



What is "lockdown?"

In the past several weeks many schools have been placed in a lockdown mode. Although this is normal procedure for those who regularly work in a particular school, this may not be the case as a substitute or volunteer. I was recently subbing in a school when a lockdown occurred. I wanted to share my experiences so all volunteers know what to do at Koelsch, if you are volunteering and a lockdown occurs.

During a lockdown, the students and staff, follow procedures that place everyone in the least vulnerable locations in the building – in essence hiding.

During my experience, I was subbing in a resource room. I had a group of four students with me in a conference room and we were not in the classroom. The principal came on the intercom and made the announcement: "Teachers we are in lockdown." Fortunately the students with me immediately knew what to do. I locked the door and we sat there wondering what was happening. At the time of the announcement, I was about ready to return the students to their class so they could head out to recess. As we sat there 10 minutes went by. An announcement was made and we heard – "Teachers, check your e-mail." As a substitute I don't have e-mail, and even if I did, I was in a conference room without access. I do not know what is happening or if we have special instructions. Finally after one hour, the principal made an announcement: "Teachers you may resume your duties."

As a volunteer, please be sure to sign in at the office. Additionally if you bring children, they should also be signed in and with you at all times. This will help to keep everyone safe and the office will know exactly where you are if an emergency occurs. While I hope this scenario never happens to anyone, I believe it's important to understand that situations like this can and do happen.

Koelsch School has the following procedures for lockdown:

- Announcement on PA system that this is a lockdown.
- Teachers immediately lock classroom doors and have students sit in a place away from view of windows and doors and wait.
- The custodian will lock all outside doors.
- Students, who are not in their rooms, but with other adults in a room, follow the same procedures.
- Students who are in the restroom are to move into a stall, lock the door and sit on the toilet until an adult comes in and identifies him/herself.
- Adults will check the restrooms as soon as possible.
- Volunteers in the building need to move immediately to the closest room.

Thank you for volunteering at the school. It is greatly appreciated. Let's all keep safe.

Gina Kinikin

Get your Koelsch t-shirts! Ask for a PTO t-shirt sale form in the office. Orders are due by Nov. 30!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOV 25** Koelsch Choir @ the Festival of Trees at 12:15 • \$6.00
• Early dismissal at 1:15pm
- NOV 26** No School—
Happy Thanksgiving!
- NOV 27** No School
- DEC 4** Choir, Band, and Orchestra concert at 9:15am
- DEC 10** 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Christmas Program
• Dress Rehearsal at 2:00pm
• Regular Program at 7:00pm

5A IDAHO FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Capital Eagles vs. Eagle Mustangs

Friday, November 20th
7:00pm • BSU Stadium

Support your local High School!

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$4.00

KOELSCH TWEETS!

@KoelschRams

Operation Wish Book

Remember, this is the last week Operation Wish Book will collect new books for needy children. On November 23 volunteers will be collecting the boxes from schools and from area businesses that have partnered with us. In addition to our school, collection boxes can be found in the following Boise businesses: Rediscovered Bookshop at 7079 Overland and A Novel Adventure at 906 Main will give you a 20% discount for books purchased for Operation Wish Book.

The books will be sorted by volunteers and will be made available the third week in December to families who are unlikely to be able to purchase such gifts for their children. Imagine the message given when children find that books are among the precious gifts received. Share the joy you feel when you read to your child by making it possible for other parents to read with their children.

According to Jim Trelease, author, "Next to hugging and talking to children, reading aloud is the greatest gift we can give them." Operation Wish Book is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization made up of area teachers who volunteer their time and effort so needy children can have books to love that belong to them.



LUNCH MENU

Monday 11/23

Soft Shell Taco or Munchable

Healthful Choice Bar:

- Tortilla Chips
- Fresh Salad Mix, Tomatoes, Corn, Mozzarella Cheese, & Black Beans
- Fruit

Tuesday 11/24

Teriyaki Chicken & Rice or New-York Style Pretzel w/ String Cheese

Healthful Choice Bar:

- Rice
- Fresh Steamed Broccoli & Carrots
- Fresh Tossed Green Salad
- Fruit

Wednesday 11/25

Super Cheese Pizza or Ranch Chicken Wrap
Oreo Cookie

Healthful Choice Bar:

- Breadstick
- Fresh Salad Mix, Tomatoes, Carrots, Peas, & Radishes
- Fruit

Thursday 11/26

No school

Friday 11/27

No school

Lunch times are as follows:

1st & 1/2 combo	11:30-12:15
2nd grade	12:00-12:45
3rd grade	12:10-12:55
4th grade	11:40-12:25
5th grade	12:20-1:05
6th grade	11:50-12:35

Join us for Open Gym on the weekends!

Supervised open gym play for elementary and secondary school aged youth. Koelsch Gym will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am–2pm. Drop in for 20 minutes or longer. Open gym is from November 1 through March 21, except for Christmas break. All gyms will be closed on holidays.

Open Gym is a service free of charge, provided by a partnership of the Boise Independent School District and Boise Parks & Recreation. For further information call 384-4256.

Koelsch Yearbook Cover Contest Rules

- All entries due by Friday, December 4, 2009. Please turn these into Gina Kinikin-PTO Box in the office.
- All entries must have "Koelsch Elementary" spelled correctly or it will not be judged
- No more than two entries per person.
- No crayons and no highlighters can be used.
- Must be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper in portrait layout (up and down). Do not fold the paper.
- All students first and last name, along with grade and class must be written on the back of the artwork in pencil.
- Three winners will be chosen (1) for the front cover, (1) for the back cover, and (1) on the autograph page.
- Winners will be given a free copy of the yearbook and their artwork framed.
- If all of these rules are not followed, the artwork submitted will not be entered for judging.
- Good luck!