



May Seltice News

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Dear Seltice Parents and Guardians,

At this time of year each elementary school in the state has their 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students involved in taking the Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT). This is a test that doesn't reflect what our teachers have taught your children in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade but a test that reflects the learning of what our kindergarten thru 5th grade teachers have taught your children.

After 35 years as an educator, I have had the opportunity to work with some very skilled and wonderful teachers and the teachers at Seltice are second to none. We have an experienced staff that is committed to their own professional growth so that they can be the best teacher they can be and help prepare your child for the challenges of the world that they will inherit.

Our teachers take their job seriously and work very hard to maximize their time with your children. This is a job that they cannot do by themselves. Parents are the other part of the teaching equation. Children successfully grow in their learning when teachers and parents are working together. We have a wonderful partnership with our parents at Seltice. You have supported your child's teacher when they send homework folders and planners home. You have supported your child's teacher when you make

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sure that your children do their homework, eat healthy meals, go to bed at a reasonable time and maintain healthy routines for your children at home so that they come to school well rested, fed, clean and prepared to learn.

We will soon begin our summer break and a well deserved rest for your children. Many of our teachers will be taking classes and workshops throughout the summer to advance their knowledge and skills. Even though your children will be on vacation, it will be critical for them to continue to do some math, reading and writing during the summer to keep their skills honed. I would encourage you to plan 20 – 30 minutes of academic practice into their summer routines. It will pay off with dividends when they come back to us on September 7th.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Uphus

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Principal

Please have your child dress for the weather!

Spring weather is always a challenge. Please send your child with a sweater or jacket. As it warms up during the day, students can leave their layer in class.

May Events

- 5/3— 4th quarter progress reports sent home with students
- 4th Grade ISAT's through 5/4
- 5/4— PTO Skate Night 6—8:30 at Skate Plaza
- 5/5—Kindergarten Registration 7 am—6 pm at Fredrick Post Kindergarten see info on the 2nd page of the Newsletter
- PTO Popcorn sale at last recess
- 3rd Grade ISAT testing starts—5/14
- 5/6—Behavior Honor Roll Recess 1:10-1:30
- D.A.R.E. Graduation 1:30 in the gym
- 5/7—D.A.R.E. Picture 9:15
- 5/10-5/14—Reading Room Fluency Boot Camp
- 5/12—PTO Popsicle sale at last recess
- 5/13—Karma Wilson Presentation
- 4th Grade field trip to Q'emlin Quest 11—1
- PTO Meeting at 3:30—Elections
- 5/14—PTO Hat Day by donation
- End of ISAT testing
- Monster Truck club with Mr. Uphus at Lunch
- 5/18—3rd Grade IRI testing
- 3rd Grade Landmarks tour—Ms. Winter's class
- 4th Grade field trip to Old Mission Park
- 5/19—2nd grade IRI Testing
- PTO Popsicle Sale at last recess
- 5/20—3rd Grade Landmarks tour—Ms. Wenig's class
- 1st Grade IRI testing
- 5/21—3rd Grade Landmarks tour—Mrs. Bassett's class
- 5/24—City Library Puppet Show
- 5/25—5th grade visits the middle schools
- 5/26—PTO popsicle sale at last recess
- PFMS counselors come to visit 5th grade at 1:30
- 5/27—4th grade Mr. Nilson's class to Museum of N. Idaho
- 5/28—4th Grade Mrs. Shepard & Ms. Travis to museum of N. I.
- 2nd Grade goes to IMAX
- 5/31—Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL for students and staff
- 6/1—Summer Reading Program assembly
- 6/2—Kindergarten students visit Seltice

Jump Aboard the Seltice Food Train!

The train has left the station and is doing very well! We have had to add additional cars to the train and even a train depot to carry all the food we are collecting. Every day until May 15th, our Student Cabinet members will be at the drop off /pick up area on Chase Road collecting food before and after school. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Mr. Uphus will be out there collecting food with the students.

Jump aboard the train and help us feed those families in need!