GOODBYE TO IRPS EVENT SET FOR DECEMBER 10TH 6:30-8:30PM
Join us in celebrating the Irene Reither Primary School Campus. The building is scheduled for demolition in March. We would like to invite the community to walk through the halls and classrooms and reminisce of days gone by in this wonderful building. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

DESIGN AN AD WINNERS ANNOUNCED
Every year our school participates in the Design An Ad contest with the Lynden Tribune. This year’s winners are: Eli Jensen, Roberto Guzman, Jonathan Castro, Finley Claey, Mia Heiniger, Kayla Terpsma, and Kayla Aalpoel. Congratulations students!

LIBRARY MOVE TO THE NEW SCHOOL DECEMBER 17TH 8AM
Our community is invited to be a HUGE part of Irene Reither Elementary history! Come help our librarians move the current IRPS & TMCE libraries & get a sneak peak at our brand new elementary school. The move will begin at the IRPS library where you will attend a brief training. This move will be conducted the same way the MHS library was moved – cart brigade style. Wear comfortable shoes and be ready to push your sleeves up, work hard and have fun! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to this invitation to: Jane Holland @ jholland@meridian.wednet.edu or call the school office. We want to be sure to have enough lunch for all of our hungry volunteers! If you are an elementary parent, please join us after your student has gone to class – this is an adults only endeavor. Thank you so much for your willingness to help in this exciting experience.

ADOPTION OF NEW CURRICULUM OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 8 4:30-6PM
The Meridian School District is in the process of reviewing instructional materials for the 2014-15 school year. The district is looking at K-5 Literacy and 6-12 Math. We invite all parents, staff, and community members who would like to review any of the materials, that have questions, and would like to give written feedback, to attend the Math/Literacy Adoption Open House. This meeting will be held at the MSD Professional Development Facility across from the district office at 214 W. Laurel Rd.

STUDENT MONITORS
Our third grade students are our hall monitors. They monitor the playground and hallways. The monitors wear a safety vest for identification purposes. These students are a great asset to our school and we appreciate their assistance. Our hallway monitors for the past month were: Evan Oedekerk, Carys Pullar, Katelyn Unick, Bobby Siguaw, Luke VanRy, Mark Andryushenko, and Drew Feller.
IRPS GOOD WORKERS
Amrit Nagra, Evan Oedeker, Dauntae Rizo-Guzman, Kensey Jones, Maelle Desrosiers, Daniell Marks, Julia Andryushenko, Abner Bird, Emry Claes, and Mariana Marquez-Apreza have good work on display in the front lobby at IRPS.

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY TOY SHOPPE
The holidays are here, and there are some community members who need our assistance. The “Meridian Community Toy Shoppe” is once again assisting local Meridian families. We are looking for families to benefit from this program as well as businesses and community members willing to donate items, money, or gift cards. If you have any connections with local businesses that would be willing to donate, please pass this information on to them. Briefly, this is how it works: items for students are donated, catalogued, and priced. On the “distribution” day, rather than families coming to claim a “bag of gifts”, they will “shop” for two items per student at approximately 80% discount from the retail price. A wrapping station will be available, or families can cut and take wrapping materials with them. If you have any questions you may privately contact MeridianCommunityToyShoppe@gmail.com. The Meridian Community Toy Shoppe donation trees are located in any of our school buildings beginning the week of November 18th. All donations should be returned unwrapped with the price tag or receipt attached. Donations are due to the IRPS library by Monday, December 9th, with distribution on December 14th by invitation only. Family applications are available in each school office.

NEW SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION
On January 6th we will begin classes in the new school.
Bus Zone – will now be located behind the school. Students riding buses will unload and load buses there. Bus riders will enter and exit on the north side of the school. We are excited about this new procedure which will separate cars and buses.
Parent Drop Off – will be in front of the new school. Cars will stay in single file and leave the area directly after dropping off their student. If a student is late, please park your car, enter the building, and sign in your student.
Parent Pick Up – will be in the front foyer of our new school. Families will park their car, enter the building, and sign out your student. Students will meet parents in the front lobby of school.
In order to maintain School Bus safety and security and provide a timely arrival home, we are asking your cooperation with these very important procedures:
~If you are picking up your student after school, you must call the school office by 2:30PM. After that time, your student will be on the bus and delivered to their regular bus stop.
~If you are sending your student on a different bus route, you must send the teacher a note, or call the school office by 12:00noon.
~Families who have already made arrangements at IRE, and are on the everyday pick up list, may continue their everyday routine, which is to sign your student out at the front lobby of school.
~If your child has an appointment, please inform the child’s teacher in writing, or phone the school the day before the appointment.

MERIDIAN FFA BOOSTERS ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST DECEMBER 7TH 8-11AM
Our community is invited to a fun holiday morning at the Laurel Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian. Breakfast will be served at the following prices: $6 adults, $4 ages 5-12 and children under 4 are free. Your purchase of breakfast includes: Photo with Santa ~ Children’s craft ~ Write a letter to Santa. Enter to win raffle prizes for $1 each ticket.

GOOD CITIZENS AND MATH AWARD STUDENTS
Congratulations to the following students for earning Good Citizenship and Math Awards.

STUDENT CONDUCT ON THE PLAYGROUND
In the Student Responsibility Plan, page 5 you will find the Playground Be’s. Our Community Agreements for Success are: Be Responsible; Be Respectful of Self, Others, & Property; Be Safe; Be Kind. We encourage students to treat others the way they want to be treated – verbally and physically. Keep hands and feet to self. Find good, safe and fair solutions to solve problems. Use kind words. Include others, and take turns. We encourage families to review these important agreements for student success.