



Firth School District Newsletter

Fall – Winter 2011

The quarterly e-news letter of the Firth School District

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide timely news items and inform patrons of things going on that might have an impact on us here in Firth.

Fall - Winter Activities

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The first Parent-Teacher Conferences of the year were held October 26-27-28. About 96% of parents attended conferences at the elementary school though the percentages were much smaller at the middle and high schools. During conferences patrons were surveyed about their feelings concerning the four-day school week. The results of the survey were presented at the November school board meeting. A copy of Mr. Tubbs presentation can be accessed under *Superintendent* on the district's web page.

The next parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to be held in March.

For a copy of the district's calendar see the district's web page at www.firthschools.org.

Halloween Carnival

The second annual Halloween Carnival was held October 28 at the elementary school. A dinner was held in conjunction with the carnival to raise funds for the Kitty Bolander scholarship. The carnival was under the direction of the PTO and was attended by many from the community.

A.W. Johnson Elementary School

Our elementary school is now 50 years old! A.W. Johnson Elementary School was first opened in the fall of 1961 with A.W. Johnson as the first principal. Throughout the 2011-2012 school year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of this great school. If you have any old photos of the school, students, or teachers or old artifacts like textbooks, work pages and the like and would like to share them, please contact Dani Hosack, Gayla Coombs or Sid Tubbs at 346.6848 or e-mail us at stubbs@d59.k12.id.us. We would love to see them and share them with the community.

New lighting will be installed throughout the school during December. This project is completely funded by a grant from the state of Idaho and the federal government.

Veteran's Day

The annual Veteran's Day ceremony was held November 10. The Veteran's Day ceremony was, once again, under the direction of Stewart Portela and MCed by Keith Drake. Veterans were honored by several very good speakers, roses, a pipe and drum

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corps and the Community Orchestra. A brunch for the veterans and their guests was held following the ceremony in the high school commons. The brunch was under the direction of Tia Roghar and the Key Club and the FCCLA under the direction of Janice Anthony. The Firth Veteran's Day Ceremony and brunch is the largest of its kind in the area.

Goodfellow's Drive

The annual Goodfellow's drive is currently underway. The Goodfellow's drive is under the direction of the Shelley-Firth Kiwanis Club and strives to provide help to families in need in the surrounding area. If you know of a family who needs assistance during the holiday season or would like to become involved in this wonderful project contact Firth Kiwians Jeff Gee or Sid Tubbs.

Athletics

At the November school board meeting Mr. Gee presented the results of the district's Title IX survey. The survey was designed to gather information about the wants of students concerning various activities at the middle and high school and help determine if the district is providing the activities students want to participate in.

The high school football team completed their season last with a long trip to Moscow and a very exciting state championship game against the number one and undefeated Grangeville Bulldogs. While the game didn't turn out like we all would have liked the team had a great season under the direction of Keith Drake, Jason Clemons, Jodi Holder and Lyn Furman.

So far this school year Firth High School teams have earned two state academic championships and two state runner-up trophies. The academic state championships were earned by the girls and boys cross-country teams who were coached by Stewart Portela. This brings the number of academic state championships since 2001 to 45. The two runner-up trophies were earned by the football team and the girl's cross-country team.

Winter sports have begun at both the middle and high schools. The high school girl's basketball team has already had several games and while very young, show great promise. The girls are coached by Sharla Cook and Darvel Jolley. The high school boy's basketball team will start their practices this week and will return a strong team. The boys are coached by Scott Adams.

For athletic schedules go to "*calendars*" on the district web page.

School Board Information

School Board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month and are held in the high school auditorium beginning at 8:00 pm. To access /download the upcoming agenda and consent agenda go to *Superintendent* on the district web page.

Superintendents Advisory Committees (SAC)

The district currently has several advisory committees that meet throughout the school year. The purpose of these committees is to gather information and make recommendations to the superintendent as he advises the school board. If you would like to serve on a SAC or would just like to get some information please contact the following individuals...

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Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Committee.....	Dave Mecham 346.6240

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Coming Events

For athletic schedules go to the district website and click on “calendars”.

- November 1 – December 15 - Goodfellow’s Drive
- November 23 – 27 - Thanksgiving Break – *no school*
- December 23 – January 3 - Christmas Break – *no school*
- January 18 - End of first semester