As a result, they are struggling to provide for their families.

Here is how you can give a veteran some much deserved peace and joy this holiday season:

- What:** Select a gift request tag from the Christmas trees in the school lobby. Trees will be trimmed on **Wednesday, December 7**. Don't hesitate because the tags usually go fast!
- How:** Purchase the gift, wrap it and label it with the tag you pulled off the tree.
- When:** Place the wrapped gift back under the tree by **Wednesday, December 21**.
- Why:** Your gifts will be delivered directly to the homes of our heroes in need to help them experience the beauty of this season.

Students are also invited to create a picture, card or a note to thank these veterans for their service. This simple gesture may mean more to them than the gifts. There will be a box labeled under the trees for collection.

Questions? Email ablewis74@gmail.com or crystal.norris@hotmail.com

HSES 2016 Day of Code, December 5th

Hidden Springs Elementary is taking a new spin on our Hour of Code event this year. We have brainstormed, with the help of the Idaho Virtual Reality Council, a format to engage elementary students in an exciting Day of Code. A Day of Code is an event in which a large number of people meet to engage in collaborative computer programming.

The HSES Day of Code will give students the experience of working collaboratively in a fast-paced, goal-focused environment to create a fully functioning app and associated marketing material in under two hours. Students will also have the opportunity to experience virtual reality, a contagiously exciting application of computer science, thanks to the Idaho Virtual Reality Council.

HSES Day of Code 2016

Who: All 3rd-6th Grade Students

What: A school-wide computer science celebration! Students will work in teams using collaboration, problem solving, and computer science to code and advertise their very own apps!

When: Monday, Dec 5.

9:15-11:10 (3rd and 5th grade)

1:15-3:10 (4th and 6th grade)

Special virtual reality experiences school-wide made possible by the Idaho Virtual Reality Council!

MEMORANDUM TO: Principals, Supervisors, Parents

Dr. Don Coberly

Superintendent of Schools

November 16, 2016

Education is important and every missed day of school represents lost learning opportunities. However, the Boise School District's primary concern is for the safety of all students, including students riding busses and walking or biking to school. If students cannot safely travel to school or if schools are not able to operate safely because of city-wide dangerous weather conditions, school may be cancelled.

We will not cancel school on days with normal wintery conditions. Light snowfall, cold mornings or areas of ice are not sufficiently dangerous to force the closure of schools. With proper precautions including appropriate clothing, road deicing, and careful driving, students can travel to and from school safely.

The Boise School District covers over 450 square miles of Ada County. We recognize that conditions vary throughout the District, even from street to street, in some cases. Conditions may be extremely dangerous in one area, while perfectly safe everywhere else. If parents believe it is too dangerous for their children to travel to school they have the option to keep their children home. If school is cancelled, it will be cancelled for the entire District.

The most frequent dangerous weather conditions facing Boise schools are:

SNOW: Snow levels within the City of Boise are typically light or moderate. However, there is always the potential for a heavy snowfall to make traveling by vehicle or on foot dangerous. Historically, most snowfall only results in slow traffic and minor accidents throughout the City. Normal snowfalls would not result in school closures.

COLD: Frigid temperatures are more serious than snow when making school closure decisions. On bitterly cold days our concern is for students walking to school. Extremely cold weather also impairs our ability to get busses running, which causes delays in pickup routes, delays which are much more dangerous to riders because of the low temperatures.

ICE: Ice is our most dangerous winter weather condition. Freezing rain and/or refreezing of melted snow make our roads, streets and sidewalks extremely treacherous for pedestrians, and vehicles. Icy conditions may force us to close, even if it appears that no other dangerous conditions exist.

How is the decision made to close or not to close school? Representatives from transportation agencies, the weather bureau, the highway district, city and county law enforcement agencies, and school administrators, including the Superintendent, check the roads and monitor information throughout the night and early morning hours. We confer by telephone early in the morning to reach a decision.

If school will be closed, we will communicate to local radio and television stations to spread the word. We will also email parents, send a text message, and post closure information at www.boiseschools.org and on our Twitter account [@BSDEducation](https://twitter.com/BSDEducation). To sign--up for the District's emergency text messaging service text SUBSCRIBE to the number 68453. You can also view a short video further explaining our Inclement Weather Procedures by going to www.boiseschools.org and then clicking on the Emergencies tab found under Parents & Patrons > Parent Information.