

# BIG SKY ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 2018



SOLVE PROBLEMS  
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY  
ACT SAFELY  
RESPECT OTHERS

*Big Sky  
Open House*  
Thank you to our  
families that attended  
Open House this year.  
Your involvement is so  
vital and we loved  
sharing with you!



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular school attendance  
is the key to success.

Tardies and absences will  
greatly affect your child's  
ability to achieve at grade  
level and a good rule of  
thumb to remember is

“The key is only 3.”

As a family, we encourage  
you to commit to no more  
than 3 absences or tardies

SEPTEMBER 22nd

~ 10:00-4:00 ~

PIONEER PARK



Join us to support the Billings Education Foundation  
and enjoy fun, games, and food at Saturday Live!  
We will be offering ticket presales, so check your  
child's Thursday Envelope for details. Big Sky will  
again sponsor the climbing wall. See you there!!



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We know that the traffic flow at Big Sky during peak times can be frustrating. We ask for your patience and diligence to keep our kids safe. When you drop your kids off, please be aware of bus lanes, handicap parking, and the driveways & mailbox areas of our school neighbors.

At our morning drop off area just south of the playground, please pull forward as far as possible, make sure kiddos are ready to hop out quickly, and have children exit on the passenger side of your vehicle if possible. Do not allow children to exit vehicles by the short black fencing at the entrance of the drop off area. If we all work together, we can help the traffic flow and keep our kids safe. Thank you!!

## Breakfast is served at 7:45 a.m. daily

Breakfast begins at 7:45 daily. If your child arrives prior to 7:45, he or she will have to wait outside. We do not have supervision at breakfast prior to 7:45 and only those eating breakfast will be allowed to enter the building. Please keep this in mind as the weather becomes colder.

For those not eating breakfast, supervision on the playground begins at 8:00 a.m. and these children are not to arrive prior to 8:00. Students should head directly to the playground for the morning walk and they will not be allowed to pass through the building.



PEAK Fitness and Sports Club is currently running on Tuesdays and Fridays after school until 3:45 p.m. All interested 4th and 5th graders are able to attend as it fits with their schedules. Please email questions to Mrs. Reas at [reasm@billingssschools.org](mailto:reasm@billingssschools.org)



Our annual PEAK Cross Country Meet is just about a month away and open to all interested runners in grades 2nd and above. We will run 1.1 miles around Rocky Mountain College versus other kids in the PEAK program from various schools across the district. As long as your child has turned in a PEAK permission slip, they are eligible to run in the race. (Permission slips are available for younger students upon request at the office.) We understand some kids cannot make it to every club after school, but they may still race. Please just email, send a remind message, or have your child tell Mrs. Reas and we will get them registered.

- \*\*\* The bibs will be distributed the day of the race at school or at the meet itself.
- \*\*\* The kids will need to wear their PEAK shirts, which should arrive shortly. A great big THANK YOU to the PTA for purchasing our shirts again this year.
- \*\*\* Please park off of Rimrock, behind the Fortin Center, in the northwest corner by Billings Studio Theatre.
- \*\*\* **Friday October 12th** PEAK Cross Country Meet at Rocky Mountain College North of the Fortin Center.
  - 4th Grade Girls~ 4pm
  - 4th Grade Boys~ 4:15pm
  - 5th Grade Girls~ 4:30pm
  - 5th Grade Boys~ 4:45pm

#### Information on other upcoming Cross Country Running Events

- \*\*\* **Sunday September 16th:** 1 mile Kids Fun Run FREE  
Register online: [montanamarathon.org](http://montanamarathon.org)
- \*\*\* **Saturday September 22nd:** Saturday Live Fun Walk/Run at Pioneer Park  
Register for Saturday Live Fun Run online: [www.efbps.org](http://www.efbps.org)
- \*\*\* **Tuesday October 9th:** Yellowstone County X-Country Meet @ Pioneer Park  
Register for YES Cross Country Meet online: [yes.bigskygames.org](http://yes.bigskygames.org)

Our PTA Cookie Dough fundraiser begins September 6<sup>th</sup> and orders are due back on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a wonderful way to spread some cookie joy, while helping fund great projects like our new playground edging, the climbing wall in our gym, and many supplemental curriculum programs. Thank you for your support of our PTA and Big Sky!! If you haven't joined our PTA yet, it is only \$15.00 per year and your participation makes a difference. Come check out the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.



## Become a CASA Volunteer

The success of our future depends on the wellbeing of our children, but in Montana they are among the most vulnerable in our communities. Statewide, the number of children entering foster care due to abuse or neglect in recent years has skyrocketed. In Yellowstone County, the number of children removed from their home has increased drastically over the past several years, resulting in approximately 1,000 children currently in foster care. Despite the enormity of these statistics, our children are more than numbers, and each one deserves a voice. You could be that voice by becoming a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate, with CASA of Yellowstone County. If you would like more information about the CASA program, call 259-1233, or visit the website at [yellowstonecasa.org](http://yellowstonecasa.org). You can make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child

