

# Melba Elementary

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We are winding up our spring assessment window. Thank you for the help in making sure students are ready to test. A good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast are a great help for students.

Please check the Lost and Found when you are at the school, we have a large collection of clothing items. At the end of the school year, all items are donated to charity.

Report cards will be mailed home the week after school is out. If your students has any missing library books, missing textbooks or outstanding fines, we will not mail out their report cards until those fines are cleared.

We will not be holding an end of the year awards assembly. Some teachers will be handing out awards within the classroom.

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## Teacher Spotlight

Brittney Freiburghaus is a third grade teacher at Melba Elementary School. This is her first year of teaching. Brittney earned her degree at NNU in elementary education. Her student teaching was completed at Ronald Reagan Elementary in Nampa. While Mrs. Freiburghaus has lived most of her life in Idaho – she resided for some time in Daejeon, South Korea where she graduated from high school.

Brittney was married this past summer to Adam in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She enjoys spending time with her family and participating in outdoor activities.

When asked about her reason for becoming an educator, Mrs. Freiburghaus replied, "I want to teach because it makes me learn and think outside the box...I want to help kids gain confidence in who they CAN be!" We are thrilled to have Brittney as a member of the Melba team.



## Upcoming Events

### May 6

1st Grade Field Trip

### May 7

4th Grade Field Trip

### May 7

5th Grade Program

### May 12

School Board Meeting

### May 14

PTA Popcorn Sale

### May 20

Field Day & Kindergarten

Graduation

### May 21

Last Day of School - Early

Release

***Melba Elementary School is a Four-Star school that provides students with an academically rich education grounded with an expectation of good character provided by highly qualified staff in a safe environment. We are committed to providing each student with the instruction that maximizes his or her learning.***

## New Elementary School Blog

I have created a blog so that you might follow the progress of the new elementary school. There will be a link on the blog with a video feed of the progress as well.

You may follow us at [www.melbaelementary.wordpress.com](http://www.melbaelementary.wordpress.com)



## Class Placement

Each year I receive questions about how class placement is determined. As a team, the current and previous grade level teacher sit down with the list of students as well as all the demographic and achievement data. The students are split up in order to create classes that are as equitable as possible. We welcome parent input into this process, however, we cannot guarantee that requests for a specific teacher will be met. If you are interested in providing input you may pick up a Class Placement Request form from the elementary office or download one from our website.

All forms are due back to the elementary office by 4:00 PM on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Late requests as well as phone requests will not be accepted.

## New Elementary School

The process continues on the new Melba Elementary School. We are currently advertising for bids for the demolition of the old high school.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the bids will be opened and a demolition company will be selected. We should then see the actual process begin within a week or two of that selection.

We are excited to see the process begin and look forward to the groundbreaking late summer or early fall.

## Safe routes to school

The city of Melba will begin the process of creating a sidewalk from City Hall to the elementary school along Carrie Rex as soon as school is out. This sidewalk is going to work into the new school project seamlessly. However, there will be some changes to our parent drop off and pick up for the 2015-2016 school year. I will get more information out to you as school gets ready to start in the fall.

### 200 Club Winners

Charley Craig  
Brinley Gunstream  
Evelyn Zavala  
Brittany Erickson  
Ethan Williams  
Morgan Hyde  
Alivia VanSchoiack  
Josh Leavitt  
Quinton Hill  
Carter Thacker  
Elliott Knopp  
Emmy Astle  
Maeli Dunn  
Carlos Riveras  
Perla Palacios  
Joel Helm  
Natalia Guevara  
Mike Lester  
William Palacios de Dios