

February 10, 2014

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

We are excited to inform you of our upcoming “Idaho History Night at the Museum” event. We are pleased to invite you to our museum March 20, 2014 featuring Idaho History from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Each student will become a museum display. Students will choose from a list of Idaho History topics (please see the attached list of ideas) selecting a first, second and third choice. If your family has a particular interest or tie to a person or event in Idaho History we would be happy to consider a personal request. The topics will not be duplicated among the students, each student’s presentation will be unique and they will have their own personal “time to shine.”

Each presentation will be graded as a history grade and will also receive a writing grade for the written research necessary to form the script that will be presented. We want to thank you in advance for your support as your student plans, produces, and presents their topic. The student requirements for this project are as follows:

- Written report researched in class and at home
- Two minute, memorized script (taken from their report, but dialog added)
- Costume reflecting the character or topic chosen
- Personal backdrop for presentation (measuring 5 feet tall or higher made from boxes, presentation boards, etc.)
- On/off button, visuals, props, etc.

The preparation schedule is as follows:

- February 12: Topic selection due
- February 14: Topics awarded; begin working on backdrop and rough draft of research paper; find or create a costume
- March 1: Rough draft of research report due
- March 7: Final copy of research report due
- March 13: Script due for presentation (make it exciting—like you are the person, park ranger, etc.) **START MEMORIZING YOUR PART!**
- March 17: Be prepared to give your two-minute memorized part. Have your costume; visuals; on/off button; and backdrop delivered to the classroom.
- March 17: Present to the 4th grade classes
- March 18-20: Present to the other classes at Sunnyside
- March 20: Evening performance* for parents and special guests 7:00-8:30 p.m.

*Students will get in costumes and set up at 6:30 p.m.; parents will begin visiting the exhibits at 7:00 p.m.

Student name: _____ Parent signature: _____

Please return this paper to school on Wednesday,
February 12, 2014.