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Hello West Park Elementary Families!

We did it! The students of West Park read over 5,000 books during the month of April! In fact, our students read 6,555 books! We could not be more proud of our amazing Wildcats. This of course means I will be sleeping on the roof! My plan is to stay on the roof of West Park Thursday, May 6. I should be up and settled on the roof by 6:30 pm. Feel free to walk or drive by the school between 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm for a wave and maybe some drumming! I will be heading into the tent at 8:30 pm as I imagine it may not be a great night of sleep. 😊

Thanks again to all of our West Park families for your amazing support of our kiddos and reading month. Together we can accomplish so much!

Please see below for important dates and details.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week is Next Week!**

- Please see below from the West Park/Russell Parent Action Team!
- Our teachers have worked so hard under unprecedented circumstances this year and we are FIRED UP to show them some love!
- How can you help? You can sign up to take a prepackaged treat to West Park via the sign up genius links below.
- **West Park is celebrating on Wednesday, May 5th**, so if you're taking treats to West Park, please take them to the office on or before Wednesday.
- **West Park Sign Up Genius**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CABAA29A3FB6-west4>

### **Summer School**

- As reported by superintendent Dr. Bailey in the community chat, during the school board meeting and in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, the school district is organizing summer school this year.
- The summer school sessions will include a three week in-person June session, a three week in-person August session, and an online July session.
- The June and August sessions are being filled by teachers extending an invitation to students from each elementary school in the district.
- The July session may include requests from parents to get help with online resources for summer learning.
- We are working hard on the logistics for this program so more information is coming!

### **IMPORTANT –**

- **Notice for families who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals re: Idaho School P-EBT (Pandemic - Electronic Benefit Transfer):** Children attending MSD schools who would have received free or reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Act during the 2020-21 school year are eligible to receive temporary emergency nutrition benefits. These benefits will be provided on an EBT card that can be used to purchase food.

- **If you think you were eligible for Free and Reduced Meals, but did not submit an application this school year, you can still do so, but the application needs to be received at your child's school no later than Friday, April 30.** Families of eligible children will get a letter in June or July followed by a P-EBT card for enrolled and eligible child. Benefit amounts for children from MSD schools have not yet been published.
- Use this link [https://www.msd281.org/meals/free\\_reduced\\_meals](https://www.msd281.org/meals/free_reduced_meals) or contact your child's school to check Free and Reduced Meals eligibility requirements or to download a Free and Reduced Meals application.
- For more information about the P-EBT program, visit this website <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cnp/sch-mp/pebt.html>, or contact:
- Kendra Grove - MSD Student Nutrition Services Supervisor - 208-892-1123 - [grovek@msd281.org](mailto:grovek@msd281.org)
- Charlie Gerke - MSD Operations Director - 208-892-1110 - [gerkec@msd281.org](mailto:gerkec@msd281.org)

### **Before School Recess – Week of May 3**

- **1<sup>st</sup> grade students have before school recess this week!** This means 1<sup>st</sup> grade students not eating breakfast will go outside to the playground for supervised playtime starting at 8:00 am until the 8:20 am bell rings. 1<sup>st</sup> grade students eating breakfast will go outside once they have finished eating.
- All other grades will enter the building and either eat breakfast or go straight to their classrooms for supervised activities prior to the start of school.

### **May 11 – Bike to School Day!**

- We are encouraging our students and families to ride their bikes to school on this date!
- More details to come closer to the date.

### **May 12 – Community Chat with the Superintendent via Zoom**

- Please join Superintendent Dr. Bailey and all district admin for our next community chat via Zoom.
- Here is the Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190463350?pwd=UUZpZFVXbkNFMnpncjk1ZEJ2WTMwQT09>

### **Summer Adventure Club!**

- Interested in Summer Adventure Club for your kiddo?
- Check out the flyer below for this great opportunity!
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### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- May 6 – Mr. Smith Sleeps on the Roof!
- May 11 – Bike to School Day!
- May 12 – Community Chat with the Superintendent – 7:00 pm

Go Wildcats!

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