



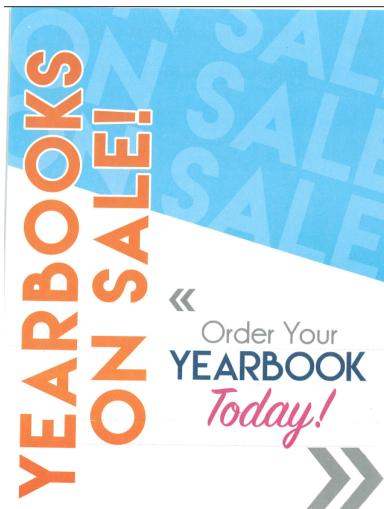
# The Dino Bytes

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## Spring Break March 27th - March 31st NO SCHOOL



March 8, 2023

Please send a yearbook order form home with each student by March 10<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$20.00 if you preorder by April 7<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on April 8<sup>th</sup> the price will go up to \$30.00 and quantities at the \$30.00 price are limited.

Thank you,  
Yearbook Team

## Spring Pictures will be April 6th.

If your student has not had their picture taken yet, this is the time. Also, they will be doing Kindergarten Graduation pictures

Here is the information:



Schools across the state are participating in Idaho's custom, parent engagement survey. This survey gives you the chance to tell us how schools are doing in meeting your needs.

The survey takes only a few minutes and your responses are anonymous, and they will be critical to helping us find ways to maximize satisfaction, engagement, and communication.

Make your voice heard at:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/204888/p59887>

**RESPOND BY March 31 - don't wait!**

# Idaho FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship



## 3D Printing Challenge Congratulations

**PiSTEM Awkward Turtles 3D printing team**

**3rd place at the Idaho Exhibition of Ideas and winning \$250 for the school!**



## ***Big shout out to our spectacular parents!***



We ended up with over 50 donated pies!!! The staff was able to participate and have pie as well as all students.

I would also like to thank the following students. It would not have been such a success without them! You ROCK!!!!!!

Ava Flannary - 9th Grade

Annalise Fuhriman - 9th Grade

Kaylee Dimick - 7th Grad

Gideon Treloar - 9th Grade

Ally Kretschman - 9th Grade



### **SAVE THE DATE! AG DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 24, 2023**

Elective teachers have partnered with the Idaho Central Credit Union and the PTA to bring agriculture awareness to PiSTEM again this year.

**Date: Friday, March 24th**

**Times: Primary 1:00-2:00** (students will transition from outside to the gym at 1:30)

**Elementary 2:05-3:00** (students will go outside at 2:35)

Events will be tied to agriculture products or byproducts. This year we are adding “reptiles in agriculture and an apiary event.” Reptiles play many roles in the agriculture industry. Mr. Taylor has arranged a reptile center specialist as a guest. Our guest will bring several reptiles with him as part of this educational event. Mr. Lenier has arranged for a bee specialist to present to students too. Classes will be transitioning into the gymnasium for these events at the times listed below.

#### **Reptile and apiary event times in the gym:**

**Primary – 1:30-2:00**

**Elementary – 2:05-2:35**

All teachers should plan to accompany their students for the events. Please send any questions to [lbrenneman@pistem.org](mailto:lbrenneman@pistem.org). Thank you for all you do!

## **New After School Programs**

Note: We will not have the sign up page ready before Monday. **Please email Ms. DeAnna at: [dpollnow@pistem.org](mailto:dpollnow@pistem.org), to sign up.** Once we get the form ready, we will let you know. Thank you.

### **StarBased on robots and coding programs**

This is a program to teach students more about robots and coding using the already-established Lego League curriculum.

This program is designed to take students interested in competing in Lego League to the next step in their programming and use of sensors.

**Date:** March 23rd at 330-430, every Thursday after that until the last week of school

**Who:** 5th-7th grade (there are only 8 spots so please sign up asap.

**Price:** FREE

### **4-H CAPE program**

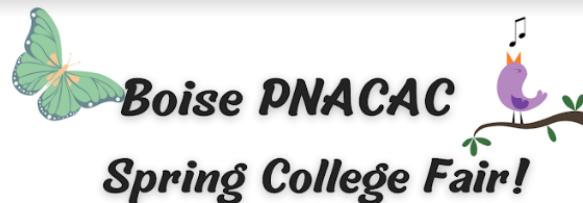
This is a leadership program that will find an environmental issue in our area and solution to the issue. It is student-driven and led.

**Date:** April 4th and every Tuesday following until the last week of school.

**Who:** 6th-12th graders. Please be on the look for the signup sheet.

**Price:** FREE

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Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Location: Boise State University, Student Union Building, 2nd

Floor, Simplot Ballroom, 1700 W University Dr, Boise

Parking: FREE, in the Lincoln Garage

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

*Scan the QR code for StriveScan registration and to see  
all of the participating colleges/universities:*



**PTA Meeting:** March 13th 6pm- Ridleys - Kuna- Deer Flat and Meridian Road-**UPDATED MEETING PLACE**

## Important Dates



### **NO SCHOOL: MARCH 27TH - 31ST - SPRING BREAK**

**Board Meeting:** April 4th - 6:30pm

Board Room at the school-1422 Tech Lane, Meridian-you are welcome to attend the board meeting.

**Domino's Pizza Dough Night** -

Every Third Thursday - Domino's will donate 5% of sales to Project Impact STEM Academy.  
What a great night for PIZZA!!!!

## Pi STEM 2022/23 School Calendar

July 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Teachers PBL Institute Inservice 7/18-7/22

August 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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28	29	30	31			

Back to School Teacher PD 8/15-8/17

First Day of School 8/22

September 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Labor Day 9/5 - no school

October 2022						
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Fall Break - 10/10 - 10/14

End of First Quarter 10/21

November 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30			

Thanksgiving Break - 11/21 - 11/25

December 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Christmas Break 12/22- 1/3

January 2023						
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End of First Semester 1/13

Civil Rights Day 1/16 - no school

February 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Winter Break - 2/20 - 2/24

March 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Spring Break - 3/27-31

End of 3rd Quarter - 3/17

April 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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May 2023						
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Last Day of School 5/26

June 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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You should get about a quarter of your daily calories from breakfast (that's about 500-700 for most people), and the absolute key to a good breakfast is BALANCE. How about a whole-wheat English muffin with egg and ham, calcium-fortified OJ, and a banana? Or whole-grain cereal or oatmeal with fresh fruit and low-fat milk? Or scrambled eggs with tomato, whole wheat toast, and a glass of milk? The possibilities are endless - not to mention endlessly delicious!

### **WHEN IS LUNCH?**

**Kindergarten: 11:45 - 12:30**

**1st - 3rd Grade: 10:45 - 11:35**

**4th - 6th Grade: 11:45 - 12:30**

**7th - 12th Grade: 12:45 - 1:25**

**WEDNESDAYS: 7th-12th Grade: 12:30 - 1:00**

## We are looking for a new board member.

If you are interested in joining our board, please visit our website:  
<https://www.pistem.org/board-member-application.html>

As a board member you will be required to attend the monthly board meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month. There may also be additional meetings based on your membership in different board committees. A board member should be willing to spend 5-10 hours a week outside of meetings for any needed duties. Having experience in the business world is preferable in either law, finance, real estate or other business related markets.



Join the PiSTEM Parents Project PTA facebook site. You will find lots of information here. You will also be able to connect with other parents. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/567239017008223/>

**Next meeting: March 13th - We would love to see you!**

Come and join the group. Ridleys - Kuna - upstairs

## **Communication & Information**

Our teachers do an excellent job of communicating information regarding our programs. Here is where you can stay informed proactively:

- Teacher, School and District Websites
- Class Dojo
- Newsletters, Information and Flyers

A phone call or an email is an efficient way to communicate with your child's teacher, staff, or Ms. DeAnna in the office.

***Please remember that our teachers are with students throughout the day and will return the call/email as soon as they are able. At times, this may be the next school day.***

**Class Dojo:** <https://www.classdojo.com/>

### **Busing:**

Brown Bus, like a lot of companies, is short staffed and working hard to make sure that our school and its students are taken care of. Please reach out to Brown bus if you have route or time questions. You can find most of the information on their website.



Brown Bus is still in need of one more Pi STEM dedicated bus driver, if you know anyone that would be interested - reach out to Brown Bus.

### **Brown Bus email for parents:**

Here is a email to help communicate to Brown Bus:

<http://www.brownbuscompany.com/mainPageCode/contactUs.php>

Let your friends and neighbors know,  
***The lottery is now open!***  
Hurry, get your ***Intent to return*** forms filled out as well.

Now Enrolling K-12 STEMologists



## Project Impact STEM Academy

The Treasure Valley's Premier STEM Charter School

1422 S Tech Lane - Meridian, ID

[www.pistem.org](http://www.pistem.org)

(208)576-4811

Bear in mind that the United States, in particular, has based a cornerstone of its economy on the technology industry. **STEM careers power 69% of US GDP** as of January 2020, according to Eos science news. Skilled STEM careers represent one-third of the US job market. Simply put, our economy needs to keep up the supply of STEM graduates in order to flourish.

STEM support for the economy has been a consistent agenda that shapes US policy on education, immigration, defense, and commerce. STEM promotion even extends into popular media; the Discovery Channel and long-running TV shows like *Mythbusters* bring popular science to the “edu-tainment” world.

So now that we know why STEM education is such a hot commodity, what kind of student chooses a STEM career? Everyone!! Or they should. If you know of a student that would benefit from a STEM education, please share this information with them.

Project Impact STEM Academy website link: <https://www.pistem.org/>



## Orders due: **Fridays before 3pm**

No orders will be processed after 3pm.

If you place an order **after 3pm, it will not be processed**

**You can place an order anytime.**

### **Payport- Updated ordering options are available**

You will find a button on our website ([pistem.org](http://pistem.org) - Parent Payment Portal) to be able to purchase meals. You also have the option to pay in the office with a Credit/Debit card or send a check, please do not send cash.

Monday: Subway- week1: Ham/cheese 6" sub  
week 2: Turkey/cheese 6" sub  
**6" Sub \$4.00** (Lettuce/tomatoes/cucumbers on wheat)  
**Meal \$5.00** (Sub/1 bag potato chips/1 cookie)

Tuesday: Panda Express- week1: Orange Chicken/Chow Mein  
week 2: Beef/Broccoli/Fried Rice  
**Kids \$4.25 Bowl \$5.25**

Thursday: Yokozuna Teriyaki- same meal every week-  
**Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies rice bowl**  
**Bowl \$6.10**

Friday: Cafe Rio- week1: Beef quesadilla, rice/beans/chips  
week 2: Chicken quesadilla, rice/beans/chips  
**Single \$4.50 Double \$6.00**

Lunch: Students will have to bring their lunches from home if they choose not to purchase from the vendors. They will have access to microwaves, but we do ask that you,

**Please send the necessary utensils (spoons, forks, bowls, plates).**  
**We have chocolate milk available for .50.**

## PiSTEM LUNCH ORDER FORM

2023 March 6th - April 21st

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday	Subway - WK1: Ham/Cheese , WK2: Turkey/Cheese - Meal-sub/chips/cookie
Tuesday	Panda Express - WK1: orange chicken/chow mein, WK2: beef broccoli/fried rice - Kids or Bowl
Thursday	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - one size
Friday	Cafe Rio - WK1: shredded beef quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice, WK2: chicken quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular or Double
Milk	chocolate

All orders are due

**the FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCH WEEK - BEFORE 3PM**

**- NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**It is too hard to try to accommodate any late orders. Sorry.**

This is a list of the week and meal availability. Please place orders online ([pistem.org](http://pistem.org) - Parent Payment Portal on the home page)

Monday 3/6/23	Subway - Ham sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00
Tuesday 3/7/23	Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25
Thursday 3/9/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10
	Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double
Friday 3/10/23	\$6.00

Regular	Meal, Bowl or Double	Milk \$ 0.50	Total

Monday 3/13/23 Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00

Tuesday 3/14/23 Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25

Thursday 3/16/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10

Friday 3/17/23 Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00


Monday 3/20/23 Subway - Ham sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00

Tuesday 2/21/23 Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25

Thursday 3/23/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10

Friday 3/24/23 Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double

\$6.00


### Spring Break - March 27nd - March 31st

Monday 4/3/23 Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00

Tuesday 4/4/23 Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25

Thursday 4/6/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10

Friday 4/7/23 Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00


Monday 4/10/23 Subway - Ham sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00

Tuesday 4/11/23 Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25

Thursday 4/13/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10

Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double

\$6.00


Monday 4/17/23 Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00

Tuesday 4/18/23 Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25

Thursday 4/20/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10

Friday 4/21/23 Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00


Total (if you pre-order) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PARENT INFORMATION:**

This is our website: <https://www.pistem.org/>

Here under the tab: **PARENTS**, you will find the following:

**Calendar:** this shows our breaks, holidays, semesters, & other important dates.

**Parent portal guides:** *Powerschool & School Messenger*:

<https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/powerschool>

email: [aprillaman@pistem.org](mailto:aprillaman@pistem.org) for code & password

*Schoology:* <https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/schoology>

email: [aprillaman@pistem.org](mailto:aprillaman@pistem.org) for code & password

*Summit Learning:* <https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/summitlearning>

email: [aprillaman@pistem.org](mailto:aprillaman@pistem.org) for code & password

**Learning Schedules:** this will show you what class your student will be in and when,  
<https://www.pistem.org/learning-schedules.html> .

**Student Programs:** Look and see if you qualify for any of these programs. We will also be participating in the “Operation School Bell” program that helps students and families in need. We will be sending out information soon. (pistem.org > parents > student programs)

**Student Handbook:** We are currently in the process of updating the student handbook and will be sending a new link out the week of 9/6/2022. Until then, here is some important information:

**Mobile Computing Device agreement:** Please review the following agreement. This was part of the registration form that has been acknowledged that you agree to the policies and will abide by the rules set forth. NOTE: Please review the section on what happens if there is damage to the device.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of the Charter School’s policies regarding School-provided mobile computing devices (Policy No. 3275). Should any violation or misuse of the device occur while it is in my custody, I understand and agree that I may lose access to the device, or may lose the privilege of taking it home, and will forfeit any fees paid for use of the device, regardless of whether the misuse was committed by me or another person.

I accept full responsibility for the safe and secure handling of the device for this school year. I accept full responsibility for the proper use and safeguarding of the device under all applicable policies. I understand that it is my responsibility to immediately report any damage, theft, or problems with the device to a teacher or administrator.

I have read the Project Impact STEM Academy Mobile Computing Device Agreement , and my child(ren) attending Project Impact STEM Academy and I understand the the lost, stolen, or otherwise damaged such as the device cannot be restored to normal working order, the student/parents may be responsible for the prorated cost of the laptop (**first year:100%, second year:75%, third year:50%, fourth year:25%**) regardless of whether the misuse was committed by him or her or by another person.

**DRESS CODE:**

To provide a learning environment that is safe, healthy and has limited distractions we have implemented a dress code that will provide respect and modesty. If ones' dress or behavior is offensive, inappropriate, distracting to the learning/school environment, and/or poses a safety hazard as determined by the administration, it will not be acceptable on campus.

- Students should have a neat, clean and well-groomed appearance.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, etc. must be worn at the waist to cover one's undergarments.
- Shorts and skirts must be worn at the waist and reach no more than 3" above the knee.
- Holes are not allowed that are 3" above the top of the knee or higher.
- No brief or revealing tops. Garments such as halter tops, tube tops, crop tops, tank top garments narrower than a 3-finger width, spaghetti strap garments, and garments that are see-through may not be worn. Midriffs must be covered.
- Underwear or undergarments are not to be visible.
- Leggings, yoga pants, and bicycle shorts must be worn with a dress or a long shirt that extends to fingertip length (all the way around) when arms are flat at the side. Legging style pants that have rear pockets are not considered leggings.
- Hair should never be a distraction to the learning environment.
- Jewelry should be worn in moderation and not pose a safety concern or distraction to the learning environment.
- Clothing must not be overly tight, bagging, or revealing in any way.
- No hoods, scarves, or other head covering that creates a distraction or impedes engagement in the learning process will be allowed while inside the classroom. However, hoods, hats, visors, or other acceptable head coverings will be allowed outside.
- No trench coat style jackets allowed.
- Clothing, tattoos, body markings, or any item brought to school, such as outerwear, backpacks, lunch boxes, facemasks, notebooks, jewelry, and hair pieces, that have any insignias, patterns, graphics, writing or messages that are obscene, relating to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, sexual innuendos, or any illegal activity are strictly prohibited.
- Any attire, grooming practice, makeup, or possession that disrupts the educational atmosphere will not be allowed.
- Appropriate foot attire must be worn at all times; no roller shoes will be allowed.
- Facemask must not contain any letters, words, or phrases that could be viewed as inappropriate or slandering. Facemasks must not contain any large graphic images larger than the size of a quarter.

Special days that would not adhere to certain portions of this dress code may be allowed with the permission of the school administrator and announced in advance.

The Executive Director holds the right to determine if any apparel, jewelry, grooming practice, or other item is not appropriate for Pi STEM based on a distraction to the learning environment or a safety concern. Students are expected to resolve any dress code violation prior to returning to class.

## **Drop-off and Pick-up:**

You will also find information on our staff, board and so much more.

### **School drop off is 7:45a-8:00a**

**School starts at 8:15a** Please have your student(s) here BEFORE the start of school.



### **Pick up line information:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday-** school is **out at 3:15p.** Pick up line starts **no earlier than 3:05p** - if you arrive earlier we ask you to park in the spots opposite the buses (section 1) so that you have a protected walkway to the school building.

**On Wednesdays** school is **out at 1:45p,** pick up line starts **no earlier than 1:35p** - if you arrive earlier we ask you to park in the spots opposite the buses (section 1) so that you have a protected walkway to the school building.

**Brown Bus Company:** <http://www.brownbuscompany.com/>

On this website you will find all your bussing information. Note we have made some small changes to even out the two buses, families affected have been contacted.

Go to: **Charter Schools: Project Impact STEM Academy**

Brown Bus handles all scheduling and routes, so you will need to communicate with them for most information, however, all forms (new bus riders or bus changes) will need to go through PiSTEM. You can email: [dpollnow@pistem.org](mailto:dpollnow@pistem.org) for additional information.

Project Impact STEM Academy will provide an **engaging**, **adaptive learning environment** through the use of **personalized** learning plans, **intentionally integrated** curriculum, mastery-based progression, and authentic projects embedded in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In this environment, students will gain confidence, practice failure until it is no longer intimidating, and become invested in the life-long pursuit of knowledge.