



SMS FALCON NEWS

SACAJAWEA MIDDLE SCHOOL

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2012-2013 School Year! The calendar indicates that summer is quickly winding down, although the weather may not feel like it. We are certainly gearing up for another terrific school year and are anticipating the return of our students and welcoming our new sixth grade class.

Our facilities are being upgraded—sorry for the mess around the building!—and we plan to be ready to hit the ground running in the coming weeks.

Amidst all of the hustle and bustle around this time, it is also a good opportunity to consider our expectations and outcomes for the coming year. Our staff is committed to creating a positive school environment and class culture that will allow your children to feel comfortable, supported and still challenged. We want your students to gain the meaningful academic skills and concepts needed for them to have success in future grades as well as be ready for any college or work opportunity that awaits them at the end of high school. We are dedicated to preparing them intellectually, socially and creatively to fully participate in our world.

We can't do it alone. We rely on a strong partnership with our families to best prepare each student. Please plan to be actively engaged in your child's learning—communicate with the teachers, talk with your student about their learning, stay informed of their progress, ensure that they attend and are on time, ask questions. We welcome your involvement!

We are looking forward to another great year!

~ Gordon Grissom ~

Thriving Sixth Graders

A workshop for parents of sixth graders is being offered by Thrive in conjunction with Bozeman Public Schools on *Thursday, August 23rd, 10:00-12:00 am* in the *cafeteria*. The workshop is intended to support parents with students transitioning to middle school and will include tips for partnering with the schools, typical characteristics of the adolescent years, and ideas for establishing a positive learning environment at home. Childcare will be provided. Call 587-3840 to register.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- As part of a healthy lifestyle, we encourage
- students to ride bikes or walk to school if feasible.
- However, if you do drop-off or pick-up your child
- during the year, please use only the north parking
- lot before and after school. For safety reasons, use
- the lane closest to the sidewalk and be respect-
- ful of other drivers and students. If waiting for
- a student in the afternoon, please limit the space
- between vehicles and turn off your engine. The
- loop in the front of the school is reserved for buses
- only between 7:45-8:30 am and 3:00-3:45 pm.

PAC News

Welcome to all our wonderful SMS families!

The first day to pick up schedules for all SMS students is *Thursday, August 23rd*, and PAC still needs more volunteers! If you would like to help with distributing emergency contact forms, schedules, and locker assignments, cashier duties, selling agendas and flash drives or stenciling T-shirts, please let us know. The fun begins at 7:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm. If you can spend part or all of the day with us, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Diana Weber**, at volunteers4sms@gmail.com. The more volunteers we have, the smoother the day will go!

Our first PAC meeting is scheduled for *Monday, September 17, beginning at noon*, Room 156 (6th grade hall, conference room on right). Meetings will typically be the 3rd Monday of every month. Attendance at PAC meetings is a great way to be involved in your child's education and to know what exciting things are happening at SMS. We look forward to meeting you!

Watch for PAC materials coming home the first week of school, a volunteer form will be included. Please complete the form and return it to the main office. There are many different volunteer opportunities within PAC with time commitments from once a week, to once a month, to once a year. If you're interested and/or want more details, please contact *PAC Co-Presidents Holly Eiden* at hweiden@optimum.net or *Danelle Seybert* at danelle100@hotmail.com.

Friend us at "Sacajawea Pac Bozeman Montana"!

Open House

Make plans to attend the *SMS Open House* on *Monday, September 24th* (parents only, please). This is a valuable time to learn more from your student's teachers about curriculum, expectations and team activities. PowerSchool passwords and information will be made available. More information will be sent home in early September.

Athletics

Intramural Sports - The fee for intramurals is \$60 per sport. Physicals are not required.

Grade 6:

Volleyball (Co-Ed)	Sept. 5 - Oct. 24	M and W
Wrestling	Oct. 22 - Dec. 14	
Basketball	Nov. 5 - Dec. 20	

Grades 6-8:

Tennis	Sept. 4 - Oct. 16	
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Interdistrict Sports - The fee for inter-school sports is \$80 per sport. A physical is required.

Grades 7-8—Girls:

Volleyball	Aug. 29 - Oct. 17	M - F
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Grades 7-8—Boys:

Football	Aug. 29 - Oct. 19	M - F
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Equipment Pick Up Aug. 28

Registration packets and Scholarship applications are available at the school office. Additional information is available from the Activities Office at 522-6234.

Schedule Pick-Up

Schedules will be available for pick up on Thursday, August 23rd. Parents/guardians of sixth graders may come anytime between 7:30-11:30; parents of seventh and eighth graders anytime between 12:30-3:30. Parents or guardians must be present to complete emergency contact, health history forms and, for seventh graders, to authorize immunization if necessary. Schedules will not be given to students without emergency contact forms/immunization completed. A nurse from the Health Department will also be available to administer immunizations or access health records between 12:30-3:30.

Parents will also be able to purchase agendas (\$5), PE clothing (\$5-9), and spirit wear; gather sports information/registrations; and deposit money in school lunch accounts (\$2.75 per lunch). Please contact the school office (522-6400) should you need financial assistance.

If you are unable to attend on the 23rd, you may complete information and pick up schedules 8:30-3:30 August 24th-28th. You are also invited to drop off supplies in lockers and check out the locations of the classrooms on the 25th between 4:00-5:00.

Supply List

Organizational notebook—3-ring or accordion, 2 1-2" 3-ring binders, Pocket folders
 Paper—loose-leaf, college-ruled
 Pencils—#2 or mechanical; Pens; Highlighters;
 Colored pencils; Colored markers; Glue sticks
 Ruler—standard and metric combined; Pencil/pen pouch; Calculator
 Agenda –required (\$5 at school)
 Flash drive—optional, but recommended

PE Clothes: gym shorts (dark), t-shirt (gray w/ name on back; \$5 at school + \$4 for name), white socks, gym shoes, sweat shirt/pants

Additional supplies may be needed for individual classes.

Visit Sacajawea's website:
<http://www.bsd7.org/sacajawea/>

7th Grade Students

Seventh grade students must submit proof of a tetanus booster administered after August 29th, 2007 or a notarized Religious Exemption form prior to attendance. Schedules and locker assignments will be provided upon receipt of proof of immunization. If possible, fax proof to 522-6482 or drop off at main office 8:15 - 11:15 am Mon - Friday prior to August 22nd.

A sticker is attached if we do not have proof of immunization.

Thank you! We have your child's records.



School Pictures

Students will have their pictures taken on **Tuesday, September 18.** Packets will be sent home several weeks prior to that date.



Dates to Remember

August	21-22	Peer Mediation Training	SMS
	23	6 th gr schedule pick-up 7:30-11:30; gym	
		7 th & 8 th gr pick-up 12:30-3:30; gym	
	23	Thriving MS Students 10-12:00; cafe	
	29	First Day of School!	
	28	8 th gr Ftbll equip check-out 4:15 pm	
		7 th gr Ftbll equip check-out 4:45 pm	
	29	First day of practice:	
		football & volleyball 7 th & 8 th	
September	3	Labor Day - No School	
	4	6 th - 8 th gr Tennis intramurals begins	
	5	6 th gr Volleyball intramurals begins	
	5	Parent mtg for Ftbll/V'ball 7pm; cafe	
	17	PAC meeting 12 pm; Rm 156	
	18	Picture Day	
	19	PIR Day - No School	
	24	Open House 6:00 - 9:00 pm	
October	10	Early Release 1:45 dismissal	
	12	Trimester Mid-Term	

August/September 2012

Sacajawea Middle School
Mission Statement
 Working together, we encourage curiosity for life-long learning and set high expectations for students' academic and social growth.

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