



◆NEWS RELEASE◆

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saturday, November 21: Boise School District's 8th Annual All-District Employee Holiday Art & Craft Bazaar, West Jr. High School, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to the public who are encouraged to bring a donation to either the Idaho FoodBank or Toys for Tots. Come to the new West Jr. High located at 8371 W. Salt Creek Ct. south of Victory Rd. between Cole and Maple Grove roads and do some holiday shopping! All vendors are employees of the Boise School District and/or their families.

Saturday, November 21: Fourth Annual Turkey Trot and Pancake Feed, Hidden Springs Elementary School, beginning at 8 a.m. with the pancake feed and the one-mile fun run for kids at 9 a.m. (a shorter course will be available for preschool age kids and younger). Race entrance fee will be either two canned food items or one warm coat to benefit a local charity. Proceeds from the pancake feed will benefit the school.

Wednesday, November 25: Early release for Boise School District students. Morning kindergarten will be held from 8:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m., afternoon kindergarten will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., grades 1-6 will release at 1:15 p.m., grades 7-9 will release at noon, and grades 10-12 will release at 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27: Thanksgiving break. No school for Boise School District students.

Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5: 37th Annual Madrigal Dinner, Boise High School, seating at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. both evenings. Enjoy dinner and an evening of medieval/renaissance music and festivities! Ticket information: adults \$20, students/seniors \$15, tickets on sale now! Contact ASB office 854-4291 for information.

Friday, December 11: Drama Showcase, East Jr. High auxiliary gym, 7 p.m. Students from Linda Byron's Theater Arts I classes will perform dance routines, improv, and storytelling. Public is invited to attend.

Monday, December 14: PTO meeting, Hawthorne Elementary School, 6 p.m.

Longfellow Artists to be Featured: Artists from Longfellow Elementary School will be featured at the downtown Boise branch of D.L. Evans Bank located at the corner of 9th and Idaho streets during December's First Thursday event. Artwork will be on display on **Thursday, December 3** beginning at 5:30 p.m. Featured works will include art from every classroom as well as works inspired by the Artist in Residence program. Refreshments provided, free and open to the public.

Hidden Springs Student Participates in Competition: **Cassidy Tiegs**, a 5th grade student at Hidden Springs Elementary School, recently participated in the Punt, Pass, and Kick competition. After coming in first at the local school level, she competed at the sectional level, consisting of all the local

area schools' first place winners. The scores of the first place winners at the sectional level are compared with all other first place winners in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. The top four scorers from those five states will compete at the Seahawks game on **Sunday, December 6** in Seattle. The first place winner at that level will go on to compete with all the NFL Team Championship winners and the top three scorers will compete at an NFL playoff game in January.

Roosevelt Student Lands Lead Role in Production: Roosevelt Elementary School 6th grade student **Drew Myers** recently landed a lead role in Opera Idaho's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* which runs November 30- December 6 at the Egyptian Theater.

Trail Wind Student Donates to Humane Society: **Taylor Cory**, a 6th grade student at Trail Wind Elementary School, recently donated over \$150 to the Idaho Humane Society. Cory did this by using her allowance to purchase two Webkinz which she raffled off for \$1 per ticket, selling tickets after school and at the school's PTO Costume Dance.

Capital Student Considered for Scholarship: **Jenifer Gile**, a senior at Capital High School is one of 300 finalists nationwide to be considered for the QuestBridge scholarship. The QuestBridge National College Match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges. Gile received a score of 31 on the ACT. Gile, whose dad passed away from cancer when she was 6 years old, plans to pursue a career in medicine, specifically working to cure cancer.

Timberline Students Work Toward Clean Environment: Students enrolled in Timberline High School's TREE Club and AP Environmental Science class helped install "Clean Air Zone" signs urging motorists to turn off their engines while waiting to pick-up or drop-off students at each school in the Timberline High School quadrant. This program is called "Clean Air Zone Idaho" from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The students' goal is the greenest quad in the Boise School District, state and region. TREE stands for Teens Restoring the Earth's Environment, which is a club of dedicated students who care about the environment and are dedicated to working for its protection.

Les Bois Librarian Accepts Award: Les Bois Jr. High School was awarded the Idaho School Library Media Program of the Year at the October Idaho Library Association (ILA) conference. The award is sponsored by Follett Library Media Resources and ILA and goes to a school media program that is fully integrated into the school's curriculum and is central to the learning process and student achievement. **Kit Parker**, Les Bois' teacher-librarian, who has been in charge of the library for the past 11 years, accepted the award.

Idaho's First Lady Reads to Whittier Students: Idaho's First Lady **Lori Otter** read to Whittier Elementary School 4th grade students during a recent visit to the school's library. The First Lady's visit was made possible thanks to Whittier Volunteer **Linda Gerber**. A Whittier volunteer through the Rotary Club, Gerber went to a function this past summer. One of the auction items was to have First Lady Lori Otter come to a school and read to a class. Gerber won the auction item and she picked Whittier. First Lady Otter visited Whittier on Monday, November 2 where she read a number of books to Whittier students, including *Ida Visits the Capitol*. First Lady Otter collaborated with Boise State University to design and write the book, which is designed to educate 4th graders about Idaho History. Using her teaching background, Mrs. Otter has created this gift for the children of Idaho that is also an up-to-date educational resource for students and teachers. Further information about the book can be found online at <http://firstlady.idaho.gov/>

White Pine Teacher, Family, and Neighbors Raise Donations for Idaho Foodbank: Every year for the past nine years, **Teri Mahler**, 5/6 GATE teacher at White Pine Elementary School, and her family have hosted what has been dubbed the Mahler Family Food Drive each October. The Mahlers and their neighbors put together a party in their neighborhood complete with a bounce house,

temporary tattoos, a photo booth and a band. Attendees bring donations of non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations which benefit the Idaho Foodbank. Attendees may also reserve a bowl for the Empty Bowls event in advance and paint it at the party. Prizes and food for the party are donated by local businesses and all work is done by volunteers. This October, nearly 150 people attended and over 700 pounds of food was collected. In addition, over \$2,700 in monetary donations were collected; those proceeds will benefit the Foodbank's Backpack program which provides food children can make themselves over weekends. For their efforts, Mahler and daughter, **Haley**, a senior at Timberline High School were recognized as Seven's Heroes by Idaho's News Channel 7 for their hard work with this food drive.

Life's Kitchen Program Leads to High School Credits: Life's Kitchen recently announced that secondary students who opt into the Life's Kitchen program can earn 3-5 high school credits in the Boise School District.

Life's Kitchen is an innovative, non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of at-risk young adults by building self-sufficiency and independent living through a comprehensive food-service job training program, life skills training, and job placement in the food service industry. Life's Kitchen supports its program with Custom Catering, a Lunch Café, a Contract Food business, and from private donations and community grants.

Open Gym at Nine BSD Schools: Kids in elementary school and junior high can have fun and stay active this winter at free open gym sessions available at seven neighborhood schools. Drop in for a few minutes or longer!

Open Gym runs from November 7, 2009 through March 2010. Activities may include pick-up basketball, indoor soccer, rope climbing and jump roping. Equipment is provided at some locations. Supervision is provided by Boise Parks & Recreation staff members. All gyms will be closed on holidays and during Christmas break. Locations and hours may be subject to change.

For children in kindergarten to sixth grade, Open Gyms are available at these elementary schools:

- Hawthorne, 2401 W. Targee, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays
- Liberty, 1740 E. Bergeson, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays & 1-4 p.m. Sundays
- Koelsch, 2015 N. Curtis, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays
- Valley View, N. 3555 Milwaukee, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays & 1-4 p.m. Sundays

For older youth, Open Gyms are offered at these junior high schools:

- Les Bois, 4150 E. Grand Forest Drive, 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays & 1-4 p.m. Sundays
- Hillside, 3536 W. Hill Road, 8-11 a.m. Saturdays & 1-4 p.m. Sundays
- East, 5600 E. Warm Springs Ave., 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays
- West, 8371 W. Salt Creek Ct., 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays
- South, 3101 W. Cassia St., 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays

Open Gym is a free service provided by Boise Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Boise Independent School District. For information, see www.cityofboise.org/parks or contact Sara Crawford at scrawford@cityofboise.org or (208) 384-4256.

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