

Friends of Valley View Elementary School,

There is always good news to start with at Valley View.....our Thanksgiving luncheon was held on Thursday, November 20th was a great success! We served over 330 meals on this day, with 150 parents, grandparents, family members and/or friends attending. The kids love having you at school; so does their principal!

Idaho Family Reads Week was also a great success! Special events, guest readers, pajamas and popcorn filled the week. Thank you to Julie Colson, Patty Burlingame and our guests for sharing their LOVE OF READING!!!

Please read the Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Essay Contest, featuring gift certificate prizes for books! (see below) This optional essay contest will not only exercise our written language skills but also foster awareness and develop a mindset which could lead to a better world! I have a dream.....

Special thanks to the Bonners Ferry High School drama students who entertained and taught us through "Lice Busters"! It is always a good reminder for all of us, as we work to limit the traveling of this unwanted hitch-hiker. Often, after vacations and overnights, we see a resurgence of these miserable critters.

Upcoming events

- 11/26-27 Thanksgiving Vacation—enjoy, relax, eat and READ
- 12/4 12:20 Student Council Meeting
- 12/8-11 The PTO Santa's Secret Shoppe will be open for business. Look for info soon!
- 12/9 6:00 Board Meeting at VVES
- 12/10 4:15 PTO meeting cancelled until New Year!
- 12/11 **PTO Family Fun Night**....free popcorn, drinks and a MOVIE from 5:00-7:00 PM. A Bake Sale fund raiser will be held, as well as, last minute shopping at the PTO Santa's Secret Shoppe.
- 12/17 3:00 Christmas Assembly in the Gym
- 12/17 4:30 Executive Council
- 12/17 6:00 PM VVES Christmas Program at BFHS Auditorium featuring the Kindergarten, 4th and 5th Grades
- 1/5 Return to school for 2015 and begin Student Council Canned Food Drive
- 1/12 6:00 Board meeting at D.O.
- 1/14 4:15 PTO Meeting
- 1/22 end 2nd quarter and 1st semester
- 1/24 Spelling Bee at Free Methodist Church

Respectfully submitted by,

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“Martin Luther King, Jr. – Idaho Human Rights Day” 2015 Essay Project

Legislation was signed in 1983 to mark Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday as a federal holiday. In 1994, Congress designated MLK, Jr. Day as a national day of service. Dr. King believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all. The MLK Day of Service is a way to transform Dr. King’s life and teachings into community action that help solve social problems, strengthen communities, empower individuals and bridge barriers.

Human Rights Day began in 1950 to commemorate the day in 1948 the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to be observed each year on December 10th.

Jan. 16, 2006, Idaho became the only US state to change MLK, Jr. Day to be officially called “Martin Luther King, Jr – Idaho Human Rights Day.”

Boundary County Human Rights Task Force is inviting local elementary school students to participate in this year’s essay project. The purpose is to celebrate Dr. King’s message of inclusiveness, social and racial justice and respect for the dignity of others.

Deadline: Thursday, January 15th, 2015

Eligibility: All Boundary County Youth – grades 3, 4, 5

Theme: **“Where Does Human Rights Begin”**

Awards: Gift certificate from Bonners Books 1st: \$15 2nd: \$10 3rd: \$5

Use the following quote by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to help you answer the essay question:

“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm, or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

Essay question:

“What does this quote mean to you? How would you move forward to promote a better World?”

- Written Essays should include his or her full name, grade and school on the back and submitted to their teacher by the deadline.

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