



The Birch Bulletin  
 Birch Elementary School  
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Dates to Remember	
Staff Appreciation Week	May 7th-11th
Birthday Lunch May-June-July	May 9th
4th Grade Track Meet at VHS	May 10th
Rollerdrome Family Fun Night 6-8	May 10th
5th Grade Track Meet at VHS	May 11th
VEA Early Release 1:30	May 11th
3rd Grade Field Trip Celebration Park	May 14th
PreSchool Field Trip Aquarium/Settlers Park	May 14th
Birch Choir Program 6:00 p.m.	May 15th
Vallivue School District Levy Election	May 15th
Bike/Walk to School Day	May 16th
2nd Grade Field Trip Aquarium/Borah Park	May 16th
1st Grade Field Trip MK Nature/Discovery	May 16th
Kindergarten M/T Field Trip Zoo/Planet Kid	May 16th
Kindergarten Th/F Field Trip Zoo/Planet Kid	May 17th
5th Grade State Fair 8:15-9:45	May 18th
All School Lunch 11:00-12:30	May 18th
5th Grade Goodbye Party 12:45	May 18th
4th Grade Almania 1:00-2:15	May 21st
5th Grade Almania 1:00-2:15	May 22nd
Last Day of School For Mon/Tue Kindergarten	May 22nd
5TH Grade Fishing Trip 8:30-11:00	May 23rd
Last Day of School for Thur/Fri Kindergarten	May 24th
Last Day of School for PreSchool	May 24th
Awards Assembly 8:30 a.m.	May 25th
Last Day of School 1st-5th 11:15 Dismissal	May 25th

Thank you parents for your support during ISAT and IRI testing. A HUGE THANK YOU to our amazing PTO for a great year and for all of their work in getting Birch Families involved.



The Birch Choirsters have had a good year. The Kuna Music Festival was an enlightening experience with comments to improve our choirs performance and the combined program with two other schools was a valuable lesson in cooperation and integration of other schools and performers. There will be one more program Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 in the Birch Gym. That will also be the last day for choir. It has been a pleasure working with the students this year and a big thank you to Mrs. Cain (5th Grade) for accompanying the choir. Thank you for your continued support.

**Attendance News**

Student attendance winner's for April received Nampa Recreation Center passes: K-Aubree & Cadence, 1st-Katherine, 2nd-Destiny, 3rd-Kylie, 4th-Justice, 5th-Alexis. Classroom grade level attendance trophy winners are: K-Mrs. Gray, 1st-Mrs. Lookhart, 2nd-Mrs. Ellsworth, 3rd-Mrs. Fly, 4th-Mrs. Pegram, and 5th-Mrs. Kelleher. Great job and keep up the good work of being at school and on time!

A Note From the Library....

In response to last months newsletter, I had a parent share how their family encouraged a love of reading. They take their kids to a bookstore before they go on a trip. The kids are allowed to choose several books to purchase. The kids read their new books while traveling to their destination. Thank you Mrs. Carriere for sharing with us.

A few items you will want to be aware of as our school year comes to a close: The last day for students to check out books will be Tuesday, May 8th. All books should be returned to the library by Friday, May 18th. The library will be closed for inventory the last week of school. Please take care of any fines due to a lost book by May 18th. Report cards will be held until fines are paid. Thank you for your cooperation.

Happy Reading!



Mrs. Day

With the warm weather, don't forget to wear proper foot attire at school. Flip flops don't provide the needed support for feet. We want to prevent any possible injuries by encouraging possible injuries by wearing tennis shoes or sandals.

**VALLIVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY  
 May 15, 2012**

Since our first attempt at passing the Supplemental Levy election failed, the district will be running it again in May. Be sure to check the Vallivue web site for additional information We encourage all patrons to vote.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS** for upcoming 6th graders are available at Rehab Authority, 120 Pine Street in Caldwell on Wednesday, May 23rd 6:00-8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$20.00 per child. All proceeds are being donated to VHS Athletics.

**Fit Forum**

Please make sure all students continue to wear proper footwear on PE days. The Annual Vallivue 4th and 5th Grade Track Meet is set for May 10th and 11th. If you are able to volunteer for this great event, please let me know ASAP. Volunteers are needed to help with ribbons, but will still be able to see their child compete. Len.dorscher@vallivue.org  
 Len Dorscher, Physical Education Specialist

Youth Volleyball Camp for 3rd thru 9th graders will be held June 4th-6th at Vallivue High School. Flyers are available at the Birch office or contact Michelle O'Connell at 850-1285 or michelle.oconnell@vallivue.org.

**Character Trait of the Month**

May-**INTEGRITY**: To commit yourself to do what is right.