

# Galileo Math & Science Magnet School

“Galileo Falcons Exploring the Great Unknown”

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## Galileo Calendar

### May 29:

- A.M. and P.M. Kindergarten programs

### June 1:

- Field Day for grades K-5, 9:15-11:30 and 1:00-3:15
- Grades 6-8 Galileo Clean Up

### June 2:

- 3:45-5:00 Open House for Barbara Harpe’s Retirement
- 8th grade celebration, p.m.
- p.m. middle level movie
- 4th Q: Character Assembly- Respect and Perseverance, 11-12, 6-8th & 2:25-3:15, K-5

### June 3:

- School picnic outside with families (No hot lunch served this day)
- Dodge Ball Tournament for grades 6-8
- Yearbook signing for all students
- Early Release at 1:30 p.m.
- Last day of School

### Aug 27:

- Student classroom placements posted in the evening
- Meet the teacher night 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### Aug 31:

- First day of school - full day

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

**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](http://www.meridianschools.org), schools, elementary schools, Galileo.

### 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:



I want to thank the students, staff and parents of Galileo for an absolutely fabulous school year. The students have worked very hard at mastering new concepts and continue to astonish me with their service to others. The staff has successfully educated the students at Galileo and prepared them for the next level of education. The parents have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to Galileo, have supported the staff and teamed with the teachers in the education of their children.

I hope you all have a relaxing and invigorating summer break. Remember to continue to read every day all summer long. See you next year!

-Mrs. McCullough

## 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 sent on two works of art to the district level art competition.

**Ewan Tucker** – fifth grade was awarded the Eagle Mayor’s award. His work of art will hang in the Mayor’s office for the next year.

**Meagan McCullough** – sixth grade was awarded the Eagle Chamber of Commerce award. Her work of art will hang in the Chamber of Commerce office for the next year. Congratulations to both of you!

## Galileo Chess Tournament Winners

We had 60 participants this year. All did a fabulous job of playing chess.

### Overall winners

- 1st place Casey Dudeck 4th grade
- 2nd place Hinamshu Patel 6th grade
- 3rd place Jesse Northrup 5th grade

### Kindergarten

- 1st place Cortland Horton
- 2nd place Jack Dahl
- 3rd place Blake Manning

### First Grade

- 1st place Jake Armstrong
- 2nd place Houston Phillips

### Second Grade

- 1st place Cameron Benson
- 2nd place Nate Stott
- 3rd place Conrad Harrison

### Second Grade Reserve

- 1st place Morgan McDonough
- 2nd place Sierra Horton
- 3rd place Mahi Patel

## Reflections Winners

4 Galileo students won at Region 8 Reflections. Our 2 musical composition students also won at State!

Music composition: Region 8 and Idaho State winners

Award of Excellence – **Oliver Dahl**

Award of Merit – **Anna Black**

Visual Arts: Region 8 winners

Award of Excellence – **Katelyn Gliege**

Literature: Region 8 winners

Award of Excellence – **Sarah Hedley**



### Third Grade

- 1st place Matthew Stott
- 2nd place Jack Nielsen
- 3rd place Hayden Phillips

### Third Grade Reserve

- 1st place Henry Dahl
- 2nd place Peter Reynolds
- 3rd place Connor Butler

### Fourth Grade

- 1st place Noah Redican
- 2nd place Blair Armstrong

### Fifth Grade

- 1st place Josh Gilege
- 2nd place Oliver Dahl
- 3rd place John Stott

### Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade

- 1st place Daniel Northrup
- 2nd place Alex Regner
- 3rd place Colton Wickstrom

## Registration Cards are Due!

Please return your student registration cards and (yellow) directory opt out forms today. Completed cards are required for each student enrolled at Galileo for the 2009-10 school year. **Thank you** for your cooperation. 😊

## BrickLab Challenge

Greetings Idaho SySTEMic Solution participants!



This is our official announcement of the conclusion of the PCS BrickLab Challenge! The BrickLab Challenge is a whole class activity in which the students respond to a specific challenge that must be completed within a certain time frame. In this case, students had two weeks to develop their ideas, create floor plans, and then build their solution using the BrickLab. Teams are judged on a point rubric that takes into account the team's attention to detail, creativity, and documentation.

We had an awesome turnout of **fourteen teams that participated from the Galileo Math and Science Magnet school. Kellie Taylor's 3rd Grade produced eight amazing entries and Nicole Sarty's 5th Grade submitted another six.** All entries included detailed floor plans, pictures, and written descriptions and the time and energy invested by all of the students was truly inspiring. It is obvious that students learned a great deal from this exercise.

Based on the participation and the Judging Rubric, our Distinguished Panel of Judges selected three teams from each grade level to recognize their unique efforts:

### HIGHEST POINTS AWARD -3rd Grade

**Luna Base**-Brandon Mortensen and Connor Maw

This team clearly put a lot of time in thinking about their moon base. Their design integrated all the required sections and earned all the extra points. Their moon base was well documented, and the judges especially enjoyed the Alien Life form Section.

### BEST DOCUMENTATION AWARD -3rd Grade

**Star Moon Base**-Annika Peery, Hannah Bruneel, Hannah Simpson, Grace Bowman, and Rachel Bachman

This team thoroughly documented the Star Moon Base floor plan. The judges were impressed with the amount of writing the team provided.

### MOST IMAGINATIVE AWARD -3rd Grade

**The U.S.A. Moonbase**-Emily Scott, Sivanna Trainer, Joslyn Bishop, Trey Gunst, Drue Hunt, and Jacob Pope

The judges were impressed with the integration of a planetarium and a "zero gravity room" in this design! And team USA Moonbase included covered doorways!

### HIGHEST POINTS AWARD -5th Grade

**The Star Base**-Preston Walker, Jacob Woods, Jesse Northrup, Avry Hon, and Cara Gonzales

This team won on points by integrating every section into their design. The judges liked the detail regarding the water supply and the transportation system. Great job team STAR BASE!

### BEST DOCUMENTATION AWARD -5th Grade

**Aztec Lunar Base**-Sylvan Scott, Oliver Dahl, Parker Parrish, Tanner Foster, Ewan Tucker

Aztec Lunar Base was selected for the Best Documented award for their extensive written details of their design. For example, they explain the tube transportation system: "There are actually two halves to each of the tubes, which are separated by a floor. People walk on the top half. The other half has sleds which can transport supplies and materials to all other parts of the moon base."

### MOST IMAGINATIVE AWARD -5th Grade

**Neil A. Armstrong Command Center Base**-Breann Hunt, McKenna Dustin, Carolina Helsing, Annalea Black

The judges selected the Neil A. Armstrong Command Center Base as the Most Imaginative entry. In addition to some awesome building skills, this team described in some detail about the six dangerous alien life forms! The team explains: "The astronauts are careful not to disturb these creatures."

**Congratulations** to these teams for their special recognition, and congratulations to all the teams for the outstanding work that was produced. It was very difficult to identify just a few teams for special recognition because everyone's work was excellent!

Again, thanks to all for participating and some special awards will be forthcoming for both classrooms.

Sincerely,

The BrickLab Challenge Staff at PCS Edventures!

## 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](http://www.meridianschools.org) and click on "Click here to open the survey" to begin. Thank you for your input.

## Sack Lunch Program

June 8th – July 31st, Monday – Friday, 12:00 noon

Sack Lunch Available for all children ages: 3 – 18 years

### Storey Park

Franklin Road & Main Street, Meridian, Idaho

### Tully Park

2500 N. Linder Road, Meridian, Idaho

### Redwood Park

2675 N. Shamrock Street, Boise, Idaho

### Charter Point Clubhouse Park

South Sea Breeze Way-(located next to Desert Sage Elementary)



**Please note: All meals must be eaten on site.**

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## Idaho Student Exchange to Korea

A Great Opportunity to Experience Korean Culture and to Make New Friends!

**Period:** August 6 – August 24, 2009

**Expense:** Round-Trip Airfare Only

**Application Deadline:** May 27, 2009



**Bodies in Cooperation:** U.S. - Idaho State Government, Idaho department of Education, Meridian Joint School District No. 2, Korea – Gyeong-Gi Tourism Organization

**How to Apply:** Download the application form at [www.alceglobal.com](http://www.alceglobal.com) or get the form at the school office

Fill out the application form and turn in at school office or mail to ALCE. 12421 W. Engelmann Dr., Boise, ID 83713

**Number of Students Recruited:** 50 in order of application's arrival at ALCE (Accommodations can be made for parents and/or adults.)

For more information Contact: Tom Beckman, Chairman (ALCE) 208-484-1240

**Lost & Found** Please Check the lost and found! We have lots of clothing in the hall and other small valuables in the office. Uncollected items will be donated to charity.