



## Ernest Hemingway STEAM School

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*Tish Short, Principal • Michele Dion, Secretary*

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Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

Welcome to Ernest Hemingway STEAM School (EHSS). We work hard to offer a unique blend of educational opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. Our focus on STEAM, and our location in Ketchum, Idaho both offer opportunities unlike any other in the Wood River Valley.

Hemingway has a schoolwide focus on STEAM education. We integrate science, technology, engineering, arts and math into every lesson we teach. This approach allows students to master the Idaho Content Standards, while benefitting from an added layer of enriching content. While learning the content, students work on collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking: the 4 C's of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education. Through Project Based Learning, students use engineering principles to design and build solutions to problems and improve the world we live in. We also offer World Language opportunities (Beginner and Advanced Spanish and French) for grades 6-7, unique STEAM focused elective choices, and Gifted and Talented Education.

Hemingway is located in the heart of Ketchum, so we are able to utilize our community partners such as the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, the Environmental Resource Center, the Sawtooth Botanical Gardens, the Sun Valley Company, the Community Library and the Wood River YMCA. Our amazing outdoor resources are in our backyard. We're located at the base of Baldy which is a 5-minute walk to the river and a short bus ride to the SNRA. All 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to attend *MOSS, the McCall Outdoor Science School*, affiliated with the University of Idaho.

Warm regards,  
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Next steps for the Blaine County Middle School Choice are as follows:

- ❖ **EHSS teachers and Principal Short visit the elementary schools** – Pre-Registration materials will be handed out January 9, 2018 and January 10, 2018.
- ❖ **EHSS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Preview Night** – Tuesday, January 16 and Thursday, January 18 from 6:00-7:00p.
- ❖ **Pre-Registration sheets due back to the elementary schools on Friday, January 26th.**