

11.28.2021

Hello West Park Elementary Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful break filled with family and fun! We can't wait to see our little Wildcats tomorrow!

\*Please make sure your children have outerwear for recess. Snow or rainboots, coats, hats, and/or gloves are important to send to school to ensure comfort at recess. If you are not able to get outerwear for your child, please contact our school counselor Mrs. Hightower and she will be able to help you. Please be sure to mark all your children's outer clothing. Thank you!

Please see below for important dates and details heading into December.

#### **Greetings from the Parent Action Team:**

- If you are doing some early holiday shopping and have a few chocolate lovers on your list, take a look at our school chocolate shops with See's Candies.
- Everything is shipped directly to you or the lucky recipient and the PAT receives the profits!
- **The stores are only open until December 3 in order to ship in time for the holidays. Thanks for supporting your PAT!**
- **Russell Chocolate Shop:**
  - [https://www.yumraising.com/secure/russellwestpp\\_russell\\_winter\\_58/candy?h=Jen\\_Hoh9097](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/russellwestpp_russell_winter_58/candy?h=Jen_Hoh9097)
- **West Park Chocolate Shop:**
  - [https://www.yumraising.com/secure/russellwestpp\\_west\\_park\\_elementary\\_holiday\\_17/candy?h=Jen\\_Hoh9097](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/russellwestpp_west_park_elementary_holiday_17/candy?h=Jen_Hoh9097)

#### **Close Contact Protocol Change**

- **Effective November 29, 2021, the district will modify our current contact tracing measures, specifically, the practice of students being required to quarantine due to close contact within the classroom with a COVID-19 positive person.**
- Students who are identified as close contacts and are asymptomatic will no longer be required to quarantine at home. These identified students will be monitored at school for any symptoms.
- Parents/guardians are also requested to continue to take precautions and monitor their children for COVID-19-like symptoms and to keep students at home when symptomatic.
- Parents/ guardians will continue to be notified if a confirmed positive case was present in one or more of their student's classrooms when that positive case was infectious.

- The school district continues to have COVID-19 PCR Vault tests for your use if you believe your student or an immediate family member of the student has been exposed to COVID-19. You can pick a test up at your child's school or the district office.

#### **December 1 - Community Chat with the Superintendent (7:00 pm)**

- Please join Superintendent Dr. Bailey and other district administration as we discuss important happenings for the Moscow School District.
- You can join via the Zoom link below. Thank you!
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82616423223?pwd=aVhYNi9hU2xXNnBCNWT5YjNsbE9Xdz09>

#### **December 20 – 31 – No School Winter Break**

- There will be no school these two weeks.
- Enjoy the time off with friends and family!

#### **January 3 - Students Return From Break**

- Students will return to school from Winter Break on this date.

#### **January 17 - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Idaho Human Rights Day**

- There will be no school on this date.

#### **January 28 - No School - Teacher Workday**

- There will be no school on this date.
- This date will mark the end of our 2nd quarter and first semester.
- More details concerning report cards will be sent closer to the date.

#### **January 31 - No School - Teacher Workday**

- There will be no school on this date.

#### **Online Learning 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester – Idaho Digital Learning Alliance**

- Families looking to enroll their elementary students in online learning for second semester are now able to register for IDLA.
- Second semester for the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance begins January 24th.
- Registration closes on January 21st.

- Contact Craig Allen at Russell school with any questions you may have at allenc@msd281.org.

### **Parent Action Team Meeting Notes**

- Please use this link for the agenda and minutes. [PAT 2021-2022 Reports](#)
- At the last meeting we learned that West Park Elementary profited \$5,344 from the Otis fundraiser! Amazing! These funds will go directly to our school needs and school community events!

### **Approved COVID Tests**

- If you choose to have your child take a Covid-19 test for the purpose of getting your child back into school, the district only accepts the results from a “NAAT” or “PCR” Covid-19 test.
- All of our Covid-19 information is found on our district website through the link below.
- [https://msd281.org/COVID\\_19\\_Information/pandemic\\_operation\\_plan](https://msd281.org/COVID_19_Information/pandemic_operation_plan)
- Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school each day wearing a mask. We appreciate your help!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Go Wildcats!

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