

PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 23	October Birthday Celebrations
October 24	Barnes and Noble Book Fair Events at 11:00 & 6:00 (details below)
October 26-29	RED RIBBON WEEK (activities detailed on back of newsletter)
October 30	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice and Report Card Preparation
November 4	No School for <u>Kindergarten</u> students – Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 5	No School for K-5 students – Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 6	No School for K-5 students – Non-Work Day for Prospect Staff

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

COME TO THE BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR!!!

This Saturday, October 24, at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, our school will have a Fall Book Fair. There are two special events planned that day:

- 11:00 A.M. “Halloween Happenings” which includes a scavenger hunt, crafts – a Creepy Cat bookmark and a Bat mobile.
- 6:00 P.M. Halloween story time with our principal, Mrs. Anderson. Come in costume and after stories we’ll have a costume parade and snack. This year story time will be held in the children’s section of the book store.

ADULTS MUST ACCOMPANY STUDENTS. It’s a great time to shop for gifts: books, CDs, DVDs, games, and more. All purchases (including food & beverages) count. Please remember to bring **your voucher** with you so that when purchases are made, our book fair will receive a percentage of the proceeds from Prospect supporters which will help purchase books for our school library. Thanks so much! See you there!!

NURSE’S NOTE: ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS & SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

I visited each classroom this Fall to teach proper hand washing, use of hand sanitizers, and good respiratory etiquette. As parents and volunteers at school, our students are watching to see if you are washing your hands correctly, using hand sanitizer as directed, and following good respiratory etiquette. Some children are shocked and others dismayed if they see adults not doing these things correctly.

Here is what I teach:

Hand washing requires water, soap, and a paper towel. Turn on the faucet, wet your hands, apply the liquid soap, and lather and scrub for 20 seconds (sing the ABC song or Happy Birthday twice). Be sure to scrub all surfaces of your hands – palms, backs, between fingers, and under fingernails. At the end of 20 seconds, rinse the soap and germs off your hands, dry them on the paper towel, and use the paper towel to turn the faucet off – so you don’t re-contaminate your clean hands with germs from the faucet.

Hand sanitizers need to be at least 60% alcohol to effectively kill germs. Do not splash hand sanitizer in your eyes – it burns and may damage the surface of the eye. “Scrub” your hands – all surfaces – with the sanitizer until there is no sensation of dampness, which usually takes 15 to 20 seconds.

Respiratory etiquette means coughing into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands. Wash your hands as soon as possible after coughing or sneezing (even if you coughed into your sleeve). If you forget and cough or sneeze into your hands – even if into a tissue – wash your hands or use hand sanitizer immediately.

Students look to the adults around them to confirm behavior, so be sure you are setting a good example.
Nurse JoAnn

RED RIBBON WEEK

Prospect is celebrating Red Ribbon Week the week October 26-29! Students are invited to participate in special “red ribbon” class and recess activities during the week, including an art contest for K-3 students, essay contest for 4-5 students and, to finish the school week, a Fun Run and Red Ribbon Parade around the school track. Each day will have a different drug-free theme. Please encourage your child’s participation in showing that students at Prospect are proud to be drug-free! Thank you to the PTA for organizing the week’s activities and themes! Please contact Matt Engel, Prospect counselor, for more information about supporting any of these activities.

Friday, Oct. 23 – Red Ribbon Rally

Fifth graders attend the “kick off” rally in Boise!

Monday, Oct. 26 - “Take a Stand for a Drug-Free Land”

Wear red, white and blue

Activity: Students sign and decorate drug-free pledge cards

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - “Team-up to be Drug Free”

Wear your favorite sport jersey or team colors

*Activity: “Drugs are Unbearable” Art/Essay Contest (may be completed at home).
Due on Thursday.*

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - “Sock it to Drugs”

Wear the craziest socks you have!

Activity: Students create signs and banners for parade on Thursday.

Thursday, Oct. 29 - “Red Rally”

Wear as much red as you a possibly can:
shirt, pants, socks, and bandanas - whatever!

*Activity: Red Ribbon “Fun Run” around the track during morning recess and
Red Ribbon Parade around the track during afternoon recess*

KITCHEN NEWS

This year the Nutrition Department has chosen to **post the monthly menu on line** rather than print the entire year to send home with students. To access the menu, please go to the District website at www.meridianschools.org, then click on District, click on Food Nutrition Services, click on Elementary, then click on Menus. This will help you and your child plan ahead for daily lunches.

MOST IMPORTANT, with the new system this year, your student is “locked out” of the system if his/her account reaches \$5.00 in charges. In order to provide school lunch every day for your child, please make every effort to keep current on your child’s lunch account.

Also, if your family was on the free/reduced meal program last year, **you must file a new application** this year. If you don’t re-apply, you will have to pay full price for your students’ breakfast and lunch meals.

REMEMBER LATE START WEDNESDAYS

School Starts at **9:20** every Wednesday!

Students should never arrive at school prior to 8:45am.

Supervision of students begins at 8:45am.

WE COLLECT BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION ALL YEAR LONG!

The first due date for turning in Boxtops is in October, but we continue to collect Boxtops year round.