

# BIG SKY ELEMENTARY

APRIL 2019



## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

4/2 ~ Picture Day

4/6 ~ PEAK Track Meet

4/8 ~ NO SCHOOL

4/9 ~ PTA Meeting @ 6:00

4/11 ~ Educ. Talent Search

4/16 ~ Talent Show @ 6:00

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## PEAK Track Meet

Our annual PEAK Track Meet will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. at the West High track. Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls will compete against the other PEAK schools in the following events:

### Girls

100 meter

400 meter

800 meter

4x400 relay

### Field Events

Standing Long Jump

Softball Throw

4x100 relay

### Boys

100 meter

400 meter

800 meter

4x100 relay

4x400 relay

**Kids need to sign up ahead of time with Mrs. Reas and should wear their navy PEAK shirts to the meet.**

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Join us on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Sky Talent Show.

This has been a ton of fun in the past and we are looking forward to having kids demonstrate their talents and skills. This year, we will again allow video submissions for talents that cannot be showcased on our school stage, such as ice skating, motocross, rock climbing, etc.

Even if your child is not performing, it is a wonderful event to experience. Come join the fun and watch our Big Sky Stars shine!



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!!



— 2019-20 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! —

**We have started our kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Registration forms will be dated as submitted to assist with placement determination.**

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. 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 website and print off a form, fill it out, and bring it into the school. The completed form, birth certificate, and proof of immunizations must be returned to the school before May 31<sup>st</sup>, as the school office is not open during the summer. Spring registrations allow us to prepare for adequate staffing. You will receive a letter in mid-August, telling who your child's teacher will be and providing more information about school.

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**BIG SKY LIBRARY NEWS**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the year winds down, there are some important dates to remember:

**May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> : Final week for students to check out books**

**May 17th : ALL books are due back to the library**

Please take these last couple of weeks of school to look for any missing books your child may have. Notices will be going home for those students that have overdue books.

Remember, the library books are borrowed items. Students need to take responsibility if they have lost or damaged a book. If your child has a lost book or a damaged book those items need to be paid for before your child will receive his/her final report card.



Big Sky Elementary School is having a special opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to learn about the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program. ETS is a federally funded TRIO program designed to assist 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students prepare for and attend a post-secondary institution of their choice upon high school graduation. The ETS program is located at Montana State University-Billings, and serves 600 eligible students in Yellowstone County.

We are having representatives from the ETS program come and present information on the program on **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am**. Though all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending the presentation, we want to extend a special invitation to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents as well. The presentation will last for approximately 45 minutes, and will be in the Library. If you do choose to come, please remember to stop by the office for a Visitor's Pass prior to coming to the library.

Though all students will be encouraged to apply, ETS does have certain eligibility requirements for the program. Students selected into the program must maintain good standing in their schoolwork, attend monthly meetings, and participate in the scheduled programs, workshops, and activities. More specific information can be obtained at [www.msubillings.edu/ets](http://www.msubillings.edu/ets), or simply come and join us for the presentation!

This is an extraordinary opportunity for students interested in post-secondary education, but who may not have all the means or resources to do so. If you are planning to attend the presentation, please complete the slip sent home with your student and return it to your student's teacher by Wednesday, April 10. If you have any further questions on the program or the presentation, please feel free to call Mr. Kinnett at 281-6204. Hope to see you there!

## Class Placements for 2019-2020

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 2019-2020.

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

- ✓ Student Skill Level
- ✓ Special Needs/Special Education
- ✓ Interventions Received
- ✓ Behavioral Issues
- ✓ Peer Relationships/Conflicts
- ✓ Teacher Style
- ✓ Special School Situations
- ✓ Student Leadership

Requesting a Teacher ~

We attempt to build classrooms that have **balance**. Kids grow where they are placed and that is the message that I ask you to teach. Your children won't always be with their closest friends, but they develop and add new friends. It is also true that they won't always experience the teacher of an older sibling.

If you have an educational concern, write your request to the principal by May 3, 2019. There are no guarantees and your understanding is appreciated. Mrs. Beatty

~ Teacher Appreciation Week ~  
May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

