- NEWSLETTER

Lewis & Clark Middle School

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day !

MUST READ/DO FOR ALL PARENTS!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Billings Public Schools is excited to announce we are moving to an online system for registration and annual updates for the upcoming 2020-21 school year! This process will replace paper registration and the paper annual update packet sent home each year. A PowerSchool Parent Portal Account will be necessary to register any new incoming students, as well as to complete the back-to-school/annual updates for each student. At least one parent per student will be required to have an account to complete these processes.

If you already have an account to the PowerSchool Parent Portal you will be notified when these online forms become available. If you do not yet have an account, please go to the Billings Public Schools website to create a parent account in Power School.

Benefits of this system include the following:

- Allows you to register your students or update yearly information at home
- Reduces paper forms to fill out
- Manage contacts and keep demographic information up to date
- Allows you to update information for all siblings at the same time
- If your information remains the same, it is saved for next year
- Allows you to check your student's grades or standards and attendance

*Students will also be able to see their fall schedule in August. If a parent account has not been set up, those students will not get access to their schedule until the first day of school! Another bonus to get set up now!

If you need help setting up your Parent Portal Account in PowerSchool or if you have any questions please contact Laine Hartman at 281-5974 or hartmanl@billingsschools.org for all Lewis and Clark student inquiries.



Officer Z's Corner



Locking Away Cell Phones, Reducing the Distractions

Every day we see positive feedback from our "no cell phone policy". We've seen student interaction increase significantly, and our students seem less anxious without their phones, (and all the notifications that distract them during the school day).

More middle schools are going phone free this school year, requiring students to lock up, or turn off their cell phones during the school day. This removes the electronic distraction, and refocuses the student on instruction and encourages positive social interaction, face to face.

In the past, we saw students constantly checking their devices during the school day, and raising their anxiety due to a "fear of missing out" on what is being posted online.

We are also seeing a decline in depression amongst students, less time on social media has the effect of raising their self-esteem, instead of knocking it down.

As a School Resource Officer, I encourage parents to support us in our no cellphone policy, giving our kids a breather in today's intense 24-hour digital environment.

We have a responsibility to work together in protecting our kids from the negative effects of online social media engagement. The school ban is helpful to that end, but it shouldn't stop there. Parents should really have cell phone-free zones at home too! A family meal, doing homework, and bedtime, are just a few examples of beneficial "cell phone-free times".

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Online Scout Apparel store: goscouts.itemorder.com

Standardized Testing Information

These standardized tests are very important for a number of reasons. The tests are designed to measure how well students have learned what they have been taught. Test results provide parents with information about their child's academic progress. Tests help teachers understand a student's interests and needs. Test results are used to rate how well schools are doing to prepare your child. Also, test results identify areas of future student interests and possible career choices. Upcoming Test Dates for Lewis and Clark

MontCas-Science: Grade 8 April 23rd

Smarter Balance: Grades 6,7,8 March 23rd—April 3rd (Window)

NWEA-MAP: Grades 6 & 8 April 1st—-May 8th (Lewis Dates)

Aspire: Grade 7

April 1st—May 8th

A few reminders/suggestions:

- Attendance on testing day is essential ٠
- Encourage your child to always get enough sleep
- Insist that your child eat healthy, nutritious meals, especially breakfast
- Talk with you child about doing their best on these tests
- Encourage your child to read
- Provide incentives for your child to do well in school and on tests
- Actively participate in homework assignments

..... **PARENTS!** All students must be checked in and out with Mrs. Backer (in the attendance office) before leaving during school hours.



Thank you to our amazing coffee sponsors for helping us reach our COcoffee fundraising goal. City Brew and Global Travel, thank you for your continued help and support!

Parent Advisory Meeting For 8th Grade going 9th **Grade Parents** February 5th, 6:00 pm Senior & West High School (Parents—please attend the meeting at the high school your student will be attending the 2020-2021 school year.)

Freshman Registration



8th graders will be preregistering for 9th grade classes on Monday, February 10th thru Wednesday, February 12th. High School counselors from WEST and SENIOR will

be at Lewis and Clark on Tuesday, February 18th to register students for their 9th grade courses. Senior High counselors will be available all day but West High counselors will only be available in the morning.



SMART PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are encouraged not to bring items such as smart phones, cell phones, i-pads etc. However, if they are brought to school they are to be promptly TURNED OFF, put in a safe place, and not used until school is dismissed. No explicit music or violent video games are permitted.

The following consequences will occur for violation of this policy:

First Offense: Phone confiscated, phone back at end of the day in the office Second Offense: Phone confiscated, lunch detention, phone back at end of the day in the office

Third Offense: Phone confiscated, after school detention, phone back after three school days or parent pickup

Fourth Offense: Phone confiscated, one day in school suspension, parent pickup required

Fifth Offense: Parent pick up and conference required, device must be checked in at office daily if brought to school

Further Offenses: Subject to the discretion of administration as per the Billings Public Schools District Acceptable Use Policy.



Polar Bare Plunge 2020

2020 is the year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Special Olympics Montana. Lewis and Clark started off with a "Splash". In December of 2019, to gear up for 2020 students from Lewis and Clark participated in the Polar Plunge. The plunge was held downtown Billings outside in the Depot parking lot. Lewis and Clark Scouts, the "Red Hot Chili Peppers" raised a total of



\$1263 Special Olympic Billings Schools. Thank you to Alex McCullum, Audreyana Kiedrowski, Bea Bentler, Brinli Waddell, Campbell Walker, Celia Jager, Eli Vasguez, Ella Koch, Kenna Schroeckenstein, Lauren Wright, McKenzie Stephen, Paisley Jager and Riley Fenton. Special Olympics Billings will host the Yellowstone Valley Games. They are scheduled for Friday, April 24th. At Daylis Stadium. Come on out for a day of energy and lots of amazing talent. It will be a day you will remember. If you would like more information you can find us on Face Book, Yellowstone Valley Special Olympics.

Don't forget to order your yearbook

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!

Teacher appreciation week is May 4th through May 8th. If you would like to help in the event planning, or you would rather make a donation, please contact Mrs. Sulser at 406-281-5903 or email: sulserj@billingsschools.org.



Indian Education Home to School Coordinator

<u>Peveešeeva</u>! My name is Josie Brady. I'm the new Indian Education Coordinator here at Lewis and Clark. I'm here to assist our Native students with their academics and cultural needs. I am also available as a resource for our Native families as an advocate or to assist in any other matters.

I also run ALL NATIONS Club. Our club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome! We learn about different Native cultures in MT and the U.S. Our activities range from games, projects, crafts, and fundraising for outside activities. We meet in rm. 108 ½ from 2:10-3 pm. My schedule at Lewis & Clark is Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays. If your child is struggling in a particular area, you are having difficulty connecting with the school staff or have any other concerns, I am happy to help!

Phone: 281-5911 or email: bradyj@billingsschools.org

'Get in the Zone" - Discover Zonel

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Discover Zone is looking forward to 2020 at Lewis & Clark Middle School – offering 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students exciting after school opportunities in a safe and positive environment.

Discover Zone offers non-school time, skill building activities to students at Lewis & Clark Middle School. ANY student enrolled at Lewis & Clark Middle School is eligible to participate and all activities are offered FREE OF CHARGE! Students must have parents complete a registration form prior to attending Discover Zone.

Activities take place after school Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, until 4:30 p.m. & Wednesdays until 3:30 p.m. All activities take place at Lewis & Clark Middle School and are led by community volunteers who have been interviewed and screened prior to acceptance with Discover Zone. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well. Registration forms and session calendars can be picked up at Discover Zone, Lewis & Clark Middle School room 105.

Please call 672-4214 for more information.

SUMMER 2020 DRIVERS EDUCATION

Students must be enrolled in grades 9-12 for the 2020-2021 school year in order to register for the summer 2020 session.

ALL STUDENTS WHO REGISTER AND PAY BY THE DEADLINE ARE GUARANTEED A SPOT IN THE CLASS AT THE SCHOOL AND TIME OF THEIR CHOICE.

Registration Dates for both sessions: April 1, 2020 - April 15, 2020

Registration is done online at billingsschools.org/programs/drivers-education

Payment Dates for both sessions: April 1, 2020 - April 24, 2020

Payment may be made online at billingsschools.org/programs/drivers-education with a debit/credit card. If paying by check or cash, payment should be mailed or brought to 1470 Industrial Ave. Billings, MT 59101. Please make checks payable to BPS.

Card payments cannot be made at the office or over the phone - only online!

Session 1 Class Dates and Times: May 18, 19, 21 & 26 from 4:15 - 6:15, June 1st - 26th M-F at the time chosen at registration - either 8:00am - 10:00am or 10:00am - 12:00pm. Students who attend, Ben Steele, Castle Rock, Lewis & Clark, Medicine Crow, Riverside or Will James will be buses to the high school for class on May 18th, 19th, 21st & 26th. Transportation after class on those dates and both ways in June is the responsibility of the parent/student.

Students must be born on or before November 18, 2005 in order to take Session 1.

Session 2 Class Dates and Times: July 7n – August 7n 10:00am – 12:00pm

Students must be born on or before January 7, 2006 in order to take Session 2.



Students will drive 6 times outside of class time at times scheduled with the instructor.

Students are allowed 3 absences during the session which must be made up. If a student misses more than 3 classes or fails to attend the make-up session scheduled by the instructor they AUTOMATICALLY FAIL THE COURSE.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT DRIVERS ED FITS YOUR SCHEDULE AND THAT YOU WON'T HAVE MORE THAN 3 ABSENCES DURING THE SESSION BEFORE REGISTERING AND PAYING FOR IT!



JOURNEY TO ANCIENT EGYPT!

6th Grade Social Studies classes under the direction of Mr. Sundstrom and Mr. Reitz brought Ancient Egypt to the Lewis and Clark Library. The exhibit featured Egyptian sarcophagi and accompanying mummies and canopic jars.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook

Lewis and Clark held an <u>extremely</u> successful Book Fair in October! Thanks to all staff, families, and students that purchased books from our fair. The profits from the fair enabled the library to purchase a large number of books to add to our collection. Look forward to our Spring <u>BOGO</u> Book Fair! Thank you



We will be placing this year's final book order this Spring... please let the librarians know if there are particular books you'd like her to purchase for the

library! Thank you to all of the students and staff who have already given us their input!

Many thanks to our amazing, 1st Semester library aides! The Library will miss you!

Brooke Bradley, Alex Woods, Hailee Hardy

The Lewis and Clark Library is a gathering place for staff, students, projects, classes, games, reading, socializing and is a hub of learning and FUN! Please support your school library and the opportunities for growth it provides our staff and students!







8th grade Social Studies teachers, Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Jensen have kicked of LC's annual National History Day project. This year's theme is "Breaking Barriers in History". Students use the library to locate, evaluate, and use both primary and secondary resources in this student-driven research project. Ask your 8th grader to describe their topic and how they will convey their message of Breaking Barriers in U.S. History!

WELCOME

Lewis and Clark Library welcomes Mrs. Julie Whitworth as L & C's halftime librarian! Mrs. Whitworth shares her time at both Ben Steele Middle School and L & C. She is an AMAZING addition to the library and brings her library skills to many Lewis research projects and literary activities.

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The Lewis and Clark Library tab on the L & C website features resources accessible from

home including Billings Public Schools' Online Catalog, an extensive ebook and audiobook library called SORA, and the research site WORLD BOOK ONLINE. All of these are available to L & C students AND their families! For more information, please contact Mrs. Rice or Mrs. Whitworth.

Remember to turn in or renew your overdue library books!



6th Grade Lewis & Clark Middle School 1st Semester Academic Achievers

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Allen	Brody	Dixon	Jaxon	Jolliffe	Harley	Monroy	London	Scheller	Kaden
Arroyo	Neilaly	Doyle	Shae	Jones	Andrew	Mota	Samson	Schmalz	Keaton
Atwood	Ryder	Eby	Melody	Kechanin	Zachary	Mullenberg	Chloe	Schnetter	Hayden
Baker	Gavin	Edwards	Ellison	Kelly	Frank	Murr	Масу	Schroeckenstein	Kenna
Ball	William	Egan	Timber	Kibel	Kimberly	Nauman	Samantha	Sell	Cooper
Barr	Daryn	Ehrlick	Kaylee	Kinsman	Angela	Nelson	Tanner	Selvey	Lydia
Bayley	Colten	Erlenbusch	Chase	Klein	Matthew	Newman	Braxton	Shaw	Naomi
Bechtold	Brady	Feldman	Savannah	Koch	Brendan	Nichols	Kassandra	Sherman	Elizabeth
Beckerley	Kayl	Fields	James	Kodish	Alexis	Oakley	Brooks	Shirley	Woodrow
Bentler	George	Friedt	Kilee	Kolstad	Jazin	O'Brien	Elizabeth	Shore	Kale
Bertrand	Kylie	Funk	Pierson	Koszuta	Масу	Odom-Ness	Samaria	Smith	Melayja
Blackburn	Kirah	Galvin	Blake	Kron	Elias	Olsen	Julian	Smith	Teanna
Blanding	Jocelyn	Gause	Kathryn	LaForge	RonElle	O'Toole	Owen	Sparboe	Andrew
Boatright	Brooklyn	Goldy	Storie	Lance	Brienne	Paris	Sofia	Surdahl	Aivyn
Boatright	Breanna	Goodridge	Jordan	Langman	Alexander	Pedersen	Rydar	Szasz	Mai
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Bradley	Lane	Grinder	Lucian	Lindgren	Jayden	Phil	Emerson	Thelen	Claire
Brese	lsaac	Hansen	Evan	Lintern	Nolan	Powell	Lylian	Trout	Daisy
Buchanan	Meredith	Harrelson	Zander	Lira Tousley	Marcello	Prindle	Elizabeth	Vander Esch	Taveon
Burckley	Emmersyn	Helmick	Kaidyn	Lodge	Addy	Prolo	Kira	Vaughn	Malakai
Burrington	Lexie	Hennen	Chloe	Ludwigson	Asher	Rainey	Micah	Verdon	Connor
Byrd	Quinn	Henry-Oakes	Cinderella	Lund	Aiden	Rascon	Abran	Virostko	Layli
Capser	Andalyn	Holborn	Christopher	Madland	Sophie	Red Star	Sienna	Walker	Michael
Cardoza	Alexis	Holzinger	Kendal	Maki	Hudson	Reinhardt	Keegan	Westrich	Alyssa
Carter	Carissa	Hudak	Elly	Malek	Tyler	Rice	Maren	Wetz	Gabian
Catt	Sophia	Hull	Gwendolyn	Maloney	Maggie	Rice	Isaac	Whetstine	Sophia
Catt	Serina	Humphrey	Callie	Mashek	Kiegan	Roberts	Zachery	Willett	Lane
Cellan	Severen	Jenks	Margaret	Мауа	Cruzito	Robertson	Annika	Williams	Austyn
Conner	Bohdan	Jennings	Rylan	McCollum	Alexandra	Ross	Madison	Williams	Bhodi
Cotter	Zayda	Jimenez	Alanzo	McCormick	Liana	Sandvik	Bella	Wilson	Dante
Daniel	Triniti	Johnson	Sophia	McKee	Quinn	Sangare	Odia	Winters	Michael
DiMatteo	Jackson	Johnson	Aadon	McManamen	Abbigail	Schauer	Elizabeth	Wise	Piper

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Olivia

Grace

Jacob

Parker

Tatem

Portia

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Ruby

Elijah

Lilah

Ava

Noah

Alice

Caleb

Saige

Lyssa

Simon

7th Grade Lewis & Clark Middle School **1st Semester Academic Achievers**

Adame Adams Aquirre Allie Anderson Anderson-St.John Hannah Arellano Babin Banderob Beam Bends Bergeron Binkley Blumhardt Boulet Boyd Bradley Brown Bryant Burr Campagna Cantrell Carter Casterline Chaffin Chakos Chakos Chapel Charles Christianson Clark Cohn Coles Conver Cook Corbridge Coulter Cowger Cozzens Crawford DeLao Dennis Deputee Douglas Dreikosen Driscoll Eckhardt Ecklev Edwards

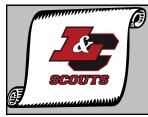
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Trek Dessa Sachi Christianna Margarett Addison Riley Addison Bobbie Talaya Olivia Izabella Dexter Henry Landon Jeriko Valencia Atreyu Andrew Landon Camila Kaden Kahriann Ava Chloe Hudson Talon Kaitlin Keegan Keven Ryan Matthew Owen Avalon Cordae Patience Aaron Jayla Cillian Jaida Sausha Ula Naomi Ty Alexander Henry Kiara Carolyn Audrevana

Kiner Kina Kirschenmann La Fountaine Leffler Marble Matson Maulolo **McCreary** McKenna McNamee Medina Megaard Meismer Melius Mitchell Moon Moots Mueller Murdock Murray Nedens Niemantsverdriet Oak Ormsby Padilla Palmer Patterson Peabody Peak Peak Pearson Pehler Pellandini Peters Peterson Phipps Pickens Pittman Pitts Pizzolato Principe Prior Pritchard Raben Radke Ramirez Reese Reeves

Haven Dvlan Addison Rihana Amaya Madeline James Lucius Ryan Aidan Lillv Madalle Zayden McClain Emma Tyler Maci Preston Ashlvn Ryder Jacob Katelin Owen Justin Leela Tegan Saerien Katelin Garrett Dynesty Jah Chelle Reign Isaiah Liliana Andrew Dazia Trask Ethan Bryan Landyn Lillian Syler Izabella Kenadie Torrey Levi Hope Arelio Lola Brandtson

Riley Vanessa Roan Boone Roberts Isabella Romero Eztli Ross Tyra Ruff Eli Salman Joseph Sather Evey Schuman Skylar Schwindt Kamielvn Serpe Maxwell Serrano-Corral Aniali Simeon Maya Skillen Owen Skjeret Brennan Smith Elizabeth Smith Ontario Smith Mason Sneddon Owen Staszcuk Kaydee Steffan Devin Steiner Natalee Steiner Caleb Stewart Tatiana Stiles Jackson Struckman Olivia Sundstrom Nora Swift Holden Szillat Quinn Thompson Hannah Thompson Kyra Torres Kalle Trawinski Claire Tuomala Brent Voorhis Hazen Waddell Brecken Walker Samantha Wallace Cody Watson Jadin Watson Logan Webber-Dereszynski Owen Werk Eli West Porcellana Westerman Wyatt White Robert Ezekiel Willems Mikaela Wizeman Jasper Zarvcki Nora



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Kyley

Caleb

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8th Grade Lewis & Clark Middle School **1st Semester Academic Achievers**

Anderson Bach Bailey Becker Begrin Belcourt Bentler Berry Binkley Blackburn Boatright Borden Bouchard Bradlev Brady Brown Brown Bruneau Bryant Buchanan Buckley Byrd Cantrell Carreno Carver Casterline Chapel Chase Chavez Clark Clearwater Clearwater Coghlan Cole Croft D'Ambrosia Dennis Dillon DiMatteo Doucette Dunn Dust

Isabelle Eby Elbert Evans Lauren Evans Jaedon Fawcett Isabelle Firman Beatrice Foss William Foss Freese Friedt Garza Ashlyn Gaston Gonzalez Brooke Goudv Ayden Gress Alexander Grier Guerrero-Martinez Gunderson Carlyn Gutierrez Thomas Hagestad Timothy Hagstrom Hardy Casev Harrington Cecelia Harvey Shelby Hertz Hight Trystin Hohn Adeline Honea Horton Hostetler Humphrey Jaeger Cooper Jaeger Cooper Jones Emma Jones Jordahl Ashlyn Kellv Isabelle Kincaid Joseph Kintz Harper Kluth Kelcie Koch Kaidee Koch

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