

MEDICINE CROW MIDDLE SCHOOL

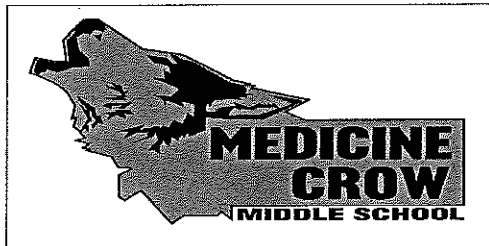
May 2019

NEWSLETTER

“Welcome to the Wolfpack”

Principal: Mrs. Nikki Hofmann

Associate Principal: Mrs. Becky Carlson



Dear Students & Parents:

Hello Wolfpack Family!

It is hard to believe our 3rd School Year at Medicine Crow is almost over! It has been a successful year and we want to celebrate our students' hard work.

Medicine Crow 6th, 7th and 8th graders will receive their Power of the Pack certificates in their Advisory class. This is a participation award earned by participating in a combination of clubs, honor roll and sports. The goal is to encourage students to be involved in student life at MCMS. Students will receive a certificate this spring; in the fall, when they return, they will be given an official Power of the Pack card. Once a month, the students can show their card to receive perks within the building - things like being excused early to lunch, treats, special events, etc. You are probably wondering why the cards aren't given out this spring. Simple! We want to make sure the cards do not get lost between now and fall :) For 8th grade, Power of the Pack winners will receive a certificate and a Skyview lanyard to send them off to their freshman year. Students who earned Power of the Pack honors are listed at the end of the newsletter.

The All School Awards Assembly will be held on May 24th, recognizing our major award recipients. Most of the honors recognize our 8th grade students for their cumulative leadership and academic endeavors during the time at MCMS. These awards are the American Legion, Elks and YMCA awards. We also present the Spirit of the Wolf awards to select 8th grade students for demonstrating the characteristics of respect, responsibility, preparedness, determination, and safety; these are the qualities we focus on during the year. All grades will also be recognized for perfect attendance. **POSTCARDS will be sent to those receiving awards** for this assembly. Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the Gym/Activity Entrance.

On May 23, at 9:20 am, 8th grade students who maintained a 3.5 GPA all quarters/semesters of middle school will be recognized at the Honors Tea. This notification has already been sent to parents.

In the spirit of fun for ending the school year, each grade level will also be having some type of fun day. On May 30th, 6th Graders will be walking to Lake Elmo, and 7th Graders will have a "fun" day at Medicine Crow. 8th graders will have a field trip to Fireside Bowling Lanes and permission slips went home with students from their Advisory Class.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and sharing your children with us this year!

Happy Spring,
Nikki Hofmann, Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 6-10 Smarter Balance Testing
- 9 Girls Track Meet at Medicine Crow 4:30
- 9 Boys Track Meet at Lewis & Clark 4:30
- 13 Spring Orchestra Concert at 7:00 pm
- 14 Boys Track Meet at Riverside 4:30
- 14 Girls Track Meet at Medicine Crow 4:30
- 21 All City Track Meet at Wendy's Field
- 23 Honor's Tea at 9:20 am
- 24 All School Awards Assembly at 1:00 pm
(Parents will receive a postcard in the mail if your child is receiving an award)
- 27 No School: Memorial Day
- 30 6th Grade to go to Lake Elmo
- 30 7th Grade Celebration Day at MC
- 30 8th Grade to Fireside Bowling Lanes
- 31 Last Day of School: Dismiss at 12:30 pm

Parents, please be aware we have implemented some additional security measures at all of our Billings Schools:

BPS ENTRANCE PROTOCOL FOR ALL SCHOOLS:

When visitors arrive at the main entrance, the designated staff member at each building will ask the purpose of their visit and ask to see a picture ID prior to opening the door.

Please bring your photo ID with you when picking up your children during the school day. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (406)281-8600.

MOVING THIS SUMMER?

If you plan on moving over the summer, please let the office know. You can call us at 281-8600. This helps in planning for next year classrooms. We will also mail a Newsletter in August with next year school information and want to make sure that you will be receiving all important information.

6th GRADE PARENTS

The State of Montana has immunization requirements for all students entering the 7th Grade. All incoming 7th Graders must have 2 MMR and Varicella immunizations and a TD booster immunization. If you are not sure if your child has received the 2nd dose of MMR or Varicella, please feel free to call the office. If you have proof of the TD booster, please bring the record to the office and we will make a copy for our records.

Immunizations are given at Riverstone Health Immunization Clinic at 123 S. 27th Street, Mondays and Fridays from 1:00 pm-4:30 pm and on Wednesdays from 11:00 am-6:30 pm or you can make an appointment with their doctor. We are also lucky to have the convenience of having the Riverstone Clinic at Medicine Crow. Please call 247-3210 to make an appointment.

Please bring student's immunization card to the school for verification after getting their shots. Thank you for your assistance.

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CITY TRACK MEET:

NOT a "Get out of School Free Day"

Attention Parents: Please do not call or send notes to excuse students to be released from school to attend the City Track Meet at Wendy's Field on May 21st.

Unless students are participating in the track meet, they should be in class as normal. In the past years, students were all over the track and in-field during the meet. Many of the students were never in track or had any real interest in track, other than a reason to get out of school on a Spring Day! Supervision is not available to manage students not involved in the meet, as all available staff are coaching, running the events, or in their classrooms teaching. A student with a sibling participating in the meet may be released directly to his/her parent and will be asked to remain seated in the stands for the duration of the meet. If this is the case, please call or send a note to excuse the student. A student will not be checked out to anyone other than his/her parent or guardian.

Thank you for your assistance.

CASA VOLUNTEERS

The success of our future depends on the well-being 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 from 182 in 2014 to nearly 600 in 2017, 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. Give us a call 259-1233 or visit our website at yellowstonecasa.org to learn more about our upcoming information sessions and how you can make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child. The next New Advocate training begins in May.

Warm regards,
Ben McKee
Recruitment Coordinator
CASA of Yellowstone County
406-259-1233

MEDICINE CROW STAFF THANKS YOU!

The Medicine Crow Staff would like to thank the parents for contributing to the Staff Appreciation Week. We had numerous monetary donations, door prizes, delicious food, and help during the week. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate all of the parental support! Thank you!!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

The last day of school is Friday, May 31st and is an early out for all of Billings Public Schools. Students at Medicine Crow will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on that day.



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STUDENT RECOGNITION ASSEMBLIES

We will be recognizing our students at the end of the year in an All School Assembly on Friday, May 24th at 1:00 pm. **We will send postcards to parents if your child will be receiving an award at this assembly.**

We will also be having our Honor's Tea for all 8th Graders that qualify. This will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 9:20 am in the commons. These students have had a GPA of 3.5 or higher for their Middle School Years. **(POSTCARDS SENT)**

We would like to congratulate all of these students and honor them for their hard work in these Recognition Assemblies. We are listing the Power of the Pack Honors below. These will be handed out during their Advisory Classes. Please contact the office at 281-8600 if you have any questions.

POWER OF THE PACK HONORS:

6th Grade	7th Grade		8th Grade	
Kassie Armer	Lily Adams	Madison Rexford	Morina Akeen	Rowdy Sims
Casey Bendure	Vanessa Afraid of Bear	Elizabeth Rieke	Monica Auch	Brogan Soens
Hayden Bertsch	Kayla Ballentine	Emma Running Crane	Kalli Baumberger	Emily Strauser
Samaris Big Lake	Dakota Barclay	Anthony Schacht	Alora Berg	Caleb Toning
Brynn Brower	Tira Braughton	Aden Schwartzkopf	Keera Bowers	Brenna Townsend
Samiyah Calcaterra	Carson Burrington-Hodges	Makayla Sietsema	Jerral Brady	Jerry Tulimaiau
Emma Chapman	Kairi Cantu	Evan Smart	Alexis Brauer	Timothy Waldo
Javier Gonzalez	Ridley Christoferson	Ciena Soens	Carmen Brophy	Sequoia Walette
LaToniraine Harris	Madison Cofer	Mya Spencer	Danielle Brower	Abigail Wentzell
Isabel Hopkins	Noah Douglas	Tessa Stokes	Kelsey Bushard	Brennen Wilson
Cort Kaufman	Morgan Erickson	Marion Swinney	Kaden Chapman	Reagan Wyatt
Macie Lawrence	Talyssa Garza	Jennica Voigt	Ellise Corey	Abigail Zavala
Kaneesa Mayes	Joshua Goodnight	James Waldo	Jenna Cuchine	
Kailani McCoy-Forest	Brenna Guelff	Anna Walsh	Declan Curtis	
Hezekiah Miller	Ty Hill	Layla Warnes	Tyler Curtis	
Kylie Miller	Benjamin Howells	Damion Weaver	Deakon Doheny	
Makenzie Nelson	Yulena Jasper	Nicole Wooden	Isabella Ereaux	
Rebekah Nickisch	David Jasper		Brooklynn Felchle-McConnell	
Cyra Plainfeather	Christian Jones		Katelyn Foreman	
Lamar Rides The Bear	Addison Kay		Dyllan Freitag	
Rylie Smith-Saldana	Taylor Ketchum		Aaliyah Fricks	
Nicola Splitstone	Preston Kimble		Isabel Hansen	
Zoey Sturgill	Taylor Knutson		Connor Hash	
Elora Swan	Alexis Lavenger		Ella Huschka	
Samuel Tulimaiau	Alexandria Maroncelli		Arrial Jones	
Evelyn Turner	Sadie McClenahan		Simon Jones	
Dakota Walette	Elijah McCoun		EmmaJo Jones	
	Piper McMillian		Sienna Kindness	
	Stormy Mikkelsen		Maeli Lawrence	
	Josiah Miller		Austin Lee	
	Steffaney Muller		Lane Love	
	Mia Nichols		Bridger McGimpsey	
	Nevaeh Old Elk		Zach Norby	
	Dylan Opp		N'Zhoni Old Elk	
	Nala Pence		Kaelyn Prill	
	Reese Pfeifle		Tristan Roedocker	
	Jaida Pflughoft		Ashton Running Crane	
	Christopher Piccioni		Paige Secrist	

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

As we continue to grow as a school community, the staff at Medicine Crow seeks to recognize more of our students! In November, we started a new Student of the Month program for each grade level. Students at each level, 6, 7 and 8, nominate four students a month for this honor. Students who exemplify any or all of the Wolfpack traits of Respectful, Accountable, Safe and Determined are considered for this recognition. Students selected will have their name in the school based newspaper The Howler, the parent newsletter, have a picture on the recognition board (work in progress) and receive a treat from Student Council. Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

6TH GRADE

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Daegan Goldsberry	Winter Lonebear	Chaise Tracy	Leland Ennis
Mason Clark	Anthony Williams	Wid Davidson	Landon Foreman
Maizie Nelson	Hannah Schultz	Rylie Smith-Saldana	Olivia Field
Bekah Nickisch	Ella Schultz	Evelynn Turner	Cyra Plainfeather

7TH GRADE

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Carson Burrington-Hodges	Noah Douglas	Alex Nelson	Cooper Thorson
Chase Maxwell	Keegan Walker	Hunter Sherner	Elliot Guidry
Cienna Soens	Rachel Eliason	Lily Adams	Jennica Voigt
Tessa Stokes	Lauren Kruse Erinn Castaneda	Tira Braughton	Sienna Rides The Bear

8TH GRADE

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Alexis Fluss	Gavin Jefferson	Bryce Greeno	Caleb Tanning
Carmen Brophy	Carson Longfellow	Leon Plainfeather	Trace Whiddon
Lane Love	Olivia Clark	Zoey Shields Raue	Abbagail Zavala
Timothy Waldo	Evija Cagle	Kaelyn Prill	Emma Springfield

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SPORTS PHYSICALS

School sports physicals are required yearly and only for those students participating in middle school (including 6th grade) and high school sports. Physical examinations conducted before May 1st are not valid for participation for the following school year. The pre-participation physical exam form, which must be completed and accompany the student at the time of the physical, can be downloaded from the MHS website under Resources/Forms/Miscellaneous.

One option is available through Billings Clinic. Starting May 20th, you will be able to register your student and pay in advance at billingsclinic.com/sportsphysicals. If these dates or times are not convenient, students may have the physical done by their own physician or at any other medical center. This examination must be certified by a licensed medical professional acting within the scope and limitations of his/her practice. Please note: Physical exams must be completed prior to the first practice. Completed forms should be turned in to the school where they will be participating/attending.

Billings Clinic: Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center will be completing sports physicals for both middle school and high school students. The sports physicals will cost \$20, if paid online 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. They will be offering sports physicals at the following times:

- Tuesday, July 30th from 3:30-4:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 31st from 3:30-4:30 pm
- Thursday, August 1st from 3:30-4:30 pm

Location: Billings Clinic Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center, 2702 8th Avenue North

Starting on May 20th, you will be able to register your student and pay in advance at billingsclinic.com/sportphysicals

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 the process. Parents should be aware that if there is a family history of premature sudden death under age 45, 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.

We also have Riverstone Clinic at Medicine Crow who can complete Sports Physicals. You can call them at 247-3210 to make an appointment. They have 2 Clinic days scheduled: Friday, July 26th and Tuesday, July 30th from 1:00-4:30 pm.

Again, these must be completed each school year, before the student is able to participate or practice in any sport. Please bring the completed form to our office.



Ready to Play?

Sports Physicals Now thru May

Take one thing off summer's To-Do List

Visit our School-based Clinics

Orchard Elementary School – Monday-Friday 8am-noon

Medicine Crow Middle School – Monday-Friday 1-5pm

Call ahead to schedule your appointment: 247.3210

Please complete the Sports Physical
Form and bring it with you.

