

# Irene Reither Elementary



## IRE IMPORTANT DATES

4/17 PTA General Mtg. –6:30PM  
4/18 Girls Read – 6:30PM  
4/20 THIS IS A FULL SCHOOL DAY @ IRE  
4/24 Trojan Trait Student Store Open  
4/25 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Mt. Baker Theatre  
4/25 Guys Read – 6:30PM  
4/25 School Board Mtg. 7PM @ MHS  
4/26 April Good Citizen Lunch  
4/27 No School – Snow Make Up Day  
4/30 Trojan Trait Coupon Reward Day  
5/1 SBAC testing begins  
5/3-5 MHS Talent show – 7PM  
5/4 Early Release Day – 1:15PM  
5/4 Multicultural Fair – 6:30-7:30PM  
5/7 Mrs. Hawley's class field trip  
5/8 Mrs. Feller's class field trip  
5/8 Kindergarten Grad Picture Day  
5/9 Mrs. Berkompas' class field trip  
5/10 Mr. Martin's class field trip  
5/11 Ms. Olsen's class field trip  
5/11 EL Parent Mtg. 2:30PM  
5/18 No School – Teacher Work Day

## DAILY LUNCH SCHEDULE

Grades K&1 11:35AM  
Grades 4&5 12:05PM  
Grades 2&3 12:35PM

## SCHOOL START TIME IS 9AM

Students should be in their seats and ready to learn at that time.

## COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS FOR SUCCESS – TROJAN TRAITS

BE RESPONSIBLE      BE SAFE  
BE RESPECTFUL      BE KIND

## KINDERGARTEN ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN

To register go to  
[www.meridian.wednet.edu/ire](http://www.meridian.wednet.edu/ire)  
and click on the gold box at the bottom of the page, New Student Online Enrollment. New kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Enrolling students must live in the Meridian School District. We have a computer in the IRE office for registration that is available for public use.

April 2018  
Patti Fouts - Principal

School Day: 9:00-3:30  
Adrienne Somera – Assistant Principal  
Kevin Hersom – Assistant Principal

Website: [www.meridian.wednet.edu/ire](http://www.meridian.wednet.edu/ire)

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

## IRE SURVEY

In order for us to continue to improve as a school, it is important for us to know how our parents/guardians regard the job we are doing in providing a quality education for all of our children. Your feedback is crucial for us to know what you consider our strengths and our opportunities for growth. The best way to gather this information is to survey our parents/guardians using a survey developed by the Center of Educational Effectiveness, a Bellevue, WA based research firm. To gather this information we are asking that you take a few minutes to complete this very important survey following this link:

<https://www.research.net/r/IRE-Parent>

### The survey will only take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

The information that we receive will be reported back to us as a building profile. This profile will provide us with information to support our building school improvement plans.

We value your input as we strive to continue to improve our school. Thank you for your feedback.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART RAISED \$10,000

Mrs. Arnold would like to thank our students and community for helping save lives by participating in our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The thank-you gifts have arrived and will be given out soon. For those who received a JRFH t-shirt this year, there will be a group picture taken on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Wear your shirts! The top fundraiser this year is Lincoln Hoefer who raised \$1,016.00. Rubin Hutchins raised a total of \$750.00. Thank you for your donations.

## CLASS PLACEMENT PARENT INPUT FORMS

We recognize that parents have information about their child that merits consideration and may be relevant to next year's class assignment decision. Parent input forms for the 2018-2019 school year are available at the IRE office. Completing this form is optional and is due back to the school office by Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. While the district will consider all relevant information presented, classroom assignments remain the prerogative of the school and no guarantee is made for placing a student according to parental request. The principal will make the final class placement with all available data.

## GIRLS READ APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> and GUYS READ APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30PM

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls are invited to join a book club for exciting reading and discussion of great, great books. Reading with no homework! This is just for fun. Simply read the month's book (parent too). On Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, girls will meet in the old library in Building B to discuss *How They Croaked* by Georgia Bragg. On Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, guys will meet in the IRE library to discuss *Wonder*, by RJ Palacio.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS ON SALE AND DUE BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

The cost for the 2017-2018 IRE yearbook is \$13. The yearbook is full of pictures and special memories of our classes and school year activities. Order forms have been sent home with each student, and are also available in the IRE office. Please include cash or check with your order form. Make checks payable to Meridian PTA. You may make one payment to cover all yearbooks for your family, but please fill out a separate form for each child. Send all forms and payment together.

## 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.

## 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 3 more stores and 3 more reward days!

- **Future Store Dates are: April 24 May 24 June 11**
- **Future PBIS Reward dates are: \*(Days where students who purchased coupons will be able to redeem) April 30 June 1, 14 & 15**

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 people and businesses for donating items and time to our Trojan Ticket Store:** Connie Bennum, Debi Johnson, Melissa Haugen-Meszaros, Richelle Urie, Shalyn Lamphier, Angie Brooks, Stori Robertson, Patti Fouts, Adrienne Somera, Janene DeJong, Elizabeth Needham, Angie Richardson, Melissa Abraham, Michelle Wilson, Andrea Ames, Tori Brzozowski, Kacey Hersom, Joanne Wiebe, Chelsea Williams, Mrs. Chistopherson, Laurel Baptist Church, IRE PTA, Meridian High School Boosters, and the following businesses: 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](mailto: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

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>

## 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.

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