

Irene Reither Elementary



IRE IMPORTANT DATES

6/6 Needham's class to Padilla Bay
6/7 Buckley & Shaffer - Padilla Bay
6/8 Whitsell & Binderup - Padilla Bay
6/8 PTA Western Round Up – 5:30PM
6/11 Trojan Trait Student Store Open
6/12 Field Days 3rd-5th – All Day
6/12 Field Days K-2nd – 1PM
6/13 5th Grade Party – 9:45AM
6/13 Kindergarten Graduation Party - 3:30-4:30PM
6/14 Kindergarten Graduations
9:30AM Heeringa, Bruland, MacLeod
11AM Robbin/Gunderson, Pennylegion
6/14 Trojan Trait Coupon Reward Day
6/15 Last Day of School – 1:15PM
NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN
6/27 School Board Mtg. 7PM @ MHS
8/20 Class lists posted – 1PM
8/29 First Day of School

IRE SUMMER HOURS

CLOSED IN JULY

OFFICE OPENS: AUGUST 20TH @ 1PM

SUMMER DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

JUNE 18TH - AUGUST 10TH

Monday-Thursday 8AM-4:30PM

HOME READING COMMITMENT

ALL YEAR AND ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE SUMMER. 15 MINUTES A DAY, AT LEAST 16 DAYS A MONTH.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check our lost and found before the end of the year. We have a wide variety of lost items which we would like to be found.

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

FOR SUCCESS – TROJAN TRAITS

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

WE ARE RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS,

OURSELVES, AND OUR SCHOOL.

WE ARE SAFE. WE ARE KIND.

FREE SUMMER SNACKS FOR KIDS 18 AND UNDER

At IRE July 30th-August 17th, Monday-Friday 10-10:15AM

At MHS June 18th-July 20th, Monday-Friday 10:30-10:45AM

June 2018

Patti Fouts - Principal

School Day: 9:00-3:30

Adrienne Somera – Assistant Principal

Kevin Hersom – Assistant Principal

Website: www.meridian.wednet.edu/ire

Office Phone: 398-2111 Bus Garage: 398-2707

CONGRATULATIONS GOOD CITIZENS

Students recognized for Most Improved are: Mallory Warnock, Reena Jhanjar, Jessie Amador, Trevyn Crabtree, Raeann Bouwman, Sawyer Strunk, Sofia Cruz, Yuvraj Chagger, Ethan Reyman, Rylan Bernardy, Layla Curtright, Cory Case, Gabby Lawson, Yuvraj Hazuria, Debra Bilg, Emree Van Leeuwen, Skylee Misanes, Tayce Linse, Aaliyah Arriaga, Morgan Smith, Karma Buss, Nicholas Damm, Anthony Miranda-Nolasco, Cadence Francis, Jean-Claude Ashton, Darius Gilstrap, Jaylin Johnson, Ryder Pen, Amethyst Christmas, Josie Somera, Piper Dyck, Nixon Spreckelmeyer, Shane Quinn, Gracelyn Pap, Sam Dortch, Issac Sipress, Gabe Galbraith, Anthony Limanskiy, Jayla Farquharson, Tevin Erickson, Mather Leslie, Breanna Stone, Keira Gonzalez, Zander Garvin, Owen Deiss, Prisila Gonzalez Jimenez, Owen Vanderpool, Alejandro Medina, Parker Tayler, Ahrena Ramos, Adriel Carrion, and Tiana Kheo.

GOOD WORKERS

Lea Kempf Hernandez, Isabell Sovereign, Carson Siadal, Brooklin Cunningham, Ashlynn Brown, Yuvraj Chagger, Nayeli De La Garza, Avyana Ewing, Autumn Fowler, Emily Hinkleman, Matthew Hinkleman, Eshanika Kumar, Elliot Lipton, Emmanuel Morales-Hernandez, Samuel Morales-Hernandez, Owen Morton, Adalyn Noste, Jaxson Pfannenstiel, Elly Quinn, Kian Ramey, Aroosha Shaker, Olivia Sharp, Landon Taylor, Divina Veliz, Ryan Watkins, Elijah Webster, and Bryce Wefer have been honored for their good work. Great job students!

FIELD DAY TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH

K-2nd Field Day – 1-3:15PM

3rd-5th Field Day – All Day

We are looking for volunteers. Contact Debi Johnson in the main office at 398-2111 or 318-2481. Thank You!

KINDERGARTEN END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION PARTY 3:30-4:30PM

☼ Your family is invited to an end of year celebration. This is an opportunity to meet other families, take pictures with teachers and classmates, and celebrate this big milestone. Light refreshments will be provided. Siblings welcome! Parents must come to the school at 3:30PM and sign their child out at the parent pick up area, following end of school day procedures. Families will then head to the field for the celebration. Sponsored by the PTA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION CEREMONIES

☀ The following classes will graduate at 9:30AM. Ms. Heeringa/Eining, Ms. Bruland, and Ms. MacLeod.

☀ The following classes will graduate at 11AM. Ms. Pennylegion, and Ms. Gunderson/Robbin.

☀ Following the graduations, students will go home with parents.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN

SUMMER SCHOOL JULY 30TH-AUGUST 17TH 8:30-11:30AM

Summer school in the Meridian School District is by invitation. Students selected for summer school will receive an invitation this week. Invitation RSVPs are due back to IRE by Friday, June 8th. You will be sent a confirmation notice by the last day of school.

WESTERN ROUND-UP FRIDAY JUNE 8TH 5:30-7:30PM

Enjoy loads of fun at our PTA sponsored Western Round-Up. Free events include: Dunk tank, small carnival games, cotton candy, bounce house, animal balloons, and face painting. The Wrestling Wagon Café will be open, please bring cash, \$1-\$4, for dinner menu. The Wild West Store will be open with items from \$1-\$3. Volunteers are still needed, email Tracie Gulit, TracieG@windermere.com See you there!

REPORT CARDS AND SUPPLY LISTS

Report cards will be given out on the last day of school. If your student will not be in attendance on June 15th, his/her report card will be mailed to you. Please make sure our office has your correct mailing address. Supply lists for the next school year will be sent home with report cards, and in an email. You may also access supply lists on our website and at local stores.

OUT OF DISTRICT ANNUAL ACCEPTANCE FORM

Families who do not live in the Meridian School District boundaries are required to complete the 'Request for Non-Resident Admission' **annually**. The receiving school district effectively becomes the 'resident' school district for all matters related to the education of the student. The receiving school district will receive funding for 'resident' students. Visit the Meridian School District Office and complete this important admission form. Thank You.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Congratulations to the following classrooms for bringing in the most Box Tops this year!!

1st place – Ms. Pederson's class 2nd place – Ms. Kayda's class 3rd place – Mr. Martin's class

Thank you for supporting this great fundraising program. Families can continue to collect Box Tops through the summer. Tops saved will be for next year's classrooms. Thank you to Richelle Urie for the countless hours as coordinator of this activity. We are looking for volunteers for the next school year. Let us know if you are interested. Thank you and keep on collecting!!

AMAZON SMILES

Did you know that Amazon offers a 5% of purchase price kick back to the Meridian PTA if you link your account to The Meridian Parent Teacher Association and purchase through Amazon Smile? To link your Amazon account to our school, click on this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-3029022>

Remember, you must access Amazon via the [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) for purchases to qualify. Unfortunately, this does not work with the mobile app, so if you have a big purchase be sure and do it from your computer.

Amazon does offer a great little Amazon Smile button for your toolbar or a favorites link. Once you get the hang of it, it's great and can really add up to help our school! Let us know if you have any questions! Thank you.

PBIS AND TROJAN TRAIT STUDENT STORE

Did you know that Irene Reither Elementary is a PBIS school? <https://www.pbis.org/school> PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. Here at IRE we explicitly teach, reteach and positively reinforce school wide expectations both school wide and in the classroom. **The Trojan Store** is an example of how we positively recognize students for demonstrating our school wide expectations.

Trojan Traits:

- **We are Responsible**
- **We are Respectful**
- **We are Safe**
- **We are Kind**

At IRE students are recognized for showing great behavior and following the above Trojan Traits to be able to earn Trojan tickets for the store. When students are observed demonstrating these traits they are given a Trojan Trait Ticket which they can use to purchase items in the Trojan Store. Store items include: pencils, erasers, books, small—med—large treasure box items, Trojan school spirit wear, and free coupons- such as extra recess, popcorn/pizza with the principal, sit by a friend and more. We are happy to say we have had 5 wonderful store sessions!! The store will continue through the rest of the year. We have 1 more store and 1 more reward day!

- **Future Store Dates are: June 11**
- **Future PBIS Reward dates are: *(Days where students who purchased coupons will be able to redeem) June 14**

Reward dates are when the students can redeem coupons they purchased at the Trojan Store. The dates generally follow the store. If your child is ill or absent on the reward day, please let their teacher know and they can redeem their coupon the next reward day.

Most importantly we want to take a moment to thank all of the following businesses for donating items to our Trojan Ticket Store: Whatcom Co. McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Papa Murphy's, Walmart, Lynden Safeway, Ferndale Grocery Outlet, Costco, Cash and Carry, Darcy Galbraith Dentistry, WA Dairy Council, Galbraith Mountain Pediatric Dentistry, Allsop Inc. and more to come. **We would not be able to offer all the awesome prizes and run the store without the above donors!** If you would like to donate, please bring in your items to the office and we will be glad to organize the items for the next store. Donated items needed and appreciated: small candies, chips (small bags) or anything for our prize boxes- small, medium and large prizes. If you are interested in donating or have any questions, please contact: Kevin Hersom, assistant principal, at khersom@meridian.wednet.edu

EARLY DISMISSAL NOTIFICATION

Students who are leaving school early during the day, must have written parent or guardian permission. Please send this notification to the school office that morning or the day before. All notes must be clear and must include the child's full name, and time they will be picked up. Thank you.

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS WILL BE OPEN IN AUGUST FOR SCHOOL START UPDATES

Skyward is a great resource for IRE families. Here are several reasons:

- ~Student information updates – be sure the school always has your current contact information and email.
- ~Access to student grades and tests.
- ~Access to student attendance.
- ~Conference scheduling.

Contact the school office for your login and password. You may access Skyward on the Meridian School District website. Be sure the Login Area drop down menu says Family/Student Access. Access the following link to personalize your Family Access experience - <https://youtu.be/tt0qLVSJxZ4>

CHILDCARE IN WHATCOM COUNTY

The Opportunity Council is building a project to increase child care capacity in Whatcom County. The first step will be to hold five Q & A sessions around the county for those who might be interested in starting a child care. The Q & A sessions will include a panel of child care experts – including a provider and an [Early Achievers](#) coach. Generations Forward action team members can help spread the word about the meetings. If you know of parents or neighbors who are currently watching kids and might want to become a licensed child care provider, please encourage them to attend. If you are part of an organization, perhaps you would be willing to share this information with your client base. I've attached a flyer to this email. Please share freely.

The Q & A session dates are:

- Thursday, June 14 from 6 – 7:30 pm at the Ferndale Public Library ([2125 Main St.](#))
- Saturday, June 16 from 9:30 – 11 am at the Lynden Community Center ([401 Grover St.](#))

RSVPs to the sessions are encouraged, but not required. Click the following link to

RSVP: <https://www.ccanorthwest.org/business/>.

For further information or questions, contact Josh Peck, Child Care Small Business Development VISTA, at the Opportunity Council. Josh_peck@oppco.org or (360) 739-0257

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES FOR FOLLOWING THE SAFETY PROCEDURES AT IRE. HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!!

HOW TO KEEP IRE STUDENTS SAFE DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP EACH DAY.

DROP OFF - 8:40-9:00AM

THERE HAS BEEN MORE TRAFFIC IN THE MORNING DROP OFF AREA. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES. THANK YOU.

To ensure safety for all IRE families, please follow these important guidelines regarding morning student drop off:

- 1) Please do not park in the drop off loop. The area is clearly marked with No Parking signs.
- 2) If your child can safely and independently exit your vehicle, pull to the curb and let your child get out of the car. Do not get out of your car on the driver side.
- 3) If your child cannot safely and independently exit your vehicle, and/or if you need to come into the school building, even briefly, please park in a designated parking space and use the crosswalk to enter the school safely.
- 4) **The first row of the parking lot is not a drop off zone.** Use the drop off loop to drop off a student.
- 5) When in the drop off line, please try to stay single file through the loop, without passing other cars. While this may be less convenient at times, it is essential for student safety.
- 6) The drop off loop in the morning is exactly that, a drop off loop. Vehicles should move slowly, allow students to exit vehicle, and continue on.
- 7) **School start time is 9AM.** Students should be in their seats and ready to learn at that time.
- 8) Students arriving after the 9AM bell must be accompanied to the office by a guardian. Please park in a designated parking space and sign your student in at the office.

Thank you for your help with these safety procedures.

PICK UP – 3:30PM

The end of the school day is 3:30PM. The end of the school day is a very important time for each class. Please honor this dismissal time. Thank you for the support of our new parent pick up procedure at the new area beyond the fence. Feedback from staff and families supports this safe, successful and speedy process. Thank you for finding a place to park when spaces are limited. We appreciate the concern for safety shown by not parking in the loop during parent pick up time. We must keep this area clear to assure safe transitions at the end of the school day.

The Meridian School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts® and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX, ADA, and Compliance Coordinator (RCW 28A.640/28A.642) Kurt Harvill, Section 504 questions and complaints can be directed to Dr. Carolyn Jenkins. Meridian School District #505 214 W. Laurel Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226, 398-7111.