

Galileo Math & Science Magnet School

“Galileo Falcons Exploring the Great Unknown”

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Galileo Calendar

Apr 19-25: National Volunteer Week

Apr 19-May 15: ISAT testing

Apr 24: District Art Show

Apr 25: Meridian District Fun Run at Meridian High School 10 a.m.

Apr 28-May 1: Book Fair

Apr 29: Kindergarten Registration 9:00-3:00. You must have an appointment

Apr 30: Pizza Night at Book Fair

May 3-9: National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-5: IRI testing - grades K-3

May 4: 2nd grade Dress Rehearsal in the gym 2:00-3:30

May 5: 2nd grade Program 2:00-3:00 in the gym

May 13: Chess Tournament 4 p.m.

May 15: Rendezvous for 4th grade

May 19: School Board Election

May 20: Volunteer Breakfast

May 21: 7:00 p.m. Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert at Galileo

May 25: Memorial Day holiday

Jun 1: Field Day grades K-5

Jun 2: 8th grade celebration, 4th quarter Character Assembly: Respect and Perseverance

Jun 3: School Picnic outside with families. Early Release. Last Day of School

Attendance Line: 350-4106

Please call this number between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. if your child will be absent for any reason. Please state your child's name, teacher and reason for absence.

Message from the Principal:

Consider PTA Membership

Please consider joining the Galileo PTA for the 2009-2010 school year.

We have the Galileo PTA to thank for the benches and trash cans outside on our grounds.

Our PTA helped fund Math Night, and Engineering Day this year at Galileo. Our students loved both events.

If your child uses manipulatives to help them in math you can thank the PTA for buying them. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated PTA at Galileo. **When we function as a team we can provide a high quality education for the students at Galileo.** Additional PTA sponsored benefits include:

- intramural sports assistance
- upper grade rocket competition
- funding for black top painting
- encyclopedias for the library
- playground parallel bars (coming soon)
- teacher appreciation lunches/week
- before and after school clubs (chess, engineering, jump rope, etc.)
- supplemental teacher education
- writing software
- the Reflections program
- budding artists & art supplies
- yearbook
- school directory
- spirit shop
- wishing well
- box tops/soup label collection
- upper class social events, quarter end celebrations and monthly pizza lunches
- annual ice cream social and Italian dinner
- volunteer coordination and more!

PTA is a not-for-profit organization and the nation's original and premier parent involvement group in schools.

- PTA has more than 23,000 local units and more than 5 million members.
- PTA units are supported by a national and state structure that provides valuable information, resources, and training.
- PTA believes parents are more than fundraisers.
- PTA works with parents to advocate for proper funding, leadership, and instruction for all schools and school districts.
- Chartered PTA units are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.
- Local PTAs are eligible for discounted insurance for events that are not covered by their schools.
- PTA provides a free data collection/volunteer management system.



Thank You Volunteers

National Volunteer Week is April 26-May 2, 2009. I want to thank each of our parents/guardians, high school students, patrons, and staff for their excellent dedication and commitment to the success of our students at Galileo Math and Science Magnet School. Thank you for diligently encouraging our students to work hard, be good citizens and to attend school on a daily basis. Thank you for all your volunteer hours during the 2008-09 school year! -Suanne

Science Olympiad

The Galileo Science Olympiad team of ten members took ninth place out of thirty seven teams. That is incredible. These students all worked very hard and we are so very proud to have them as representatives for Galileo.

Brody Wheeler and **Marshall Townsend** won a bronze medal (third place) in science crime busters.

Alex Regner and **Kyle June** won a silver medal (second place) in Bio-Process Lab.

In three of the six engineering events we placed in the top five. Out of twenty five events entered we placed in the top ten in twelve events.

Blankets

If you have any lightly used or new lap size blankets that you would like to donate to Galileo we could use them in the nurses office for students that are ill or hurt. Blankies work wonders.



Teacher of the Year & Classified Employee of the Year

Galileo is made up of certified and classified personnel. Every employee is a valued member of the Galileo Team and their contributions ensure the successful operation of our school. Each school year the Galileo staff will collaborate and choose a "Certified" and a "Classified" Employee of the Year. The winners for this year's awards are:

Galileo Math and Science School Employee of the Year 2009**Mrs. Kara McMorro** – **Head Secretary**
Galileo Math and Science School Teacher of the Year 2009.....**Mrs. Libby Efaw** – **Third Grade Teacher**
Congratulations, ladies, on being outstanding members of the Galileo Team and thanks for all you do for our school!

Art Competition

Congratulations to the Galileo students who participated in the Joint School District No. 2 art competition. We have such talented artists here at Galileo. We are sending on two works of art to the district level art competition. Winners will be honored at the District Art Show on April 24. Good luck Ewan and Meagan.

Participants:

- **Karlee Macaw** – kindergarten
- **Liam Doran** – first grade
- **Sophia Baldrey** – first grade
- **Aimee Peery** – first grade
- **Aidan Rowley** – first grade
- **Carson Snooks** – first grade
- **Brennen Ellison** – second grade
- **Madeline Oto** – second grade
- **Connor Butler** – third grade
- **Annika Peery** – third grade
- **Jessica Liu** – fifth grade
- **Aidan Doran** – fifth grade
- **Christian Martin** – eighth grade

Finalists sent to the district competition:

- **Ewan Tucker** – fifth grade
- **Meagan McCullough** – sixth grade

Yay!

Student Ambassadors

Congratulations to **Justin Nesbitt** from Galileo Math & Science and **James Minshew** from Eagle Middle School. These are the two students who have been selected to represent Idaho as **Fuel Up to Play Student Ambassadors!**

There were eight applications submitted from Idaho. We sincerely thank everyone who took the time to fill out an application. We truly appreciate your efforts and know that each student who was nominated was worthy of selection, but unfortunately there can only be two students. The selection committee was composed of educators as well as people from the dairy industry but no one from any of the

pilot markets was involved in the selection of the ambassadors.

Again, congratulations to Justin and James!

Joint School District No. 2 Wellness Survey



In response to federal law, in the fall of 2006 the district implemented a three year wellness plan. As we look at the next three years we would like input from students, parents and staff to guide revisions of the district wellness plan. The district is strongly committed to overall wellness of the entire education community. To take the 10 question survey, please go to www.meridianschools.org and click on "Click here to open the survey" to begin. Thank you for your input.

Idaho State Testing

ISAT and IRI testing continues through May 15.

This is the time of year that we are administering the Idaho State Achievement Tests (ISAT's) in grades 3-8. Grades 3-8 all take a test in math, reading and language arts. Grades 5 and 7 also take a test in science. Grades K-3 will be taking the Idaho Reading Indicator test.

How many of us like to take tests? Remember when you were a student and the anxiety tests created?

Here are some **test taking strategies** that can be reinforced to help students understand the test taking process. This can help alleviate the anxiety in students.

1. Help your child to be calm focused and rested on test taking days. This begins with a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and a stress free morning at home. Extra hugs and kisses don't hurt!
2. Prepare any needed materials the night before and have them all laid out and ready to take to school the next day.
3. Remind your student that you support their efforts and that daily performance is a much better indicator of aptitude than a single test.
4. Plan a post-test activity your child enjoys as a reward for his/her work and effort.
5. Please avoid student appointments during the testing window. If a student leaves in the middle of a test we cannot restart the test the next day. If appointments cannot be avoided please be sure that the student and teacher know so we don't start a test that cannot be finished.

Check out the information below to see the percentage of students performing at or above grade level on the IRI, DMA, and DWA tests. Our students did a fantastic job!

100 percent of our 5th grade student PACE presentations were proficient or above for the 2008-2009 school year.

We are so very proud of our students!

Individual Reading Indicator	Fall 2008 State	Fall 2008 District	Fall 2009 Galileo	Winter 2009 State	Winter 2009 District	Winter 2009 Galileo
Kindergarten	56%	72%	80%	78%	81%	86%
1st grade	80%	88%	91%	83%	83%	80%
2nd grade	54%	67%	79%	67%	73%	84%
3rd grade	63%	77%	86%	73%	80%	88%

Direct Math Assessment	2008-2009 State	2008-2009 District	2008-2009 Galileo
4th grade	56%	66%	84%
6th grade	46%	52%	68%
8th grade	46%	54%	78%

Direct Writing Assessment	2008-2009 State	2008-2009 District	2008-2009 Galileo
5th grade	70%	80%	87%
7th grade	70%	80%	82%

2009 "I ♥ Galileo" Italian Dinner & Online Auction Donors

Title Sponsor

\$1000 & more donation

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Roxy Baldrey
Seasons Bistro, Wine Bar & Catering – Rachel Hurn
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Spiffyman, Inc. - Dave Nielsen
Sports Clips - Alyssa Bowman
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Eagle Performing Arts Center
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Thank You!

May Food Bank Drive

The food bank items for May are **toiletries**! Suggested donations include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant and band-aids. Thank you for your generosity! **Tammy Kern** 938-0199 or pamperedtammy@msn.com



Galileo Activities

Last Bank Day: Washington Mutual has been bought out. Our last Bank Day will be **Monday, April 27, 2009**. Accounts will remain open and students can continue to make deposits but will need to visit the bank to do so.

French Group: Every Monday - 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. in the elementary engineering room

Engineering Group: The first Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria - 3:40 to 4:30 p.m.

Chess Group: Every Wednesday in the cafeteria - 8:20 to 9:00 a.m.

Jump Rope Group: Every Monday in the gym from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

School Board Election

The Meridian Joint School District will hold a School Board election on Tuesday, **May 19, 2009**, in Zone No. 1 and Zone No. 3 (see map page 3). The Zone No. 1 position is currently held by Reid Olsen, the Zone No. 3 position is currently held by Jana Nichols.

To qualify as a candidate for the board of Trustees, a candidate must:

- Be a registered voter in the county in which he or she resides
- Be a bona fide resident of the state of Idaho
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Reside in the zone he or she wishes to represent

Qualified candidates will run for a 3-year term of office. Those interested can get further information about the trustee application process by contacting **Trish Duncan**, Clerk of the Board, at 350-5022 or by e-mail at duncan.trish@meridianschools.org. The application deadline is Friday, **April 17**.

Music Instruments Needed

Do you have any unused musical instruments lying around your home? Galileo is in need of instruments for our band and orchestra programs and for our elementary general music program. If you have any instruments you would like to donate to Galileo we would love to have them. Just bring them to the main office and we will write a donation receipt for your taxes.



Galileo Information

If you need information about Galileo, want to view the 2009-2010 grades 6, 7 and 8 course description handbook, want to view an old newsletter, or find out more about the new standards based grading and reporting system please visit our school web site. www.meridianschools.org, schools, elementary schools, Galileo.

Sports

All 7th and 8th grade students from the K-8 schools will have the opportunity to participate in one team sport at their neighborhood middle school. Parents will be responsible for transporting their student to and from the sporting events and for registering their student for the team sport. Students will be required to purchase an activity card from their neighborhood middle school if they participate in a team sport at that middle school. Students will miss an elective class the last period of the day at the K-8 schools to allow for the participation in the team sport during the period of time the sport is in session. Be sure to let your school know if your child plans to participate in a sport so their schedule can be developed to allow for their elective at the end of the day during the semester the sport is in session.

Lost & Found

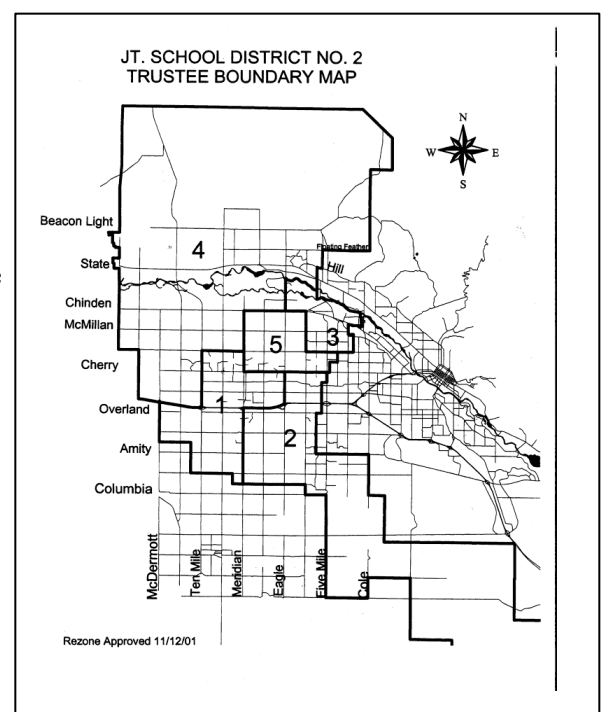
Please Check the lost and found. We have lots of clothing in the hall and other small valuables in the office. This time of year students wear sweatshirts in the morning and then forget to bring them home when it warms up in the afternoon.

Chess Tournament



The second annual Galileo Chess Tournament will be **Wednesday, May 13** in the cafeteria beginning at 4 p.m. The tournament is open to all Galileo students. We are planning to play 4-5 rounds, time permitting. **Pizza and drinks** will be provided for all participating students.

Trophies will be awarded for every grade, as well as overall trophies. The tournament is free for any student registered for Chess Group. The cost for all other students will be \$5, to cover cost of pizza and trophies. **Registration** can be completed by the form, which will be emailed to everyone, or by calling **Lynnae Gliedge** at 938-4596 or email to gliedge@clearwire.net



School Board Election Map