

# Eliza Hart Spalding

## S.T.E.M. ACADEMY

Jamie Dobson, Principal

Please call in **ALL** attendance to the office at **350-4307**. We will relay information to the teacher.

April 2019

### Dates to Remember:

**4/10**

Spring Music  
Concert at  
Centennial  
Performing Arts  
Center

**4/11**

Fun Run  
registrations due

**4/12**

Professional  
Development Day  
No School

**4/15**

Kindergarten  
Registration  
9 am-3 pm

**4/15**

PTO meeting in the  
library 4:15 pm

**4/18**

New Student Open  
House  
4:30-5:30 pm

**4/19**

Student learner  
input forms due

**4/23**

Early Release for  
collaboration

**4/26**

Popcorn Friday

**4/27**

District Fun Run at  
Meridian High  
10:00 am

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a relaxing time with your families over track break and that you are enjoying the warmer weather.

Please mark the evening of Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We will be enjoying another wonderful music concert, American Dreamers—I Dreamed a Dream, thanks to the hard work of your students and Mr. Duncan. Please plan to bring your student to the backstage area (same as in the fall), 15 minutes prior to their concert time. This will help the teachers get the students organized and will help keep our performances running on time.

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades start at 6:00 p.m., please arrive by 5:45 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades start at 7:30 p.m., please arrive by 7:15 p.m.

Students can review the lyrics and music to the songs by accessing the Spalding website, and finding class documents on Mr. Duncan's website. Kindergarten students will have their spring concert in June.

Teachers have been working hard analyzing classroom and student achievement data to ensure students are showing growth in all academic areas. Starting the middle of April, we will begin spring ISAT testing for grades 3-5. The ISAT test is also known as the SBAC. We will also be having spring IRI testing for grades K-3 starting in May. It is very important for students to be at school during this testing. You can help your children do their best by helping them get a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and encouraging them to do their best. If you can make any appointments during this time outside of school hours, we would appreciate it.

Please log into **PowerSchool** and update your demographic information. This needs to be done each year whether any information has changed or not. Thank you in advance!

Attached you will find the parent input form for our next school year. Every teacher at Spalding STEM Academy works hard to make sure that their students receive a quality education in a caring environment. While we do not take teacher requests, we do listen to your thoughts on what type of learner your students is, and what classroom environments work best for him/her. If you would like to complete this input form, please do so and return it to the office by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support of the teaching and learning here in our Spalding community.

Respectfully,

*Jamie Dobson, principal*

### Spalding Staff News:



- Our fantastic head custodian, **Lyle DeMond**, retired right before track break. He was a character and will be missed by all of us. **Cale Anthony** is our new head custodian and is having fun learning about elementary schedules. Please join us in welcoming Cale to the Spalding community.
- Each year, our staff honors a teacher and a classified employee for their accomplishments and contributions to our school. This year, we are honoring 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher **Heidi Bond** as our teacher of the year and **Kelsea Cole** as our certified employee of the year. We thank these ladies for their hard work, positive attitude, and all they do to go above and beyond for our students.

### High Reliability Schools Update:

Our staff has been working diligently to ensure our systems here at school promote a safe and collaborative learning environment. We are grateful for parent input with the fall surveys, PTO meetings, and emails to staff. We have used your input, student survey input, and staff input to focus on goals to strengthen our systems. Here are some things we've been working on:

- Sharing celebrations with our students, including Kelso Catchers, class awards, SOAR awards, and achievement information.
- Adding a Report Safety or Bullying concern link on our website that provides emails directly to the principal and counselor so we can investigate. Direct contact to teachers or principal about any concerns is also encouraged.
- Allowing 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who have a history of following rules to apply to be self-managers. Leadership opportunities for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students continue to include student council and Peace Keepers. Older students are trained in ways to help younger students engage in games and learn school expectations.
- Continuing to practice drills with staff and students regarding fire drills, lockdowns, and other emergencies. The school safety plan is updated continuously throughout the year, including information about our new addition.
- Continuing to track discipline referrals to help determine when we need to reteach expectations, change supervision systems, or provide individual interventions and make decisions regarding that data.
- Continuing to work in collaborative teams to determine student needs for academics and behaviors.

Our school team will meet with the district certification team on April 24<sup>th</sup> to present our work.



### PTO update

- Our bathrooms have new bright, positive posters! Money raised during the fall "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser was used to purchase these. Thanks to PTO volunteers for installing them during track break.
- During to our April 15<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting, we'll be taking nominations for board members for the 2019-2020 school year. Please come join us.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> will be our next popcorn Friday. If you can volunteer or you can help for school store, please contact the PTO at [pto.spalding@gmail.org](mailto:pto.spalding@gmail.org).
- We'll be have a GLOW dance on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. More information is coming!



# FUN RUN



## WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

**When:** Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Meridian High School Track (behind the high school)  
**WHO:** All Elementary Students in West Ada School District  
**REGISTRATION DUE DATE:** APRIL 11, 2019



### REGISTRATION FORM

Registration - \$10.00-(includes t-shirt) NAME(s)



AGE(s) \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Sizes: Medium (10-12)	Adult Sizes: Small (34-36)
Large (14-16)	Medium (38-40)
(These sizes usually fit K-4)	Large (42-44)
	X-Large (46-48)

(Add \$2.00 for XXL or XXXL) Size (s) needed (list each one needed)

(Make sure you indicate youth or adult)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ELIZA HART SPALDING STEM ACADEMY



\_\_\_\_\_ Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature

**WAIVER:** I realize that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the race. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather (including extremes of cold or heat and or humidity), traffic, and conditions of the road/track. I am aware of all such risks and accept them. I have read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I (for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf) waive and release the sponsors, the City of Meridian, as well as the State of Idaho, and employees of the sponsors, their representatives and successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. Further, I release the rights to any and all photographic material and computer information the sponsors of this race may wish to release for this event without obligation to me.

Spalding STEM Academy  
Parent Input Form for Student Placement  
2018-2019

**Please completely fill out this form and return it to the office by April 19th, 2018. Please use one for each student.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any of the following descriptors that fit your child:

\_\_\_\_\_ needs more activity than the average child

\_\_\_\_\_ is shy and sensitive

\_\_\_\_\_ concentration is hard for him/her

\_\_\_\_\_ works best independently

\_\_\_\_\_ works best in a quiet environment

\_\_\_\_\_ works best with an interactive class

\_\_\_\_\_ needs extra encouragement

Describe the best learning environment for your child:

Describe the best teacher characteristics for your child: (Please do not request a teacher by name as staff changes do occur)

Special interests:

Areas of most success at school:

Areas of most concern at school:

Anything else we should be aware of in placing your child:

*Classroom placement at Spalding is a team effort involving classroom teachers, parents, school specialists and the principal. Our team considers the class size, ratio of girls to boys, special needs, student abilities, personalities of students and teachers, and students who need to be separated. We appreciate your input in helping us make an optimum placement for your child. West Ada School District hold the building principal responsible for classroom assignments. I understand the completion of this form does not guarantee placement in a specific classroom and that at the end of the placement process, the building principal will be responsible for final placement.*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_