



Hidden Springs Elementary

Cougar Paws

November -December 2018

November-December

Calendar

November 12-16

Book Fair

November 7-16

Food and Clothing Drive

December 12

Band, Orchestra and Choir

10am and 2 pm

December 19th

Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade

Holiday Performance 10 am & 2pm

December 21st

Early Release 1/2 day K at 10:30

Full K-6 at 1:15

December 22-January 6

Winter Break

January 7th

School resumes

Mark Your Calendars for our Holiday Performances!

**December 12th Band, Orchestra, and Choir Concert.
Show times are 10am for Dress Rehearsal 2pm for Performance**

**December 19th Kindergarten-3rd grade program.
Show times are 10am for Dress Rehearsal 2pm for Performance
Am Kindergarten will perform only at the 10 dress rehearsal**

Operation Wish Book

Operation Wish Book is a community based project designed to enable less fortunate children to receive new books for Christmas. Please donate books by November 16th.

Books are distributed through the Salvation Army in time for Christmas. Donation forms are in the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Food and Clothing Drive is Nov 8-16th. Please bring all items to your child's classroom, or the front office.



BOOK FAIR IS HERE!



Come by and check out all the fun, cool and new books for the kids! Its going on Nov. 12-16th.

HSES Specialists Corner

Boise School District: Educating the whole child!

Music:

PE: Hello and welcome to Hidden Springs for an exciting year of Physical Education. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Tracy Leinen and I am the new Physical Education teacher. My personal philosophy has been shaped by my experiences while teaching, coaching and being the Athletic Director at Boise High School the past 32 years. The focus of all my work has been on character development and sportsmanship. More than ever before, young people need help in learning and developing their social and life skills. I think that P. E. class is the perfect place to do this. I will focus on instilling a sense of value in goal setting, as well as a sense of personal and social responsibility. The purpose is to let everyone experience success at their own pace, in a positive, safe environment that will promote a positive self-concept. I discuss sportsmanship each day in class and try to remind the kids that working together as a team is the most important thing and that it doesn't matter who wins and losses. Thanks for allowing me to teach your children. "Go Cougars"
Sincerely,
Tracy Leinen

Specialists Corner offers monthly tidbits from a few of our wonderful specialists!



**Computers
Library
Music
PE
STEM**

PARENTS: A FRIENDLY

REMINDER TO PLEASE NOT PARK IN THE BUS ZONE.





The Holiday Season is Finally Here!

It's time for our annual Adopt a Family program. The generosity of this community is always astounding and we are so excited to help spread your Christmas cheer once again.

This year we will help two struggling families, a ton of foster children, and many seniors in need at local care facilities.

Program Details:

- **November 27– December 6...**Choose a gift tag from one of the trees in the lobby, complete the sign up sheet on the wall, and purchase your special gift.
- **December 6...**return the gift and the tag in a gift bag (please do not wrap).
- **December 7...**volunteers will deliver all items to those in need.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Brooke Lewis at ablewis74@gmail.com.

Happy holidays!

MEMORANDUM

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, post closure information at www.boiseschools.org, on each school's website, on our Twitter account @BSDEducation and on our Facebook page. To sign-up for the District's emergency text messaging service for parents/guardians text SUBSCRIBE to the number 68453. Emergency text alerts are also available for non-parents (for example, District staff members) via the Boise School District's mobile app. The app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. You can also view a short video further explaining our Inclement Weather Procedures on our Emergency webpage.