



Big Sky Elementary

Principal
Kim Beatty

May/June 2018



Happy Mother's and Father's Day!

End of Year Reminders

Upcoming Events

No School	5-4
PTA Meeting @ 6:00	5-8
Fun Run	5-11
Sodexo Picnic	5-15
Band Concert	5-16
No School	5-28
Last Day of School	6-1
12:00 Noon Dismissal on last day	

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It is hard to believe we are at the end of the school year. There are a few things that need to be taken care of before we finish the year.

- ✓ Library Notices: No books may be checked out after May 11th. All books must be returned by May 18th. Any lost books will need to be paid for by the last day of school or report cards will be held at the office.
- ✓ Lunch News: If you have any outstanding balances they must be paid by May 1st.
- ✓ Your child will receive a cheese sandwich if there is an unpaid balance.
- ✓ From the Office: If you will not be here the last day of school, you will need to leave a large, self-addressed stamped envelope in the office so the report card can be mailed. You may pick it up at the office the next week if you don't want it mailed. If you have medication left at school, you need to pick it up before the end of the year. All 5th graders, if you are planning to participate in Middle School activities you must have a physical.
- ✓ If you will be changing schools, have a new address, and/or a new phone number, please let the office know. You can call 281-6204 or send a note letting us know of any changes.

Hope you have a great rest of the school year and a great summer vacation. See you August 23rd.

Kindergarten Registration

We have started our kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. **All registration forms will be dated when they are completed & turned in. This will be for priority placement.** Please tell your neighbors and other Big Sky families about registering kindergarten children starting now.

To register for kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old by Sept. 10th. When you register, you need to bring in a birth certificate and current immunization record. You can register without the final shots, but we need proof of the shots before the child can attend school. The enrollment form can be picked up at the school or you may go on the Billings Public Schools web site and print off a form. Fill out the form and bring it into the school. The completed form, birth certificate, and proof of immunizations must be returned to the school before June 1st. The school office isn't open during the summer. Getting the registrations during the spring allows us to prepare for adequate staffing. In mid August, you will receive a letter informing you of your child's teacher and additional information pertaining to school.



Class Placement 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

Now is the time of year when the Big Sky Staff begins to look toward the future. In the coming months, our class lists will be built for 2017-2018.

I want you all to understand that this is a thoughtful process. It is NOT an exercise in random placement. We (a team) look at many criteria.

- ✓ Student Skill Level
- ✓ Special Needs/Special Education
- ✓ Interventions Received
- ✓ Behavioral Issues
- ✓ Peer Relationships/Conflicts

PTA Happenings

City Coupon Books \$20

hundreds of coupons

from local businesses

- Like us on Face Book

Big Sky PTA

2018-2019 PTA Board Members

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Kristi Yates

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Julia Clevidence

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Krista Bakkedahl

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To contact the PTA please use the following email address:

billingsbigskyppta@gmail.com

Congratulations to our new board members and thank you for your hard work in the upcoming school year.

2018 YMCA**Principal Leadership Award Winner**

Congratulations to Delainey Engen, from Mrs. Bergthold's 5th grade class. Delainey is very deserving of this honor. Please tell Delainey congratulations when you see her.

**BPS Counselors Corner Bullying**

Bully behavior occurs when there is deliberate intent to harm, dominate, inflict pain, exclude or otherwise cause distress to the person being targeted. The person who bullies purposefully misuses his/her power (size, age, popularity, confidence, verbal ability), usually repeatedly. The balance of power between the bully and target is NOT EQUAL.

Sodexo

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This is the time of year that we begin to balance the student accounts.

As of May 1, 2018, students will no longer be able to charge a breakfast or lunch meal to their account unless they have a sufficient monies on their account to cover the cost of that meal. If a student does not have funds on their account for that day's meal service, we ask that you

Provide your student with a sack lunch from home.

A reminder that balances will follow students moving to another building within Billings Public Schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

Thank you for your assistance
Billings Public Schools
Nutrition Service

**Joke**

What is in the middle of a Jellyfish?



A Jellybutton!





Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center

Julie Glasson
 Activities Office
 1470 Industrial Ave
 Billings, MT 59101

February 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Glasson,

The Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center at Billings Clinic have confirmed the dates for sports physicals. The sports physicals are offered to all middle school and high school students. The sports physicals will cost \$20, if paid on line with registration (credit card or debit card accepted). Cost will be \$25 at the door (cash or check at the door). Money will be donated back to the designated athletic school program. **Checks need to be made out to your school of participation.**

Please refer to the following dates and times:

Wednesday, May 2	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, May 3	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Tuesday, July 31	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday, August 1	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, August 2	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**Location: 2702 8th Ave North
 Billings Clinic Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center**

This year we are trialing an online appointment and payment system. Starting April 2nd, *you will be able to register your student and pay in advance at billingsclinic.com/sportsphysicals.*

Students will be seen on a continuous basis from 3:30-4:30 but arriving at your appointment time with payment complete will greatly decrease your total time spent in process.

It would be much appreciated if these dates, times could be placed in the high schools, middle schools and elementary schools' newsletter.

Parents need to be informed that if there is family history of premature sudden death under age 40, a personal history of fainting, passing out, chest discomfort/shortness of breath with exercise and/or any complex medical condition with ongoing treatment, we will *not* be able to clear them with this sports physical. We suggest that these students follow-up with their family physician or pediatrician.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 238-5292.

Sincerely,

Lisa Shirk, PT

Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center Manager



Our annual PEAK Track Meet was held on Friday April 20th after school at the West High Track. Our team of 4th graders competed against over 200 students from seven other PEAK schools in the following events: 100 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump, and the softball throw. Each child participated in any two of the running events, a relay, and one field event. They did awesome and deserve a great big high five.

Please congratulate the following students on a job well done.

Mystic Anderson, Ellie Aiken, Madeline Ford, Sienna Langeliers, Sydney Patterson, Annabelle Wetzel, Keisha Williams, Ryland Humphrey, Tyrelle Johnson, Tegan Kirchheck, Logan Shores, Logan Squires,



FIELD DAY

Field Day will be Thursday May 17th. The primary grades will participate in the morning from 9-11am and intermediate grades in the afternoon from 1-3pm.

Field Day is a fun event for all students, which will include several stations set up on the playground. The students will move with their classmates from station to station. *ONLY* the intermediate kids will have a water station.

Please apply sunscreen to your child and send them to school with a water bottle, hat, good gym shoes, limited jewelry and weather-appropriate clothing.

Thank you!

Safety Helmet Info

We just wanted to share this information with you all so that we are consistent. We know it is super hard to monitor, but if you have a kiddo who needs a helmet (especially if they are riding a wheeled vehicle to school), please let Mrs. Reas know and she will get them one right away. Here is a link to some info. on our city's code for kids under 16 and helmets.

<https://helmets.org/billings.htm>

Section 2. That the Billings, Montana City Code be amended by adding Section 24-605 to read as follows:

Sec. 24-605. Protective Bicycle Helmets Shall Be Worn.

- (a) All individuals under sixteen (16) years of age while operating a bicycle upon any way in the city limits must wear a protective bicycle helmet of good fit which is securely fastened to the operator's head.**

