

BIG SKY ELEMENTARY

MAY 2019



LOOKING AHEAD . . .

May 3rd ~

NO SCHOOL

May 6th-10th ~

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8th ~

**National Bike/Walk
to School Day**

May 14th ~

PTA Meeting @ 6:00

May 17th ~

Pastries with Pals: 7:15-8:15 a.m.

May 21st ~

Field Day

May 23rd ~

Big Sky Fun Run

May 27th ~

NO SCHOOL

May 31st ~

5th Grade Promotion @ 11:00

May 31st ~

11:45 Dismissal for All Grades

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Many of you have heard through the grapevine, but I wanted to share the news that I will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Big Sky is an incredible place to finish my career and I have been truly blessed to be a part of this "Family."

Thank you for sharing your precious Big Sky STARs with me and for your involvement in your child's education.

Best Wishes and Much Love ~

Kim Beatty



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!!

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 10, 2019. There are no guarantees and your understanding is appreciated.

Mrs. Beatty

BIG SKY LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

May 6th-10th : 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.

**2018 YMCA
Principal Leadership
Award Winner**

Congratulations to Sydney Patterson
from Mrs. Stricker's
5th grade class.
Sydney is very deserving
of this honor! Please offer your
congratulations
when you see her.

**~ Teacher Appreciation Week ~
May 6th-10th**



—— 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. 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 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 31st, 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.