

SMS Newsletter

February 2021



February Core Value: Growth

At Sacajawea, we are a compassionate community that honors grit and celebrates growth in order to face the future with a level head and a critical eye.

A Note from the Principal

February 1st signaled the return of our students to five days of instruction. We are excited to welcome the Track A and B students back full-time and are enjoying having our complete class rosters, the bustling in the hallways and commons, and the increased energy in our building.

We continue to be mindful of the health measures we have maintained all year--wearing masks at all times in the building, washing hands frequently through the day, sanitizing the building on a consistent basis, and maintaining accurate records in the event of contact tracing. We have been fortunate to not have any known transmission within the school building thus far this year, so the efforts have paid dividends.

We have passed the midpoint of the year which has provided an opportunity to reflect on our progress towards our goals. In line with the 3-5 year goals across our district, we have identified a 10% growth in our proficiency rates in reading and math by the end of the year. We have a focused plan in place to accomplish these goals including: analysis of the mid-year results for each individual student, identification of supports for students below proficiency, intentional use of effective teaching strategies across all classes, and development of a culture of literacy across the building.

Although working through a pandemic and adjusting our learning models to provide a safe but meaningful structure for our educational programs has been a necessary focus, we also want to ensure your students continue to learn and grow and be fully prepared for success in their future.

Thank you for your continued partnership with us on behalf of your students.

Gordon

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminder

With the return to full enrollment five days each week, we have seen a significant increase in traffic before and after school. Please be patient, gracious, and mindful of the traffic laws and crosswalk lights and signs. If waiting for students, pull forward as far as possible. Take care when pulling out into traffic and always watch for students.

Thank you for ensuring our students and school community are safe.

Full Bus Service Has Been Resumed

Bozeman school buses are again running at full capacity and available to **all registered students**--not just those who live outside the three mile radius. Buses are sanitized daily, and students are required to wear masks while riding.

Bus stop information is available in PowerSchool parent portal: under Navigation, select Forms and then scroll down to Bus Information. Unfortunately, bus information is only available on the portal - it cannot be accessed through the PowerSchool mobile app.

Bus registration forms are available [online](#) for families who haven't previously registered. Please contact Douglas Kellie (douglas.kellie@bsd7.org or 522-6041) or First Student (556-8039) if you have questions or need additional information.

Please help minimize traffic congestion around our schools!

I Love Reading Month

We are celebrating our passion for reading this month throughout our school--with both staff and students. We know that developing a love for books brings both increased life-long recreation as well as necessary skills for communication. Ask your students about the books they are reading and join us in celebrating great books by reading at home with your kids.

PAC Update

Dear Sacajawea Families,

We are over half-way through the school year and yet it feels like it just started!! The Pac team is hopeful for a strong finish. We are already starting to talk about next year and how we can help the school, teachers, and your families.

Janet and I are graduating!!! Well, sort of, and *AnnaMarie* is a hold-over, just kidding! She has been so gracious to us and stayed on as treasurer, even though her kiddos are long gone. We have loved being a part of Pac these last three years but our time is coming to an end.

We will begin filling the following positions soon as possible:

- Co- presidents
- Co- treasures

- Co-snack bar & Popcorn Friday coordinators

A few parents will still be here but need a co- chair as well. This includes volunteer coordinator, spirit night coordinator, and a few more activities that we help support throughout the year.

Please contact Janet or me directly. Plan on coming to the **March 10th meeting at 2:00.**

Monica Cross, monicalenycross@gmail.com

Janet Yeoman, janetlyeomans@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Monica and Janet
Co-presidents

Thrive

Parenting during Division

The past few weeks have been tough for our country! My 8th grader came home from school, recently, with some shocking stories from peers. What is a parent to do?

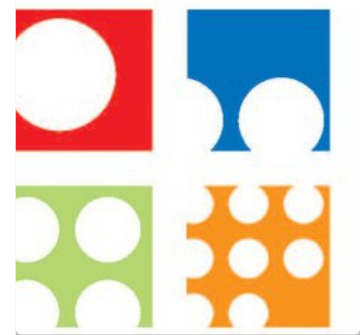
Listen. Be a soft landing 'spot' for your child. Witness your child's stress or sadness. Don't jump to problem-solve, simply **be with** him/her.

Discuss right and wrong. Talk about doing the right thing, even when others are not. What is integrity and how does that look in daily life?

For these and other parenting tips, contact your **SMS Thrive Parent Liaison:**

Ashley Mares-Jones

ashley.maresjones@bsd7.org or by phone at 813-1617.





**ARE YOU WORRIED
ABOUT COVID-19
AND ITS IMPACTS ON
YOUR STUDENT AND
YOUR FAMILY?**



FREE COVID-19 SUPPORT

**IT'S FREE, ANONYMOUS,
AND CONFIDENTIAL!**

Everyone is impacted by the effects of COVID-19. Thousands of Montanans are facing challenges unlike any they have ever experienced. If you are experiencing emotions such as anxiety, depression, stress, sadness, or fear, you are not alone. Seeking support resources, education, and simply reaching out are all positive steps that you can take.

WHAT WE DO:

Listen without judgement

Offer emotional support • Comfort, console

Offer information and education on stress and coping

Direct callers to additional support and community resources

Provide complete confidentiality – this is a free service, and you will never be asked to give your name, asked for health insurance, or asked to pay a fee of any kind

Montana Crisis Recovery is a COVID-19 specific Crisis Call Center. A Crisis Counselor will offer free and anonymous support and is just one call away.

**For more information, please call (877) 503-0833
or visit montanacrisisrecovery.com**

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Sunday 10 AM-10 PM

If you are having thoughts of suicide, please contact (800) 273-TALK or (800) 273-8255. You can also text "MT" to 741741



Box Tops For Education

Did you know Sacajawea Middle School is part of the Box Tops for Education program?

It has changed to a mostly digital program. Traditional clip out Box Tops are being phased out but you can still send them to school (make sure it doesn't say scan) to be turned in to the library.

The new process is so much easier!

1. Get the free new and improved **Box Tops mobile app** on your phone
2. Buy your groceries and ask for the receipt
3. Get into your car and take pictures of your receipt (within 14 days) with the app.
4. It will find any qualifying products and give 10 cents for each one to the school.

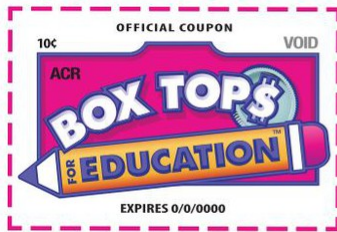
The money adds up and is used to enhance the book selection at our library.

It's costs you nothing but 30 seconds of your time and you can help ALL the students at your child's school. Encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

On the Box Tops for Education website, you can find coupons and special deals.

Thank you so much for giving back to others!

Your PAC Team & SMS Library



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

BEFORE YOUR CHILD HEADS OUT THE DOOR FOR SCHOOL
CONDUCT A HOME HEALTH SCREENING

STAY HOME

if he or she is experiencing one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills – temperature greater than 100.4°
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and/or smell
- New runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19

NOTIFY SMS – 522-6400

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE OR IS IDENTIFIED AS A
CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19



BSD 7 Food & Nutrition Services



AT THIS TIME
ANY STUDENT
CAN HAVE A FREE
MEAL

***YOU MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING FOR
YOUR MEAL TO BE FREE:***

FOR FREE BREAKFAST:

ENTREE

FRUIT

MILK (OPTIONAL)

FOR FREE LUNCH:

ENTREE

VEGGIE/FRUIT

MILK (OPTIONAL)

***ALL OTHER ITEMS WILL BE
CHARGED TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS***

Free meals also available for curbside pickup at all schools (excluding GHS) M-F 9:30-10:30 on remote learning days.

REMOTE MEAL PICK UP

MENUS: [BSD7.NUTRISLICE.COM](https://bsd7.nutrislice.com)
QUESTIONS?
CALL: 406-522-6381
EMAIL: BRITTANY.SELVIG@BSD7.ORG



- FREE GRAB-N-GO MEALS AVAILABLE FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP DAILY, FROM 9:30-10:30 AM AT ALL SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING GHS - GO TO MEADOWLARK)
- NO PREORDER NECESSARY
- GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST ALSO AVAILABLE AT:
 - BHS
 - CHIEF JOSEPH & SACAJAWEA
 - IRVING, WHITTIER, HYALITE
- STUDENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT
- FREE TO ANYONE 18 & UNDER

Upcoming Dates

February

- 9 Jazz Concert, GHS Auditorium, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- 11 SMS Bands Concert, 6th Grade 6:30 pm, 7th Grade 7:15 pm, and 8th Grade 8:00 pm, SMS Gym
- 15 President's Day - **No School**

March

- 2 Choir Concert, Willson Auditorium, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- 15 - 19 Spring Break



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