

# MEDICINE CROW MIDDLE SCHOOL

May 2022

## NEWSLETTER

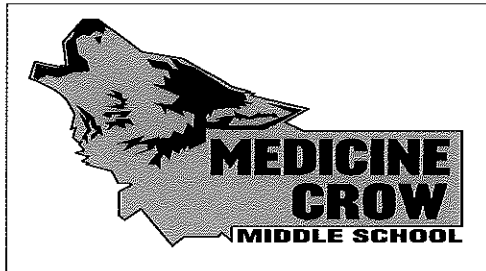
*"Welcome to the Wolfpack"*

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Principal: Mrs. Nikki Hofmann

Associate Principal: Mrs. Traci Doll

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Dear Students & Parents:

Hello Wolfpack Family!

We made it!!! Thank you for your help and support in making the school year "normal" and a success for our students.

Students will receive their awards at the end of the year in a full school assembly on June 1. Medicine Crow 6th, 7th and 8th graders will receive their Power of the Pack certificates. This is a participation award earned by active involvement 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. 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.

Most of the honors recognize our 8th grade students for their cumulative leadership and academic endeavors during their 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. Subject areas will also be awarding stand out students in their particular area in all three grade levels. On May 26, at 9:20am, 8th grade students who maintained a 3.5 GPA all semesters of middle school will be recognized at the Honors Tea. This notification has already been sent to parents.

As the school district continues to identify student support opportunities in an effort to bridge learning gaps, we have decided to offer a summer learning program. In an effort to continue bridging these gaps, the school district is finalizing plans for a summer program. The intent of the summer program is to provide intense intervention support for students working through the most critical concepts in grades 6, 7, and 8 within the curricular areas of English and Math. Letters will be sent home the last week of school to those who are invited to attend (based on grades, test scores and teacher recommendation). The program will run two separate academic sessions; Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM:

- Session I - Math instruction-June 20th - June 30th, and
- Session II - English instruction-July 11th - July 21st.

Summer School will be held at Skyview High School. Thank you for your support, encouragement and sharing your children with us this year!  
Nikki Hofmann, Principal

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

- 20 All Library Books Due
- 24 All City Track Meet at Wendy's Field  
(7th & 8th Graders who qualified)
- 26 Honor's Tea at 9:20 am  
(Parents will receive a postcard in the  
mail if your child is in Honor's Tea)
- 30 No School: Memorial Day

### JUNE

- 3 Last Day of School: Dismiss at 12:30 pm

### Summer School:

- Session 1 (Math): June 20th-June 30th  
Mondays thru Thursdays; 8:30-11:30 am  
At Skyview High School
- Session 2 (English): July 11th-July 21st  
Mondays thru Thursdays; 8:30-11:30 am  
At Skyview High School

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 a Tdap booster immunization. If you are not sure if your child has received the Tdap booster, please feel free to call the office. If you have proof of the Tdap 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 a copy of your child'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 24th.

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](http://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, June 3rd 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.



### 8TH GRADE HONORS TEA (\*Indicates Presidential Award Winner)

These students have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA during all semesters of middle school.

#### Congratulations!

|                   |                          |                          |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| *Adkins, Carson   | Johnston, Alexandria     | Miller, Amaya            | *Shroyer, Carter |
| Bowers, Izabelle  | *Keippel, Wren           | *Nelson-Williams, Amelia | *Simons, Madison |
| Burgess, Naithen  | *Knutson, Dylan          | *Nez Perce, Danness      | *Smith, Julien   |
| Byers, Dalton     | *Little Light-Mogen, Tre | Pfeifle, Kenna           | Spencer, Camryn  |
| Carroll, Avari    | *Maroncelli, Liam        | Platero, Aries           | Wheaton, Annaka  |
| Collins, Mackenna | *McClure, Bailey         | Polak, Aryanna           | Wight, Toriann   |
| *Farris, Hunter   | McGlone, Rowan           | Reiter, Mylie            | Williams, Aleena |
| Fichtner, Mason   | Merchant, Darcy          | Scherer, Kaylie          | Wright, Hanna    |
| Hlavaty, Kenneth  | Meyer, Haven             | *Schroeder, Alexis       |                  |

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## STUDENT RECOGNITION ASSEMBLIES

Students will receive their awards at the end of the year in a full school assembly on June 1.

We will also be having our Honor's Tea for all 8th Graders that qualify. This will be held on Thursday, May 26th 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 Science Classes. Please contact the office at 281-8600 if you have any questions.

## POWER OF THE PACK HONORS:

| 6th Grade           | 7th Grade           | 8th Grade            | 8th Grade<br>(Continued) |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Charles, Tavia      | Begger, Brenna      | Bailey, Randeigh     | Merchant, Darcy          |
| Davidson, Madison   | Bendure, Brooke     | Baisch, Isazella     | Meyer, Haven             |
| Dedman, Tristan     | Callantine, Journey | Bridges, Major       | Nelson-Williams, Amelia  |
| Feldner, Maya       | Chavis, Bam         | Carroll, Avari       | Old Crow, Breelyn        |
| Korwald, Anona Rose | Farris, Joseph      | Collins, Mackenna    | Peck, Skylee             |
| Swan, Colter        | Free, Bridger       | DeMarco, Caitlyn     | Pfeifle, Kenna           |
|                     | Gogan, Aiden        | Don't Mix, Ameera    | Platero, Aries           |
|                     | Harper, Jayden      | Farris, Hunter       | Polak, Aryanna           |
|                     | Henry, Izak         | Fichtner, Mason      | Ray, Paubla              |
|                     | Hlavaty, AnnaMarie  | Gordon, Madisyn      | Reiter, Mylie            |
|                     | Jones, LoLo         | Hjelm, Kelsey        | Richards, Brityn         |
|                     | Kaufman, Kyla       | Hlavaty, Kenneth     | Scherer, Kaylie          |
|                     | Lonebear, Kierra    | Jackson, Anisa       | Simons, Madison          |
|                     | Peck, Paiton        | Johnston, Alexandria | Smith, Julien            |
|                     | Reynolds, Aphyra    | Keippel, Wren        | Soelter, Trystin         |
|                     | Tenney, Victoria    | Knutson, Dylan       | White, Bradee            |
|                     | Walter, Evan        | Korwald, Jak         | Wight, Toriann           |
|                     | Webber, Caleb       | Leeson, Ethan        | Williams, Aleena         |
|                     | White, Trever       |                      | Wright, Hanna            |

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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! Three students at each level, 6, 7 and 8, are nominated each 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              |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Laila Beauchamp | Landon Johnson | Douglas Rides the Bear    | Hunter Dey       |
| Raymond Loomis  | Amanda Alley   | Remi & Madi Clark Sargent | Aaliyah McCallum |

### 7TH GRADE

| FEBRUARY          | MARCH              | APRIL            | MAY           |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Keirra Killsnight | Journey Callantine | Taylee Hernandez | Joseph Farris |
| Jayden Harper     | Aiden Gogan        | Blayze Picard    | Leah Coles    |

### 8TH GRADE

| FEBRUARY        | MARCH            | APRIL         | MAY            |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Naithan Burgess | Aleena Williams  | Wren Keippel  | Camryn Spencer |
| Hanna Wright    | Blayze Whitewolf | Vnce Tango-An | Rowan McGlone  |

## SUMMER HOURS FOR THE RIVERSTONE MEDICINE CROW CLINIC

Hours of operation for the summer are as follows:

- Mondays and Fridays: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Riverstone Clinic at Medicine Crow School will also be open this summer for their behavioral health services. You may schedule appointments with the Behavioral Health Providers, Brandi McFerran LCSW and Diane Hurd NP at 247-3210.

They will tentatively plan to have some sports physical appointments available during the month of August. We will include this updated information in the August Newsletter.

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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.

There are also helpful links on the Billings Public School website: [billingssschools.org](http://billingssschools.org)

If you Click on the "Departments" tab, and then "Activities".

You can then click on the link for "Billings Clinic sports physicals" or "Children's Clinic sports physicals".

You may get a sports physical at any health care provider you choose but the 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.

Medicine Crow Middle School is also very lucky to have the Riverstone Clinic in our building who can complete Sports Physicals. You can call them at 247-3210 to make an appointment.

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.

## NURSE'S MAY NEWSLETTER

May is National Physical Fitness and Sport Month

People of all ages and body types can participate in physical activity, so get out there and promote being active in our Billings community! Find something that is fun for you and your family. Go for a walk, hike on the rims or in the mountains, swim at Lake Elmo, throw a ball around at a park, or take a bike ride around the neighborhood. Having fun and being active doesn't have to be expensive! The benefits of staying physically fit affect everyone and only a few of which are bone health, muscular fitness, heart health, balance and cognitive functioning. That's right, it helps your brain too!

May is also  
**SKIN CANCER**  
Awareness Month

Summer Skin Protection:

Slip on protective clothing, Slop on Sunscreen SPF 15 daily, Slap on a hat, Seek shade between 10AM-4PM, and Slide on some sunglasses.



**Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer**

BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 2022-2023 School Calendar  
 Approved 5.17.2021

| JUNE 2022 |   |   |   |    |    |    |
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| MAY 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| JUNE 2023 |   |   |   |    |   |    |
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|  | First and Last Day of School        |
|  | Vacation or Holiday                 |
|  | Elementary End of Trimester         |
|  | Six-Week Grading Period for MS & HS |

**Graduation Date/Times**  
**Sunday, May 28**  
**Skyview 10:00 am;**  
**Senior 2:00 pm; West 6:00 pm**

**Note: Nov. 2 is Parent Teacher Conferences for Elem. and PLC for MS & HS**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
|     | Last Day of School - June 2 is early release for elementary, middle school and high school.  |
|     | Wed. Professional Learning Community Meetings - Dismissal 1 hour earlier than normal   |
| P   | PIR Days - Required  |
| P   | PIR/TRADE days - No school   |
|     | Snow Day - This will be a vacation day unless we are required to make up a school day lost due to poor weather earlier in the year. If we are required to make up a day, this vacation day will become a required day of attendance. |
| PTC | Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary early release   |
|     | Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences - MS early release  |
|     | High School Semester Testing - HS early release  |

