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Dear Parents,

We hope you have a great weekend and were able to attend the Football game last night vs Lewis County (Highland-Nezperce co-op). This was our first league game in the new classification.

This fall we will be administering the Idaho Youth Well Being Survey (Grades 6-12). At registration you should have received a QR code to give your child permission to participate. We need 60% of our students to participate and obtain valid data. As of today, we're a long way from 60% consent rate. The school needs help in getting the Wellness Survey completed.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/iywa/>. If you have not given your child participate, you may do so by using the following QR code. The consent needs to be given by **September 30**, thank you in advance for your assistance!



We're excited to invite you and your family to participate in the **Genesee Community Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk**, hosted by DS Connections! This is a great opportunity to come together and support a wonderful cause.

- **Date:** Sunday, September 29th
- **Location:** Meet at the football field parking lot at **12:30 p.m.**
- **Walk Start Time:** **1:00 p.m.**

**What to Wear:** Please wear **blue and yellow** to show your support for Down Syndrome!

**Registration:** Please show up at 12:30 on the 29<sup>th</sup> to get registration.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Aimee Gillis** at 208-755-4642 or via email at [aimegillis@gmail.com](mailto:aimegillis@gmail.com). We hope to see you all stepping up for Down Syndrome awareness!

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**School Pictures:** School pictures will go home with students today or Monday. Picture retakes will be next Thursday morning, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. If you want your student to have picture retakes please return the picture packet at the time of retakes. You can also contact Christopher Warren to discuss pictures.

**Attendance** – If you are calling to excuse your child from school, or to get a message to a teacher/ student etc., please contact **Amanda Evans** at [aevans@sd282.org](mailto:aevans@sd282.org) or 208-285-1162. She is the new secretary at the office who will handle all those calls and questions.

**Elementary news:** For the safety of our students, the elementary school doors will remain closed and locked at all times. Starting at 7:30 a.m., the door by the main office will be unlocked for students who eat breakfast and 5th-grade band students to drop off instruments. At 7:45 a.m., staff will open the elementary doors for students to enter their classrooms. If your child arrives after 7:45 a.m., they will enter through the main office doors by the high school. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe!

Student drop-off time in the morning - Breakfast is not served until 7:30 AM. Please do not drop off your child before that time as there is no supervision. Thank you!

- Thank you for following our drop-off and pick-up procedures. Keeping the bus zone clear ensures everyone's safety and allows for smooth drop-offs in the morning.
- Seesaw is our main communication tool. Please check the app for updates and messages from your child's teacher. Students often share their work on Seesaw. It is fun to see what your child is doing in school.
- Our teachers completed a full day of training on the new ELA curriculum yesterday and are excited about the skills and knowledge students will gain!
- Upcoming elementary events
  - Sept. 26 - Elementary bus safety drill
  - Oct. 1 - CHAS Vision Screening for students with permission
  - Oct. 4 - Homecoming/PD day - no school

**Secondary news:** The first round of D/F reports, along with attendance reports (4 absences or more) will start to be sent out next week. If a student has a D or F in a class the SIS system generates a report we will send home to parents. If you have any questions please feel free to logon to the parent portal, or look over the shoulder of your student when they login to Lumen. You can also call or email teachers as well.

Concerning attendance, the Lumen system generates letters when a student reaches 4, 8 and 10 absences in a class, whether excused or not. The 4 absence letter is informational, the 8 absence letter lets parents know their student is at the

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maximum amount of absences for that class period in the semester. The final letter refers to the possibility of an attendance meeting with parents, student administration and the counselor. Each situation can be different, so we look at them case by case. If there needs to be a meeting Mr. Caldwell will be contacting parents.

**GYM update-** The company has been working on the tension rods in the Main Gym this week, and should be wrapping up by Monday the 23rd. For the next few weeks there will be extra construction vehicles parking out in front of the gym, as well as in the HS parking lot on the West side of the school. Please try to find other places to park during the school day. ***Students, this will include you too.***

**Athletics:** JH VB is underway. Practices will be in the morning before school since we only have one gym to use, and Coach Johnson & Coach Sperber are assisting with HS too.

Due to the construction delays, we know there is no way they will have the gym floor ready by Spike 4 a Cure on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We looked into other locations (that are not available) so we have moved the event to Troy HS. Same day October 17, just moved the event to Troy. We appreciate the Troy community being willing to work with us on the event.

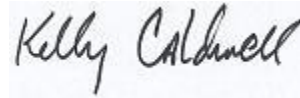
A reminder that we have moved the Varsity FB game vs Lakeside to THURSDAY, Sept. 26 to help out the officiating crews. The JH game vs Potlatch will begin at 4pm, and the Varsity game vs Lakeside will be at 7pm. This will also be **Senior night** to celebrate our senior football players.

October 4<sup>th</sup> will be Homecoming and the Big Kettle Cookoff! Team entries can be made by contacting JR Morrow at [jmorrow@sd282.org](mailto:jmorrow@sd282.org). Please be thinking about your best chili and/or soup recipe to put a team together and compete for the coveted title of the Cookoff!

Have a great weekend, GO BULLDOGS!



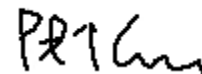
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