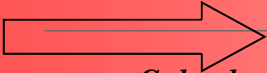


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Calendar of Events:

- February 10—PTA Mtg. 11:40 a.m.
- February 12—Valentine Parties
- February 13—No School—In-service
- February 16—No School
(President's Day)
- February 25—Arts/Crafts Night
Used book fair
- February 27—Popcorn Sale
- March 10—PTA Mtg. - 11:40 a.m.
- March 16-March 20—NO School
(SPRING BREAK)
- March 24 —Math-a-thon envelopes
go home
- April 9 -10 - No School—Conferences
- April 13 —Math-a-thon envelopes
due back to school
- April 14— Math-a-thon Test

Attn:

Room Parents

Please contact the teacher and make sure you both are on the same page for the Valentine parties on February 12th. Remember, different classes party at different times.

Also, please give me a call so that we can discuss plans for teacher appreciation week later this year. I can be contacted at 316-2066. Thank you,

Jeri Henley
PTA President

Mrs. Gillette, Principal Message

Dear Parents,

Mrs. Henley, our PTA President, is a little impatient with me—she is waiting on my letter so she can complete the newsletter. The newsletter is just one of the many things she does for Harrison. She volunteers many hours to our school. Since her children will be moving on next year, she will no longer be our “go to” gal. If you see her at school, be sure to thank her for her three years of hard work. ☺

Speaking of the PTA, our big fundraiser for the year is coming up. It's the Mathathon. Students can get pledges from friends and relatives for each problem they do correctly on a math exercise. Please encourage your child to participate and get lots of pledges. There are trophies and other prizes for the students who raise the most money. We appreciate your help and support. I know that money is tight right now, but we think the Harrison is a good cause.

Remember that Valentine's Day is on Saturday this year. We have teacher in-service on Friday, the 13th, so students don't have school that day. Valentine parties will be on Thursday, the 12th. As in the past, we request that you do not have Valentine gifts or flowers sent to school—please save them for home.

No school on Monday, Feb. 16—President's Day. That gives you a nice four-day weekend with your kids.

If you live south of Filer Ave., please remind your children to cross Filer at the four-way stop, on the corner of Filer and Harrison. That is the safest crossing. Drivers are driving way too fast on Filer, and they don't even slow for crosswalks. They are pretty good about stopping at the stop signs, however. Remind your children to make sure they have eye contact with the driver before they step out into the crosswalk.

Thanks to Mrs. Teske and Kambra Hayes for another successful talent show. Thanks also to our supportive parents!

Mrs. Petersen will be taking entries to the state level of the Invention Convention. Prizewinners were; Desarae Bohrn, Marissa Craig, Micayla Mueller, Jackson Shaver, Angela Garner Dennison, and Koby Moon. Congratulations!

Chris Gillette, Principal

Valentines Flowers, balloons etc.

Please do not send valentine flowers, balloons etc to your child. This is a huge distraction to the classroom. No deliveries will be made and students wouldn't receive their “gift” until school lets out. It would be appreciated if you would please save these “presents” for home.

Thank you! Thank you!

We would like to thank all the parent that call the office when their child will be out. It really helps account for their absence and lets us know that you know they are home. The office phone number is 733-4229.

Family Fun Night Featuring Arts/Craft Show, Used Book Fair , Multi-Cultural Reading, Internet Safety Video & Pizza and Soda

The PTA in conjunction with the school will be hosting a Family Fun Night this year on Wednesday, February 25, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:00. We highly encourage all students to participate in the **Art/Craft show** by doing a project at home. Ribbons will be awarded for participation. Projects can be as simple or elaborate as your child would like.

Suggested projects include: photography, scrap booking, sculpture, pottery, ceramics, baking, cake decorating, drawing, sewing, quilting, knitting, song writing, Lego design, story writing, poetry, woodworking, jewelry making, leatherworks, T-shirt design, calligraphy, painting, sock puppets, crochet, diorama, embroidery, building models, collections, stained glass even coloring pages. Use your imagination. You can also find great ideas online.

Another idea for the art/craft show for K-3rd graders is participating in the Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators contest. I have included a page detailing the information for K-3rd graders.

We are collecting good condition children's books for the **used book fair**. If your child brings a book they will get a certificate to pick out a different book. Used books can be dropped off at the library and she will keep track of name and number of books turned in for certificates. The certificates will be issued that day to the student and they will only be able to use them this night.

Multi-Cultural reading is also going on. People from various countries will be reading stories in their native languages. This is great for the students to hear other languages spoken.

The **internet safety video** will be shown on the half-hour. It is a great video about how to protect your "child/teen" on the internet. The video is put out by the Idaho Attorney General.

Pizza and soda will be sold that night for parents convenience. What a great way to spend the evening with your child, have some dinner and take home a "new" used book or two.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 316-2066. Jeri Henley, PTA President

Math-a-thon

We will be holding the annual Harrison Elementary Math-a-thon on April 14, 2009. Math-a-thon envelopes will go home just after spring break so that students can begin collecting pledges. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Proceeds from this event help the PTA provide needs and wants for the school, teachers and students. Trophies will be awarded again for students earning \$25.00 or more. Additional information on this will come home in March. If you would like to help in grading tests please contact me.

PTA Membership

PTA will be holding its elections in April. If you are thinking about an office you would like to hold now is the time to get involved. We will be holding our next meeting on February 10, 2009 at 11:40 a.m. Please call if you have any questions.

Remember to Wear Red or Blue on Fridays

Students earn "spirit bucks" by wearing a red shirt or a navy blue shirt to school on Fridays. Spirit bucks are spent in the traveling spirit store 4x per year. So far, we have had two stores. There is still plenty of time to earn bucks. This is a great way to show that we are proud of our school by wearing the school colors.

BOXTOPS FINAL COLLECTION IS FEBRUARY 25!!

The final collection for boxtops is February 25th. We have to have them postmarked by the end of the month in order to receive funds this year. Remember though to continue collecting so that they can be turned in at a later time. Classes are awarded parties for the most collected. Each boxtop is worth 10¢ for our school. Every little bit adds up.