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Summerwind STEM Academy



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“Educating today’s students for tomorrow’s challenges through STEM education.”

Parent Information Night

Parent Information Night is Thursday, September 5th, at 6:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet teachers, learn about classroom activities and expectations, and have an opportunity to ask questions. On September 5th, Parent Information Night will be divided up into two parts. The first portion of the evening will be in the gym and begin at 6:30, it will cover general information about Summerwind. Following the presentation Mr. Palaia will introduce the staff and then briefly explain what it means to be a Title 1 school. The second portion of Parent Information Night will begin at 6:50 p.m. and consist of teachers making two 20 minute presentations about their daily procedures. There will be 2 presentations so that parents with multiple children at our school will have the opportunity to see at least two teachers. Please be on time for the presentations.

If you need an individual conference with your child's teacher, please schedule one for a different time. This way we can assure privacy and teachers availability for all families at Parent Information Night. Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled for all students in early October.

Childcare will be available for children 3 and over from 6:30 to 7:30.

Drop Off and Pick-Up Reminders



Thank you for being safe in the parking lot. The first few days have been wonderful. A few reminders to keep it that way—Please help ensure the safety of all students during drop-off and pick-up. Do not double park or load/unload children while stopped in a traffic lane. If you need to leave your vehicle for any reason, please make sure you are in a marked parking space. Drive at slow speeds and do not leave children in cars unattended.

Collaboration Wednesday

Just a reminder to parents and guardians, every Wednesday is teacher collaboration. This means school starts at 9:20 on Wednesdays and the campus is open at 9:05.

The regular Daily Schedule is:

A.M. Kindergarten- 9:05- 12:07

P.M. Kindergarten- 12:55 - 3:55

Grades 1 - 5- 9:05 - 3:55

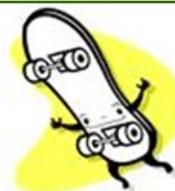
Campus open daily 8:50, prior to that students should be dropped off in the gym.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept 2 (Mon.) Labor Day No School
- Sept. 5th (Thurs.) Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30
- Sept 17 PTO mtg Summerwind Library 6:00
- Sept 20 PTO Movie Night
- Sept. 23-27 Healthy Living Week
- Sept. 26 Track-A-Thon after school
- Oct. 4 Individual Pictures

Mrs. Porter's Physical Education Post!

I would like to extend a warm welcome back or simply welcome you if you are new to Summerwind! My name is Kelsy Porter and I am the P.E. and health teacher. This will be my 12th year at Summerwind and I am looking forward to another fun year! I have a passion for teaching children and for physical activity. My goal is to encourage all students to get excited about physical activity through my physical education classes. Please help your child be prepared for P.E. by having them to wear or bring tennis shoes on P.E. days!



I will offer different programs for students to participate outside of regular P.E. classes. Students can participate in the running/walking marathon, track physical activity to earn a pass to Wahooz, and/or join jump rope club! I facilitate, with the help of the World Champion Summerwind Skippers jump rope team, an after-school jump rope club which will begin in October (more information will be sent out in the coming weeks.) Finally, I look forward to hosting our 5th Annual Track-A-Thon at the end of September. More details to come!



Here's to a great year and please do not hesitate to stop by my office in the gym or call/email me with questions, comments, concerns, or simply to say hello.

Welcome back, everyone!

Office Reminders

Thank you parents who have already made updates to PowerSchool. If you have not, please update PowerSchool.

The process of filling out forms and the verification of addresses, phone numbers and emails is done by you online through PowerSchool.

You may access the online registration system by logging into your PowerSchool parent account. Once you have logged in, you'll notice a link on the top right (Update Student Information.) Once you click on that link your browser will open a new window and you will be able to update information under available forms.

**** If you have forgotten your PowerSchool parent account, please contact the school.**

Most of the demographic data will be there for you to verify and change if necessary. Medical and Permission Forms are also included and require your approval (or disapproval) before you can complete the process.

Please do not hesitate to call the office at 350-4315 if you should have any questions.

Please make sure to call the school if your student is going to be absent.

Always check-in at the office when you are on campus.

Thank You.

Assistance League of Boise's Operation School Supplies

Thank you Assistance League of Boise (ALB) for your generous donation of school supplies. ALB helps school students throughout Ada county with their Operation School Supplies program. The public is invited to visit their Thrift Shop and help support the ALB by donating good quality used clothing and small household items to their Thrift Shop located at 5825 Glenwood Ave.



Lunch Reminders

Please remember that if your student was on the free or reduced lunch program last year and you want them to continue on this program you need to re-apply for the new school year. If you do not reapply before September 30, your student will be required to pay full price for lunches. Internet access is available at Summerwind if any parent needs to fill out their free or reduced lunch applications with us. Please remember that we have a prepay system for lunches and breakfasts so make sure your child has money on his/her lunch account. This can be done by going to www.MyPaymentsPlus.com. The Lunch price this year for regular pay students is \$2.50 and regular pay breakfast is \$1.25. Reduced prices are \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. Adult lunches are \$3.95 and adult breakfast is \$2.25. If paying at school the kitchen can only take payment by cash or check.



Visitor's Badge

Please get a Visitor's Badge and sign in when you are on the school campus. This includes classrooms, the lunch room and the playground. If you are going to be on the playground before school, you need to sign in at the office. For the safety of your children we take great care to make sure that adults on our school grounds have a legitimate reason to be here.



Want to Donate Extra Clothing ?

Summerwind is looking for donations of gently worn clothing to help with students who may need a change of clothes while at school. Donations of both male and female clothing would be greatly appreciated. We are mostly in need of kindergarten and first grade sizes in pants, sweatpants, and shirts. Donations of new underpants in sizes 6 to 10 would also be helpful.



From the Counselor:

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year. We all look forward to a great year with your students! For the past few years, Summerwind STEM Academy has participated in a district-wide initiative **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**. PBIS was established to address the behavioral and discipline systems needed for successful learning and social development of students. The school-wide system includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, modeling and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. A system of acknowledgements help motivate students to try their best and to encourage others as well. The acknowledgement system recognizes positive behavior in the cafeteria, hallway, classrooms, and during recess. Displays of good character help students to earn "Growth Tickets" and "Funtastic Friday". **We are excited to partner with PTO this year and students will be able to use their Growth Tickets to purchase some items in the school store. Students will also be able to purchase Classroom Rewards with their Growth Tickets.**

One important piece of PBIS is to create a set of school expectations that are well known to all affiliated with our school. The PBIS team at Summerwind created the 3 R's, **Responsible, Respectful and Ready**, to help disseminate those expectations. In an effort to further define and develop the 3 R's, this year we will be adding some additional ways for the students to learn and practice positive behavior.

This month we will focus on a review of **Responsible, Respectful and Ready**.



What is responsibility? 1. Being accountable for what you do, for your actions and behavior. 2. Doing the right thing at the right time, so others can trust and depend on you.

What are ways you can show responsibility? 1. Complete your homework and chores on time without being reminded. 2. Follow through on your commitments, even when you don't feel like it. 3. Accept responsibility for your mistakes and learn from them. Don't make excuses or blame others. 4. Take care of your things and those of other people. Return items you borrow. 5. Find out what needs to be done and do it. 6. Make wise choices, such as choosing to eat healthy foods and wearing a helmet. 7. Always do your very best. Others are counting on you!

What does the word respect mean? 1. Showing consideration for other people and their property. 2. Caring for ourselves, family, community, and school. 3. Appreciating and accepting individual differences. 4. Treating others the way that you would want to be treated.

How can you show respect? 1. Use kind words and good manners. 2. Listen to what others have to say. 3. Follow the rules. 4. Appreciate differences among people. 5. Take care of other people's property at school, home, and in the community. 6. Help others.



What does it mean to be ready? 1. To prepare (someone or something) for a particular activity or purpose 2. To be in a suitable state for an activity, action, or situation; fully prepared.

What are ways you can show you are ready? 1. Come to school prepared...with the right supplies and attitude to learn. 2. Stay healthy—get a good night's rest, eat a nutritious breakfast, take care of your body, teeth and eyes. 3. Arrive to school on time and attend school events.

We would like to ask parents to partner with us this year to help students become familiar with and develop traits that will help them be successful at school and other areas of their lives.

Please take some time and talk with your students about the 3 R's...and encourage them to practice at home too!



Summerwind Spirit Wear



Order your Summerwind Stem Academy t-shirt or sweatshirt hoodie. We have youth and adult sizes. Wear you Summerwind shirt (or any blue shirt) on School Spirit Fridays! Please return the form with payment attached to Summerwind PTO. Orders are due by September 6th.

Child's name _____

Teacher _____

Youth Sizes

Adult Sizes

	small	medium	large	X-large	small	medium	large	X-large
T-shirt								
Zip Hoodie								

Youth T-shirt \$12

Adult T-shirt \$15

Youth Zip Hoodie \$20

Adult Zip Hoodie \$25