



June Seltice News

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Dear Seltice Parents and Guardians,

As many of you know, this has been a very successful year for Seltice Elementary. Here is a list of few of the positive things that happened to Seltice for the 2009/10 school year:

- We applied for and received a \$18,000 grant from the State Department of Education to provide our children with fresh fruits and vegetables as a snack between either their morning or afternoon instruction times. We just received word that our application for this grant will be honored for the 2010/11 school year as well.
- Our entire staff has gone through the Mathematical Thinking Initiative given by the state. No other school in our area has had their entire staff trained in this area.
- In the spring of 2009, 90 to 95% of our Seltice children scored proficient or advanced in the Spring ISAT. Seltice was recognized as one of the top 20 schools in the state of Idaho to receive the Additional Yearly Growth Award. Our children just finished the 2010 Spring ISAT and it looks as if all of our children have done very well and Seltice will exceed the requirements set up by the state and federal government.
- Mrs. Alice Page was selected Seltice's "Teacher of the Year" and Mrs. Nancy Ingalls was selected our "Education Support Person of the

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selected our "Education Support Person of the Year". These ladies are a wonderful example of the quality staff that we have here at Seltice

These good things can only happen when a school has the parent community that we have. You have partnered with us and taken an interest in your child's education. When schools and parents work together and the school has the support of its parents, good things happen.

As you may know, all school district's budgets are being cut significantly for the 2010/11 school year. Seltice as well as all of our schools in the Post Falls School District will experience these cuts as well. In the past, many grade levels have requested money to be used for Scholastic Readers, special projects and field trips. We will be increasing this request at each grade level. When you see our supply lists in the stores this summer it will request a \$10 activity fee per student at each grade level. This will help us provide supplementary materials that support our academic programs as well as help support some of our special projects and any outside school field trips that may take place. Although tight budgets make us tighten our belts and curtail some of our ac-

our activities, we believe that this activity fee will help us maintain the quality program at our school that you have come to know.

Lastly I would like to say farewell to a very special member of our staff. Mrs. Marilyn Cain will be retiring at the end of this year. Mrs. Cain has served our students for the past 16 years as the counselor at Seltice. She has been the Student Cabinet advisor, in charge of the Care Kids, has spearheaded all of our food drives, as well as teaching special classes, meeting with students in groups or individually.

I hope you and your family will have a safe, restful and family centered summer together. We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school in the fall—September 7th.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Uphus

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Principal

Summer Meals at Seltice Elementary

Once again this summer, Seltice will be serving summer meals from June 21st—August 20th. Breakfast will be served from 8—9 am and lunch from 11 am—1 pm. Anyone 18 and under can eat for free. Adults, over 18, can eat lunch for \$2.00 and breakfast for \$1.00. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to meet a friend and enjoy a meal with them. Feel free to join your children!

Hang with a Grandparent at Garden Plaza!

You can come and play bingo, chess or even do crafts with the seniors at Garden Plaza. Seltice has the 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Come hang and have fun with the seniors. We will be continuing through the summer with this too.

If you are interested, please call or email Kelly at 773-1681 or kschumacker@sd273.com.

June Events

6/1—Summer Reading Program assembly 1:30—1:45

6/2—Kindergarten comes to visit

6/3—Sierra Mine field trip—Ms. Wenig's class

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6/7—Behavior Honor Roll Recess

6/8—Steve Snell Fun Run Finals—1:30—3 pm

6/10—Talent Show—dress rehearsal 1:15 and evening show at 6 pm

5th grade Walking field trip to Falls Park 9:30—1

6/11—Last day of school for students—full day

1st grade musical "Goin' Buggy" 11:30-12:15 in the gym

End of Year assembly in the Gym at 9:30

Box Tops and Soup Labels

Many thanks for your help with Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops this year! We had a very successful year with this project. Special Thanks to Mrs. Abbott for all her work, spearheading, cutting, counting and tabulating. It was such a good year, all students will be getting a special treat on the last week of school!

Thank you, Mrs. Cain

After several years as the counselor at Seltice, Mrs. Cain will be retiring. We appreciate your dedicated service to the students and staff of Seltice.

Have fun with your grandsons, enjoy your time with your husband, and your quilting. We send our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement. We will miss you!

Our Thanks....

We would like to take this chance to thank all of our volunteers, who have donated hundreds hours to our students and staff this year, for everything you have done for us.

We also wish to thank the PTO for everything they have done this year to make this a very successful year here at Seltice.

We truly feel blessed to have met and worked with every one of you! Have a great summer and see you in September!