

# Galileo Math & Science Magnet School

“Galileo Falcons Exploring the Great Unknown”

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## Galileo Calendar

**Feb 24:** Tears of Joy Assembly

**Feb 27:** Class pictures all day. Lottery applications for new students to Galileo are due by this date at 4:00 p.m.

**Mar 1:** Art due to Galileo main office that is to be judged for the district art competition

**Mar 2-6:** National Recess Week

**Mar 3:** 8th grade traditional High School Orientation Night. **Levy Election**-please vote!

**Mar 12:** “I love Galileo” Italian dinner/auction event. Eighth grade PACE. Last day to place students in classrooms from the 2008-2009 lotteries wait list

**Mar 13:** Our Galileo lottery draw. Grades 6-8 Pizza Lunch

**Mar 17:** Mrs. Derow PACE

**Mar 18:** Mrs. Sarty PACE. PTA meeting in the library at 3:45 p.m.

**Mar 19:** 9:30 Eagle Performing Arts assembly in the Gym, Mrs. Batten PACE & Spring Dance at Galileo

**Mar 20:** All art due to the District Office for their art competition, End of Third Quarter. Early Release K-8

**Mar 23-27:** Spring Break. No 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:

### District to Hold Supplemental Levy Election

**Ballot measure asks to continue current level of local funding for education.**

A ballot measure will be presented to voters to reauthorize the current \$10 million supplemental levy on **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**.

The district has used the supplemental levy to hire teachers and classified staff members, purchase textbooks and other teaching materials, and pay for programs such as the School Resource Officer Program since voters first authorized a supplemental levy in 2005.

According to Idaho State code, the **majority of voters** must approve the measure, and the authority to levy supplemental funds for school operations **must be renewed** by voters every two years.

### Currently, the supplemental approved by the voters in 2007 funds:

- 43 certified teaching positions above the state teacher allocation to reduce class sizes at the elementary and secondary levels
- Classified positions such as library aids and computer aids
- School resource and school security positions
- Textbooks and other teaching materials

If approved by voters, the revenue raised by the supplemental levy will be used to **maintain current district operations**. Because the amount being proposed is a continuation of the current level of funding, the levy rate that supports education in Joint School District No. 2 will remain the same as its current levels.

All schools will be polling places with the exception of the district’s alternative middle and high schools. The polls will be open from **8 a.m. until 8 p.m.** Unregistered voters may register at the polls the day of the election.

### Great Math Websites

Explore the **Math Playground** website. It is worth the time!

Begin at: [www.mathplayground.com/math\\_manipulatives.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/math_manipulatives.html)

Here virtual interactive math manipulatives allow parents and students to explore fraction bars, pattern blocks, geo-boards, area and perimeter, etc. in a simple, colorful, kid-friendly environment. Students can build their own understanding of math concepts using manipulatives. They just happen to appear on a computer screen! Kids can see prime factorization, percents, circle graphs, etc. come to life.

Then go to the Home Page of the Math Playground:

[www.mathplayground.com/index.html](http://www.mathplayground.com/index.html)

You will see that the whole Math Playground site is filled with math problems, puzzles, games, videos, timed flash cards. The activities are well-designed, engaging, and fun.

**Mathwire** has some great math templates like 100 boards, lattice math, place value charts, etc. There are several templates to choose from.

[www.mathwire.com/templates/templatelibrary.html](http://www.mathwire.com/templates/templatelibrary.html)

Here is a site that makes learning **math facts** fun! [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) This site has several fun, interactive games for practicing multiplication facts.

### Chess Championship Congratulations

Two Galileo students took home winning trophies from the Southwest Idaho Novice Chess Championship. **Siera Horton** placed first among 2nd graders and **Cortland Horton** placed second in the kindergarten division!

### Internet Safety

Parents, if you are looking for information on internet safety for your children here is a good resource for you. Disney now has an expanded Internet safety section.

<http://home.disney.go.com/guestservices/safety>

## Italian Dinner and Auction Event



You must have seen it by now. The signs and posters are up, the invitations have gone home and the bidding has already begun on our on-line auction. Still to come? On Thursday, **March 12**, the **Eagle High School** cafeteria will be transformed into an old-time Italian Ristorante with food, fun and friendship for all to enjoy.



Tickets are available for our **2nd annual family dinner event** at our **on-line auction site** [www.ilovegalileo.com](http://www.ilovegalileo.com). We highly encourage you to buy your tickets in advance – we can better serve you if we know you're coming! If you would prefer to get them at school, call our "ticketmaster" Desiree Roach at 447-9765. This year with our new venue we will be able to have one seating where everyone can enjoy the evening together. The dinner and festivities begin at **6:00 p.m.** We will have **live entertainment** throughout the evening, an amazing **dessert auction**, and **class basket silent auction**. Pick up a fabulous dessert to share with friends, have some coffee and enjoy an affordable family night with friends, old and new.

At only **\$5 per adult** ticket and **\$3 per child**, our dinner event is the best deal in town, especially considering Executive Chef Tom Atkins will once again be preparing his secret family marinara recipe for us. The menu for the evening consists of **baked ziti** with your choice of a homemade meat sauce or vegetarian marinara, **toasty bread** and **tossed green salad**. We will even have a handful of jars of Tom's sauce available for purchase on a first come, first served basis.

We will continue adding items to our on-line auction throughout the week, so check back frequently to see what's new and to keep tabs on your favorite items. Don't let that special item get away! Remember, **all funds generated benefit our Galileo PTA**. We encourage you to forward the [www.ilovegalileo.com](http://www.ilovegalileo.com) link to friends, coworkers, neighbors and family. Even those who don't live in the immediate area. Keep in mind that a distant grandparent might enjoy looking at the class baskets and/or teacher features and buying that something special that their grandchild has his/her heart set on.

When you're looking at the on-line auction, please take a minute to notice the **sponsor advertisements** for all the businesses and individuals who have so generously donated to our school. Please patronize these businesses and let them know how much you appreciate their support for Galileo. We have amazingly generous businesses in this area, even during this rough economic time.

We so appreciate all of your donations and support for our Galileo event – we are looking forward to another great, **memorable night** for our school and a smashing success for our on-line auction. **See you there!** Grazie!



### Desserts Needed

We will be having a dessert silent auction as part of our annual Italian Dinner on March 12. If you have a favorite dessert recipe...enjoy baking...we would love it if you donated a dessert for our auction! All varieties of desserts are welcome. If you are interested in donating a dessert, please contact **Kim Tiedeken** @ 949-7332 or [kimtiedeken@cableone.net](mailto:kimtiedeken@cableone.net). Thank you for your efforts in supporting this fantastic event!

## Italian Dinner Art Contest

**It's time to create original art for the Annual Galileo Italian Dinner and Auction being held March 12, 2009!**

- Students may submit entries to their teachers by February 27th.
- The Theme is Anything Italian: Think pasta, pizza, Italian countryside, the leaning tower of Pisa...think Leonardo DaVinci!!!
- Artwork can be created in paint, markers, crayons, pencil and colored pencil.
- Please, no artwork larger than 12x18 inches.
- Grand-Prize Winners (K-2, 3-5 & 6-8) will have their art enlarged and recognized at the Italian Dinner.
- All submitted artwork will be on display at the dinner, space permitting.
- Judges will represent staff, parents and PTA.



**Grab your art supplies and let your creativity flow! Grazie.**

## On-Line Auction

Don't forget to visit [www.ilovegalileo.com](http://www.ilovegalileo.com) to check out the online auction. There are lots of great items to bid on and all the **proceeds go to benefit our school**. The last day to bid on these items is Monday, March 9th.

Thanks for your support.



## District Art Collection Project



The District Art Collection Project is now underway. Each student is encouraged to submit one piece of art created at home or at school. Galileo will then choose one piece of art from those submitted to be displayed at the District Service Center as the "School's Choice" for one year.

The winner of the "District's Choice" will become a part of the district's permanent art collection. There will be one "District's Choice" winner from each level; elementary, middle, and high school. Seven other art pieces will be selected to receive awards including area Mayor's awards, Superintendent's Award, and cash prize for Best of Show. **All art pieces must be submitted by March 1** or sooner to the Galileo main office. Winners will be honored at the Art Show on April 24.

### Criteria:

**Size:** 2-dimensional work (painting, collage, prints, drawings, etc): no larger than 18"x24," must be flat and not exceed more than a 3/8" thickness. Entries may be submitted on paper, canvas board, or cardboard. Do not frame artwork!

3-dimensional work: no size limitation.

**Subject Matter:** Should be appropriate for display in a public office. Controversial subject matter should not be submitted.

**Info:** Chris Lawrence at the Curriculum Office 855-4500 or email [lawrence.christine@meridianschools.org](mailto:lawrence.christine@meridianschools.org)

## HP Employee Donation Update

HP employees can donate HP equipment for 75% off the list price and get a tax deduction plus a tax credit through the HP Charitable Giving Campaign. New HP matching funds will be available **Aug 1, 2009**. To participate, contact HP-Galileo Product Champ: Renee Jessome 870-6099. She sits in 5U by post L9. Matching funds go fast so please get checks to Renee in July so that she can submit in early August. Please make your check out to "Gifts in Kind" and date your check Aug 1st. Thank you so much.

## 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 buy 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.



## March Drive

The March Drive for the Eagle food bank is **cleaning supplies** such as toilet cleaner, window cleaner, disinfecting wipes, floor cleaner and tub and shower cleaners. Thank you for your generosity you really do make a difference.



Contact: Tammy Kern 938-0199 or [pamperedtammy@msn.com](mailto:pamperedtammy@msn.com)

## Eagle Food Bank Says Thank You

The Galileo PTA would like to share the following thank you note that was recently received.

Dear Galileo Math and Science School,

On behalf of the Eagle Food Bank, sincere thanks for all your generous food donations this year. Your contributions have been so very important in helping to feed the hungry in the Eagle and Star area.

Your continual support throughout the school year is so truly appreciated. Tammy Kern is also terrific to work with.

Thank you again for all of your support!

With gratitude, Annette Christensen

EFB Community Food Drive Coordinator

## Musical Instruments Needed

Do you need a **tax deductible donation** and do you have 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 receipt for you to use in the preparation of your taxes.

## Family Math Night!

Who knew math could be so fun? Help us kick off **Math Night** by attending a **free show** (Thanks PTA!) presented by **Bob Bishop, Math Magician**. You won't believe what you can do with math! Doors for the show open **April 7 at 5:45 p.m.** with the show starting promptly at 6 p.m.



Need some fresh ways to practice math? Come check out **games to purchase** in Andrea Baerwald's room 303. For a **sneak preview** of the games check them out on the web at [www.andreabaerwald.simplyfun.com](http://www.andreabaerwald.simplyfun.com). Part of the money from the purchases will go back to Galileo to buy math games and manipulatives. Also, be sure to check out teacher wish lists as teacher appreciation week is the first week in May!

Math night is about proving math is a fun and challenging family activity! Math Puzzles, Games, and Brain Teasers will assure a good time for parents and their children using **Math Fun d' Mentals**.

Open to all students and their parents. (Or uncles, aunts, grandparents, guardians)

Return the registration form to your child's teacher by **February 27, 2009**.

## Yearbook Orders Due

This is the last chance to order your Galileo Yearbook. Deadline orders need to be in by **February 27, 2009**.

## Intramural Sports Equipment

Do you have some extra **basketballs or volleyballs** you would be willing to donate to our Intramural sports programs? If so, bring them by the front office and we'll put them to good use. Thanks!

# State of Idaho Graduation Requirements

(IDAPA 08.02.03 105, 106, 107)

Content Area	Students Graduating Prior to January 1, 2013	Effective for all Students that enter the ninth grade in the fall of 2009 or later (class of 2013)
Core of Instruction	25 credits	29 credits (minimum)
Electives	17 credits	17 credits (minimum)
Total Credits	42 credits	46 credits (minimum)
Language Arts (English–8 credits and Speech–1 credit)	9 credits	9 credits - Speech credit can be obtained through other courses that meet the state speech requirement as approved by the local district.
Mathematics	4 credits No course titles	6 credits - Including courses that meet Algebra I and Geometry standards. 2 credits must be taken in last year of high school.
Science	4 credits (2 lab)	6 credits (4 lab)
Social Studies (US History, Economics and American Government)	5 credits	5 credits
Humanities (Interdisciplinary Humanities, Fine Arts or Foreign Language)	2 credits	2 credits
Health	1 credit	1 credit
Post-Secondary Readiness Plan	4-Year Learning Plan at end of 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	4-Year Learning Plan at end of 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Advanced Opportunities	None	Districts must offer at least one Advanced Opportunity such as: Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, Tech Prep
Senior Project	None	Required to include an: oral presentation and written report by end of grade 12
College Entrance Exam	None	Take either the ACT, SAT or Compass exam by the end of grade 11
ISAT	Pass the ISAT with a score of Proficient or Advanced	Pass the ISAT with a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading, Math, Language Usage and Science
Middle School	None	Must take pre-algebra before entering 9 <sup>th</sup> grade

## From the School Nurse

### Update on Pertussis in Ada and Elmore Counties

Ten cases of pertussis have been identified among Eagle High School students, bringing the total number of recently reported cases in Ada County to eleven. Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is highly contagious. The average incubation period is 7 days. Pertussis initially presents with cold symptoms. After 1 to 2 weeks, the cough worsens. Coughing occurs in spasms often followed by vomiting. This stage lasts from 4 to 6 weeks. The severity of coughing gradually decreases but some coughs may persist for months. Those diagnosed with pertussis are contagious for approximately 4 weeks from the onset of symptoms. Diagnosis and treatment need to begin as soon as pertussis is suspected. A culture of nasal secretions can confirm diagnosis, and treatment with antibiotics is required. Any family members or those in close contact with the diagnosed individual should also be treated with antibiotics. Isolation of the affected individual is vital until a suitable course of antibiotics has been ingested to deter contagion.

**In light of circulating pertussis, we strongly urge you to use every opportunity to ensure that students receive the pertussis vaccine!** In addition to the vaccine series for infants and young children, in 2005 tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccines (Tdap) were licensed in the U.S. for persons aged 11 through 64 years. That gave us another tool to keep people healthy and to control the spread of pertussis.

In light of the current epidemiology of pertussis in Ada and Elmore Counties, we're encouraging all those ages 11 through 18 years who have not already had a Tdap vaccination to contact their healthcare provider about getting one now. This will offer protection against pertussis in addition to providing a tetanus booster, and may prevent adolescents from missing school and sports activities due to illness.

Adults under 65 years should receive Tdap vaccine once in their life times. Getting vaccinated now helps reduce the risk of pertussis. In adults, pertussis can cause prolonged cough illness and time away from work.

The following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website will give you vaccine recommendations and information for adults, infants and toddlers, and pre-teens and adolescents. [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/default.htm)

**Although we have had NO CASES arise at Galileo, our staff and students need to be aware of this outbreak since our population is in an affected area.** For additional information from Central Health Department see the Meridian, Joint School District's website at [www.meridianschools.org](http://www.meridianschools.org)

C.J. Wilkinson

Galileo School Nurse

## Important News for Albertsons Community Partners

### It's Time to Re-link Your Preferred Cards!

The Community Partners program has been in existence for over ten years. During that time hundreds of thousands of shoppers have registered their cards; many of those cards have been lost or shoppers have moved away.



In order for the program to more accurately and fairly represent the efforts of active groups we are requiring supporters of all groups to re-link their cards in 2009, per terms of participating in the program.

Please re-link your cards at [www.albertsonscp.com](http://www.albertsonscp.com)

The process only takes three simple steps; 1) log on to the site, 2) enter the Preferred Card number, 3) enter the group's Community Partners ID# 49001014816.

Shoppers cannot re-link the card at the checkout lane. They must go to [www.albertsonscp.com](http://www.albertsonscp.com), call 1-800-696-6419, or send a letter requesting the re-link (Community Partners Headquarters PO Box 193 Bethel Park, PA 15102-0193).

After March 1st you can resume using the Albertsons.com site to register your preferred card.

**Cards MUST be re-linked at this site by February 28th** in order for your contributions to continue after March 1, 2009.

## High School Night

Eighth graders can visit the High School they will be attending on **March 3, 2009**. **Eagle High** 8th grade orientation to high school will be at Eagle High starting at **7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium the evening of March 3rd. We will have a senior student speak to the 8th graders and will have tables set up where parents and students can gather information about the various sports and clubs we have at Eagle High as well as some general academic information from the counseling staff.

**Rocky Mountain** 8th grade orientation to high school will be at Rocky Mountain High the evening of March 3rd starting at **6:30 p.m.** and ending at 8:00 p.m. The orientation will be held in the gymnasium.

## Available Flyers

Galileo has a display of flyers in our main entry vestibule. We currently have flyers displayed from the agencies listed below. If you are interested in any of the above, please feel free to come by and pick up what you need!

- Treasure Valley Family magazine
- Idaho Botanical Gardens Youth Education Programs
- Treasure Valley YMCA Before and After School Programs
- The Landing Community Center After School Programs
- The Discovery Center of Idaho Science Saturdays
- Parenting Tools For Healthy Families Classes
- S.O.S. Save Our Schools WeTiP Hotline
- Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council
- Upward Basketball and Cheerleading
- The Landing Teen Center
- Keeping Your Child Healthy What You Need To Know about Vaccinations
- Idaho Math Initiative It All Adds Up. Math Matters
- A Parent's Guide to Video Games, Parental Controls and Online Safety
- The Raising Kids Who Don't Smoke Series
- Peer Pressure and Smoking
- Ideal Idaho College Savings Program



## Galileo Calendar

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**Apr 3:** Parent Teacher Conferences. No School K-8

**Apr 7-10:** Book Fair

**Apr 7:** Galileo Math Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Apr 9:** Pizza Night at the Book Fair. Middle school Open House for 5th-6th graders at all traditional middle schools

**Apr 10:** Junior Engineering Day

**Apr 19-25:** National Volunteer Week

**Apr 29:** District Fun Run at Meridian High School. Kindergarten registration 9:00-3:00 at Galileo (You must have an appointment)

## Activities

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

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

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

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

**Bank Day:** Every Monday at noon.

## Galileo Information

If you need information about Galileo, 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](http://www.meridianschools.org), schools, elementary schools, Galileo.

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*Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Challenges*

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Deadline for the next newsletter is Monday, March 16, 2009. Send submissions to [jonigirl@gmail.com](mailto:jonigirl@gmail.com)

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