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Classroom News—3rd Grade—Third grade students participated in **Palouse Clearwater Environment Institute's Watershed Festival on May 5th.**



The goal for this field trip was to teach the students about **water** on the Palouse. Students **rotated through educational**

stations that explored water conservation, macroinvertebrates in our ponds and streams, the water cycle, and tree planting.

4th Grade - To **culminate** the study of the **Idaho Native Americans, missionaries, and pioneers**, the fourth grade class took an all-day field trip to the **Nez Perce Museum** at Spalding, Idaho on **May 10th**. Students learned how to **assemble a tipi**, **listened to New Perce stories**, and **explored the artifacts in the museum**. It was a day filled with amazing history!



5th Grade—On **May 12th**, students spent their school day at **Spring Valley Reservoir with the Latah Soil and Water Conservation District**. Students learned about **aquatic macroinvertebrates, soils, forest management, and outdoor survival**. Students were also able to do some **fishing** and selected a **native plant** to take home.



Art Day—Art Day was held on **May 4th**. This **annual event** was filled with a variety of art activities which included **watercolor Star Wars, Chinese watercolor, friendship bracelets, torn paper art, sign language, owl collage, and animation** just to name a few. Many of the students' art work is on display throughout the school. Thank you to **Miss Samson** for organizing Art Day, and to **staff members** who guided students through the various art sessions. We have some very artistic students!



P.E. w/Mr. Markley—Our **4th and 5th grades** will participate in the **All-Elementary Track Meet on June 3rd**

at the **Moscow Middle School Track**.

Russell students will compete in **events** which include **long jump, Frisbee toss,**

tug-o-war, softball throw, and shuttle relay. Parents are welcome to come and cheer their child on. **Start time is**

10:30AM and the meet will conclude at approximately 2PM. GO RAMS!



P.A.T. News—The **PAT** sponsored **Carnival**, held on **May 6th**, was another huge success. Parents, staff and community volunteers worked extremely hard in preparing for and running this **annual spring-time family event!** So many **fun games** were enjoyed by all!

The **Bouncy Castle and Obstacle Course** were a **jumpin'** on the playground and were the hit of the evening! **The Oh, Snap Photo booth** was very popular as well.



Pizza and ice cream were enjoyed in the cafeteria prior to the start of the activities. **Student Council** students had success with their used book sale. They raised **\$80**, which will go towards the **"book closet!"** **Thank you to ALL** who helped to carry on this **wonderful tradition!**

Mark your calendar for the **PAT's Summer Pool Party for West Park and Russell families** taking place on **August 12th from 8PM-10PM** at the **Hamilton Lowe Aquatic Center**.



Cafeteria News— The end of the school year is fast approaching, and we take this time to **thank you** for allowing your child to participate in the **breakfast and/or lunch program**. Our **kitchen staff** works very hard in preparing **nutritious meals** for your child to enjoy. We **appreciate** your support. As a reminder, the last day to charge any meal is **May 20th**. Thank you!



May/June Newsletter

As the school year comes to a close, there are many changes taking place in our school. Our **wonderful fifth grade students** are moving on to **Moscow Middle School**. They are **very well prepared** for their secondary education thanks in part to **Miss Mueller** and **Miss Samson**. **Good luck at MMS!**

We find ourselves saying **good-bye to third grade teacher, Mary Karin Miller and fourth grade teacher, Arianna Gress**. **Miss Miller** has taught **36 years**. She became a member of the Moscow School District in **1983**. Miss Miller joined the Russell School staff in the **fall of 2012**, coming from **West Park Elementary School**. She also taught at **Lena Whitmore Elementary School**. Her **dedication and enthusiasm** for teaching has **enriched the lives** of so many children. Enjoy retirement at your favorite lake with a good book in hand, Miss Miller! **You will be missed!**



Mrs. Gress is moving to **Yakima, WA**. Her husband, **Garrett**, has a new job, so they are headed to their old hometown. Mrs. Gress started teaching at Russell School in the fall of **2013**. She was a great addition to the Russell School staff. Best of luck in your new school, Mrs. Gress! We know your students will flourish under your teaching. **We will miss you!**

Fifth grade teacher, **Miss Samson**, will be teaching **fourth grade** next school year. She is very excited and looking forward to the change and especially teaching Idaho history!

We welcome **two new fifth grade teachers** for next school year. **Katie Omodt, (soon to be Herrenbruck) from Sandpoint** and **Jessie Telecky, from Post Falls**, join **Miss Mueller** as part of the **fifth grade team**. Both taught fifth grade previously. **Miss Curnes** and **Mrs. Hill** welcome **Sheron Jensen** as their new teaching partner. **Sheron** taught at Lena Whitmore last year.



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