



## Reading Is Fundamental Family Night

Springdale Elementary/Middle School was once again awarded the Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F) Grant. Ms. Gearhart has written and received this grant four years in a row! Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Howard are partnering up this year to plan activities for our R.I.F. nights.

This grant has been instrumental in getting books into the hands of many students within the building. Students in preschool through grade six have the opportunity to receive three books and participate in various read-

ing activities over the course of 4 months.

The first event will take place on February 2, from 5:30 – 6:30, and the theme for the evening is “Wild about Reading”. Various reading activities will be offered. In addition, a bicycle drawing will take place for those students who attend the event.

We will offer two additional Reading is Fundamental evenings this year. “Hats Off to Reading” will be our March 4th event, followed by May 4th’s “Reading Around the World”. We encourage ALL parents and students who are enrolled in the Springdale Elementary/Middle School to come and join us for each of the evening events.

A HUGE “Thank You” and “Congratulations” to Ms. Gearhart and Mrs. Howard for writing and receiving this grant!



### High School Highly Capable

We are interested in finding students with academic, artistic, or technological talent. If you think your student is highly capable in some area and would benefit from working on a challenging, individualized project during the school day, please contact Jerry Dyar (258-4717) to learn more about the program and discuss your ideas.

### Mark Your Calendar

- January 19th ~ Levy Ballots mailed to community
- January 26th ~ No School ~ Semester Day
- February 9th ~ Levy Ballots must be postmarked by this date
- February 15th ~ No School ~ President’s Day
- March 19th ~ No School ~ Consortium Day
- March 24th-26th ~ Early Release for Conferences
- March 29th-April 2nd ~ No School ~ Spring Break

## Preschool Expansion

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On January 6th, the Springdale preschool program expanded. The expansion has allowed our site-based preschool program to add more spaces to all sections of 3, 4 and 5 year olds.



This opportunity was made possible by funding from the GATES Grant the Springdale Elementary School received earlier this year.

There are now two sections of preschool: a 3 year old section and a 4-5 section. The three year old students attend school every Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 – 11:15 and our 4-5 year olds attend school Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 – 11:15. Both sections work on the basic fundamentals children need to be ready for Kindergarten.

If you want further information, please call 258-4723 or 258-4719. We encourage all community members to come and see what our littlest ones are up to!

## Mrs. Holt Makes Art an Adventure

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*Art is an adventure that never seems to end. ~Michelangelo*

So is the perspective of MWHS's outstanding art teacher - Pam Holt! A 16 year veteran for the Mary Walker School District, Pam is in her 6th year as the high school art teacher and is solely responsible for the strong art program we now experience. As a result of Pam's abilities to engage students to be involved in art, we have had to expand our art course offerings from one class her first year to our current four class offerings.

Pam has also involved our students locally in various art competitions and showings. For the past four years, she has had the strongest representation from any school in the county at the Chewelah

Arts Guild Show. There, students from the MWSD have always been awarded for their artwork and have also received yearly the "People's Choice Award."

Pam has also had students entered into the Pencil Drawing contest through the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce and have had students artwork displayed in the Chewelah City Hall.



Pam has worked hard to show her students' artwork to the local community. Their love for the arts shows in the students' enthusiasm and the results from their work. The success of our art program is directly due to her efforts and commitment to students and the field of art.

## AVID Helps Raise Accountability of Students

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Every Monday, students in grades 6-8 attend an advisory class called AVID. During this advisory class, students are assigned one advisor who helps direct and guide them through the challenges and celebrations of middle school. Stu-



dents work on a variety of activities that assist them in building effective organization and work habits, team building activities, as well as

communication and goal setting.

This class has allowed the students to become more

independent and responsible for their own work. Due to the increase of accountability on the student level, we feel that this program will help assist in preparing our students for high school and beyond.

We look forward to tracking the success of AVID by achieving higher state and academic scores and having fewer behavioral referrals.

## Howard Brings Tons of Experience

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With over 20 years as owner and operator of HOWARD MOTOR SPORTS, Dave Howard brings a ton of experience to the table as MWHS's Auto Maintenance and Power Equipment instructor. For the past seven

years at MWHS, Dave has changed the auto maintenance program to a state-of-the-art course offering.

As a result of Dave's background and expertise, students can receive the following through Dave's program at MWHS:



- EETC (Engine Equipment Technician Certification) – which is an official certification for the power equipment industry
- STIHL certifica-

tion for outdoor power equipment at the entry level

- GST (General Service Technician) certification for auto care and maintenance, and
- Valvoline Certification – which is a motor oil basics training.

With Dave's commitment to his own professional development in an ever-changing industry, the Auto Maintenance and Power Equipment program will continue to grow at MWHS to provide meaningful and effective instruction for students.

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