

The Rocket News

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Upcoming Events

November 7

4th Grade Star Night 6:00 PM

November 10

No School – In Service

November 11

No School – Veteran's Day

November 13

5th Grade Music Program
9:45 AM

November 14

End of Trimester 1

November 17 - 21

Read Week & Book Fair

November 18

Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM

November 19

Report Cards viewable on
PowerSchool

November 24 - 28

Thanksgiving Vacation

Captain's Log – Star Date: 11-2014

Our District continues to strive to find ways to operate more efficiently and provide the best service possible to our students and parents. This year the District is making student report cards viewable through PowerSchool in an effort to streamline communication and save the District money. If you have older children, I'm sure you are very familiar with PowerSchool as it is the primary method of communicating student academic progress in grades 6-12. If you are new to PowerSchool there are several resources to help you get acquainted with this powerful tool. A tutorial video and other helpful PowerSchool resources can be found at:

<http://www.westada.org/Page/22617>

The goal is to work toward using PowerSchool in the elementary grades by next year as a means of communicating academic progress on a regular basis. Eventually, parents will be able to log in to PowerSchool at their convenience and see how their child is progressing toward the mastery of grade level standards. Parents will even have the ability to have automated progress reports mailed to them on a regular basis.

This of course will take some time. A first step in getting parents familiar with PowerSchool is to publish elementary student report cards on PowerSchool instead of printing them out. This is a significant cost savings to the District and an efficient way to communicate with parents. Another change you will notice is that comments will not be included in most cases. The hope is that parents and teachers are engaged in regular communication regarding their child's academic progress. The standards based grades are also based on a rubric that does a good job of explaining why the child is receiving the score they are. I've attached a pdf document that further explains standards based grading.

If you have questions regarding PowerSchool, Digital Report Cards, or Standards Based Grading feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wilhite

Principal

BMSA Awarded \$4000 Dollars!:

Many of you know that BMSA was a finalist in the "Build a Brighter Future," contest sponsored by the Frigo Cheesehead company. I am delighted to share that we won and were awarded a total of \$4000 dollars to help fund our school garden project! I want to thank everyone who contributed to our success by faithfully voting for BMSA on Facebook each day. Our school garden has received board approval and we will be breaking ground on our project this fall.



Read Week and Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair will be open November 17-20 from 8:30-4:30 daily and November 21 from 8:30-12:00 in the BMSA Library. The book fair will also be open from 6-8 P.M. on Thursday evening, November 20th.

Can't make it to the Book Fair? Our online fair is open November 9-29. All proceeds from the Book Fair and the Online Fair will help us buy more books for the library. Use the link below to visit our homepage and shop online.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/barbaramorganstemacademy>

Hope to see you all at our book fair!



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Treat Fridays

First Friday of Each Month. Treats .25 cents & BMSA wristbands \$1

Boxtops

Collected the last week of each month.

Attendance:

Please make every effort to have your child at school every day and on time.

If your child is absent please call the office to verify the absence. #855-4430

School Start/End

Start: 9:05 (9:20 Wed.)

End: 3:55

Breakfast served:

8:45 (M, T, TH, F)

9:00 (Wed.)

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FREE!
Community
Thanksgiving
Dinner

November 25, 2014
6:00-7:30 PM

Meridian Elementary School
1035 NW 1st Street
Meridian, ID 83642

You are invited to join us for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We are excited to serve you and your family. For dinner we will have turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, rolls, and then pie for dessert. We are excited to



Have you ever noticed this Recycling Station?

Did you know that it can be used to raise money for your school all year long?

Here's how:

- Drop off your old clothes and shoes, the school is paid per pound on what is collected.
- Back-to-school shopping means a lot of outgrown or unwanted clothing and shoes. Don't throw them out!
- New Year – clean closets, make room for new toys and clothes.
- Spring Cleaning – don't forget to bring your old clothes to the school bin.
- Watch for summer garage sales/estate sales, bring leftovers to the school bin.
- This fundraiser is operated at no cost to your school.
- The school in your area with the most pounds collected at the end of the school year gets double. Help your school win, it's free!

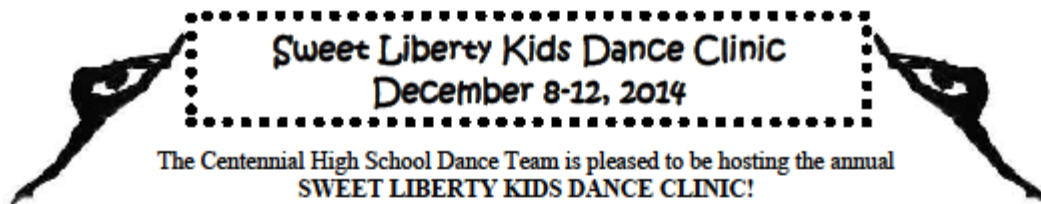
As textile recyclers, Gemtext can take almost any household textile provided it is clean and dry. 98% of all clothes and shoes can be recycled. Not only does your school benefit, the environment does too!

What Do We Take?

- ALL household textiles* – all kinds/any condition
- Paired Shoes – in any condition
- Towels
- Gloves & Hats
- Sheets
- Blankets, quilts and bedspreads
- Drapes
- Purses & Belts
- Stuffed animals

*We cannot take high chairs, pet beds or bed pillows, cribs, car seats, carpeting or anything wet.





The Centennial High School Dance Team is pleased to be hosting the annual
SWEET LIBERTY KIDS DANCE CLINIC!

This clinic is open to kids of all abilities. Ages are 3 years through 14 years.

If there are enough boys that enroll we will have a hip-hop boys section as well.

To wrap up the clinic, all dancers will perform at halftime during either a JV or varsity boys' basketball game.
 This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn more about dance and become confident performers, as well as
 having a blast!

DATES

Registration: Monday 12/8 at 4:15 pm

Clinic: Monday 12/8 – Thursday 12/11 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Performance: Friday 12/12 at JV or varsity game (times will be announced at clinic)

COST

\$35.00 includes: 4 days of clinic, performance and t-shirt

This year you can pay with a debit or credit card at registration.

ATTIRE

Dancers need to wear comfortable clothes & shoes. Please have them bring a water bottle☺

LOCATION

CHS Social Center (enter at the front doors and head straight back, towards the gym)

Mail completed form and check to:

Centennial High School at 12400 W. McMillan Rd., Boise Id. 83713

Attention of Sweet Liberty Dance Team

Checks should be made payable to Sweet Liberty Dance Team.

If you have questions please contact Coach Kjirsten Lawton Lawton.kjirsten@westada.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Dancer _____ Age: _____ Grade in School _____

Address _____

Phone#’s _____ Parents’ names _____

Email address _____

Emergency Contact info (name) _____ # _____

Medical info (i.e. allergies to food, injuries, medication etc.) _____

T-shirt size: Child XS S M L XL

(Circle One) Adult S M L XL

Sweet Liberty Rep _____ Paid: Cash/Check _____ Credit Card: _____

Please read and sign below:

Release of Liability:

In the consideration of allowing the named participant to be in the Sweet Liberty Dance Clinic involving athletics and the use by the child of said premises and property of said program, the undersigned, being the legal and acting guardian of the participant and acting for themselves and on behalf of the participant, release and hold harmless Centennial High School, it’s principal, coaches, administration, teachers, students and all other agents from all other liability, claims, demands, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the child and/or undersigned while in or upon the premises or while at any other premises or place when undertaking activities in whatever kind of nature related to activities sponsored by or participated in by the Sweet Liberty Dance Team, coaches, advisors, and any other agents.

I have read and understand this Release of Liability.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____



Registration for Upward Basketball & Cheerleading is Open!

Whether it's basketball, soccer, flag football or cheerleading – you want to find a kids sports league that encourages your child and is right for your family's busy schedule. With just one practice and one game each week, Upward Sports fits your busy lifestyle while promoting the values that matter to you. Say "yes" today to the program that's fun for your child and right for your family!

Grades: K-6

Cost: \$95 early bird registration through October 28

Basketball includes reversible jersey and shorts, t-shirt, post-season award and more.

Cheerleading includes full uniform, mock turtleneck, poms, megaphone, post-season award and more.

Practices: Start January 5

Games: January 17-March 7

Awards Celebration: March 14

PLAY. FUN. SPORTS.

Register at:

WWW.IDAHOSPORTSFUNDATION.ORG