



Basin Elementary News

Educating Today's Children for Tomorrow's World



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Upcoming Events



- **October 1st** - Midterm Reports Go Home
- **October 3rd** - Fall ICOE Day
- **October 4th** - Teacher Inservice, No School
- **October 5th** - Idaho City Splash 5K Run/Walk
- **October 7th** - PTA Meeting
- **October 8th** - **Dental Sealants**
- **October 9th** - Cardboard Challenge Arcade Day, 12:35
- **October 14th** - After School Tutoring Begins
- **October 26th** - PTA Sponsored Trunk or Treat and Halloween Party
- **November 5th** - Career Day

Character Education ~ 7 Healthy Habits

We have been reinforcing the concept of Be Proactive. Being proactive is more than being kind, helpful, and reliable. It is about being a responsible person and taking initiative. It is about working to solve your own problems. A proactive person chooses their actions, attitudes, and moods and doesn't blame others. Working with your children by encouraging them to solve their own problems and to make good, responsible choices will help to strengthen their understanding of Habit #1 - Be Proactive. Each class watched a short video titled "Stuck on an Escalator".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kq65aAYCH0w&t=36s> This is a great example about being proactive. When your child is facing a problem, you can remind them not to Get Off The Escalator.

"Your character will be what you yourself choose to make it." ~ John Lubbock

Dental Sealants

Central District Health will be here on October 8th to provide dental sealants to those that return the YELLOW permission slip. We have a short turn around to get the sealant slips returned. Please return them by no later than this Thursday. They are in today's folder.

Art Week ~ Week of October 14th

PTA is sponsoring the Art Reflections Program again this year. To prepare, Sarah Nelson will be offering an after school art camp for students to create their projects. Students may also complete their projects at home and enter them. Projects can be entered in the following categories: film, photography, visual, dance, music, and literature. The theme is "Look Within." All art contestants must include an artist statement with each entry relating their art to the theme. More information will be sent next week. Official rules can be found online

<http://idahopta.org/reflections/>

For more information Sarah Nelson

snelson@basinschools.net.

After School Tutoring

After school tutoring will begin the week of October 14th. All students can choose to enroll. We are sending home enrollment forms with those that we highly recommend attending. Please contact the office if you wish to enroll your child.

Website

You may have noticed that we are updating the district website. We are also creating pages that are specific to each school and classroom. The elementary site has an archive of the newsletters as well as general information about our programs, school achievement, etc. We will also be posting pictures of events and activities.

Basin Schools Showcase Innovative Learning

During Idaho City Days on Saturday, October 5th, the public will have the chance to experience some exciting developments in the Basin School District: a brand new makerspace

and a forest zip line. From 11 to 1 and 2 to 5, the Basin Innovation Station will be open with a variety of STEM activities including virtual reality, a huge LEGO wall, circuit activities, engineering challenges, and rock painting. From 11:30 to 1 and 2 to 5, everyone can take a thrilling ride on a zip line through the school's outdoor property, the Idaho Center for Outdoor Education (ICOE). Youth under 18 years of age will need to have a signed permission slip. To get there, just drive up to the football field (past the elementary school on Elk Creek Road), park there, and continue up the dirt road to find the sign-up near the vault toilets. Signs will be posted. Both of these events are completely free and donations will be accepted to increase education through these innovative avenues.

Wellness Center

Basin School District has recently adopted the Community Schools model. What this means is we are partnering with community, county, Treasure Valley and even statewide individuals and agencies to bring to campus the needed resources and services we think our students and families would benefit from. We hope to break down barriers and improve access to needed things such as basic necessities - clothes/shoes, hygiene and household supplies, school supplies, warm winter gear as well as dental, mental and primary health care. Located in one of our modular buildings on campus is the Basin School District Wellness Center which houses a student 'store' with shelves of donated basic needs items, a private counseling office and a medical clinic space. Bundy Moore is the Community Schools / Wellness Center Coordinator and can help connect students and families with resources as needed. Bundy is on campus Monday, Wednesday, Friday each week and can be reached at bmoore@basinschools.net or by calling the district office at 208-392-4183. Please let Bundy know if your family could use assistance. Garden Valley Family Medicine leases the medical clinic space and are open every Wednesday and the first Tuesday of every month. The health care clinic is open to the community with the exception of registered sex offenders as it is located on school campus. Appointments for health care can be made by calling GVFM Idaho City office at 208-392-4139.

Cardboard Challenge Arcade Building

As part of this year's Cardboard Challenge, students in grades 3rd through 6th will be creating an "arcade" game from cardboard. Students will be designing, building and later, playing the games. The idea is based on Caine's Arcade in which a student created an entire arcade out of cardboard. The activity gives students the opportunity to think creatively and participate in the engineering design process. <http://cainesarcade.com/> Parents and Guardians can join us on the afternoon of October 9th to play these games from 12:35 to 2:20 p.m.

School Resource Officer (SRO)

David Gomez

See this section for the latest updates and suggestions from SRO David Gomez for online safety and drug and alcohol safety. Blurbs taken from his Facebook page:

What is a good age to get my child a phone?

First of all, not all phones are created equal. Gizmo's and other child wearable devices do not have the same dangers associated with them as smart phones. Gizmo's are a very good alternative to giving your child an actual phone and can be given to kids as young as 7 or 8. The Gizmo will be good till about the age of 12 before they might be teased at school for wearing such a device.

Flip phones are also not as dangerous as smart phones in that they have limited capabilities. Be aware that kids can use the flip phone as a hotspot and circumvent router restrictions at home. Flip phones also allow texting which can easily be deleted by children before entering your house. Flip phones are probably good for 10 year olds and up. Understand that children get distracted easily and the chance of your flip phone being left some place and lost are high. Standard parenting practices of cell phone checks and knowing who your children are in contact with still apply with a flip phone.

Smartphones are what most parents want to give their children these days. So what age do you decide to give your child a smartphone?

All social media applications require children to be at least 13 to operate the application on their own. There is no reason for any child to have a smart phone under the age of 13. Parents will tell me all kinds of reasons why their child is



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different than every other child but they really are not. With the exception of a few medical technology situations, kids do not need a smartphone.

From looking all around and talking with many kids and adults there are two main reasons parents give kids smart phones before the age of 13. The first reason parents give kids cell phones is to keep them distracted. Distracted busy children allow parents to have time to do other things that they might not be able to do. The second reason parents give kids cell phones is because parent's themselves cave in to the peer pressure of everyone else's kids having cell phones. It's tough for parents to have the only kid in the sixth grade who does not have their own smartphone.

Parents also like to give their kids smartphones so they can stay connected to their kids 24/7. I'm not sure this is healthy as it keeps children from having to make certain decisions and figuring out problems on their own. It should be noted that adult predators are also taking advantage of being connected to your children 24/7. In many cases, predators are having more conversations with kids than their parents are.

Smart phones are going to present some dangers to your children that you can not comprehend. There will be pornography, predators, scammers, bullies, politics, salesman, peer pressures, and countless other dangers most parents can not understand. Smartphones will also enable the replacement of your family values with those of social media norms which happens in adults as well as children.

Once you give a child a smartphone they will have access to pornography at their fingertips. Many parents feel they can regulate the smartphone well enough to eliminate pornography or they can talk their child into not looking at pornography. I will say that parents fall very

short on both of these implementations of anti-pornography on cell phones.

So here is the simplest thing I can tell you about what age you should give your child a smartphone:

1) Your child should be at least 13 years of age before getting a smartphone.

2) You should be comfortable with your child viewing pornography. I know a lot of parents will not be ok with their children viewing pornography. As children will be seeing pornography on their smart phones it is highly suggested you have discussions about how they will handle the pornography they see. Pornography (especially the kinds available these days) has the possibility of changing a young mind forever.

Deputy Gomez

Emails from Basin School District #72

Each week you should receive a weekly email from basininfo@basinschools.net with the Basin Elementary Newsletter. If you are not receiving this email, please contact us so that we can verify your email address. This is the same notification that we will use to send out important information on events, school closures or schedule changes.

Idaho City Splash sponsored by the ICHS Cross Country Team

If a 5K is your thing come run/walk this true cross country course with valleys, hills, twists, turns, and a big SPLASH at the end! Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/IdahoCityICOEXC5K/>

OR <https://tinyurl.com/y8yvage>

May also send in cash or check made to: ICHS XC

Important Links

AR Home Connect - Basin Elementary uses a software program called Renaissance at school. This program has a special feature called Home Connect, which your student can access outside of school from any computer with an internet connection. Home Connect allows you to view information about your child's progress. It also allows you to sign up to receive email notifications after your child completes an activity or assessment at school.
To log in to Home Connect Website:

<https://global-zone50.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=250866>

Renaissance ID: BSD72-01FL

Lumen - Check your student's grades, lunch count and more at:

<https://lumen.basinschools.net/light/lumen/signin>

Istation - Students in K-4 can log into Istation to practice their reading and writing skills. Use the link below to access the website. You will need to select our campus on the initial login.
Use: Basin School District 72 (basin.basin.id)

<https://secure.istation.com/Account/LogOn>

PTA Amazon Smiles

The Basin PTA is participating in the Amazon Smiles program which allows Amazon users to select a charity of their choice for donations. Use the link smile.amazon.com and choose Basin School PTA for your charity. Thank you for your support!

Art Department Donations

The Art Dept. is in need of magazines like Nat Geo or anything you may have. You may call the art teacher at ext # 1289 or email her at mtucker@basinschools.net or just bring them to the Art Room (across the hall from the HS Office).