



## Assistant Principal's Corner

After thirty years in public education I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. I made the official announcement to central administration, our staff, and several members of the PAC a couple of weeks ago. Over half of my career has been spent at Sacajawea as I had the good fortune of being on the staff when she opened her doors some sixteen years ago. I have treasured my time at this learning institution and wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful families of both the past and present that I have had the opportunity to work with. You are an incredibly supportive community that values education and entrusts our talented educators to perform their noble calling of edifying, influencing, and collaborating with you the parents, in the development of the intellectual, social and emotional attributes of your children.

I wish to thank our amazing staff for the privilege of being a teaching colleague for many years, and for my time with them as one of their building administrators. It is a pleasure to witness their dedication, passion, and professionalism each and every day. Our office staff, which include Barb Denny, Mary Heap, Julia Anderson, Chellee Rice, and Linda Hedglin, have been an absolute delight to work with and I appreciate their gentle ways in keeping me on task. Finally I would like to thank Diana McDonough for being my principal and initial mentor for my first three years in administration and to my esteemed colleague and dear friend Gordon Grissom, whose partnership over the last four years has been a highlight in my career. Thanks Mr. Grissom for being so instrumental in my final crescendo! I leave our building in good hands and my successor will learn and grow with the very best. With mixed emotions I begin to say my farewells to my extended Sacajawea family as I start a new chapter in my life. Thank you all so very much. It has been an absolute honor to serve you.

Fondly,  
Joe Moriarty

**Bozeman Public Schools  
General Fund Levy, Elementary Trustee  
Election and  
Elementary Bond Issue**



**Ballots are due by  
Tuesday, May 8 ♦ 8:00 pm**

**For information:**

**<http://www.bsd7.org/2012election/>**

BSD7 Nutrition Services would like to thank the parents and students who supported us this year. With the passage of the Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act, school lunch will be changing in the fall. If students still have money in their accounts, it will follow them for use in the fall. Check out our website, [http://www.bsd7.org/district/departments/food\\_services/lunch.php](http://www.bsd7.org/district/departments/food_services/lunch.php). Have a great summer!

## PAC News

We've had a great year! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year. If your child bought popcorn, snacks at the snack bar, or supplies at the school store; came to Spirit night; ate snacks during CRT testing; wears SMS apparel; or attended the Dance-a-Thon, it has all been made possible because of SMS volunteers! Please remind your child to thank the volunteers before the school year is over.

Special thanks to the following PAC board members who will be leaving their posts at the end of the school year:

- \* *Kristin Hope* served for three years as treasurer and has done an excellent job. We will miss you, Kristin!
- \* *Sophie Mumford* served as bookkeeper for three years and is a former student of SMS. She did a great job with the books while holding down a full schedule at MSU. Best wishes, Sophie!
- \* *Sue MacGrath* served as secretary for one year and did a great job keeping notes of our meetings. Thank you, Sue!

We also want to thank the following committee coordinators for volunteering their time and making this a great year for SMS kids:

- \* *Pam Westphal*, Dance-A-Thon
- \* *Nannette DuCuennois*, Friday Popcorn
- \* *Stephanie Bishop* and *Beth Lohman*, Snack Bar
- \* *Kristin Bryant*, Supply Store
- \* *Beth Burrington*, Marquee
- \* *Jen Perry*, Hospitality
- \* *Betty Vargo* and *Megan Ross Kempt*, T-Shirts
- \* *Kendice Rollison*, Spirit Wear
- \* *Pam Bittner*, Student Directory
- \* *Chris Harmon*, Fundraising Drive
- \* *Kaye Grissom*, Thanks-4-Giving

PAC is looking for volunteers to fill the following integral positions for the 2012-13 school year: President and Vice-President or two Co-Presidents; Snack Bar Volunteer Coordinator; and School Supply Store Coordinator. If you would like details about any of these positions, please call *Erin Goff* at 580-5283 or *Brenda Sunderland* at 556-7151.

Volunteers are needed to help with our 5th-Grade Ice Cream Social. It will be held on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the SMS Cafeteria from 3:30-5:00 pm. We're also looking for volunteers to help with the fall schedule pickup on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's an all-day event, and we could use you all day, half-day, or even a couple of hours. Please contact *Diana Weber* at [volunteers4sms@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4sms@gmail.com) if you can help at either event!

The last PAC meeting of the year is on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon. Please come join us!

*Have a great summer!*

## Around School

*Eighth graders* are reminded to put enough money in their lunch accounts to cover their meal during their visit to the high school. Money added to accounts Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will not be available to pay for lunch that day! Cash will be accepted!



*Seventh graders*, if you are signed up for a year-long 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish, French or German class next year, you are invited on our *Spring to Europe Trip* to Spain, France, and Germany over Spring Break, 2013. If you missed our parent & student info meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, see your foreign language teacher for more details.



*Fifth graders*, we are in the process of choosing 6<sup>th</sup> grade Peer Mediators for the 2012-13 year. Presentations have been given to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Longfellow, Hawthorne and Morning Star. Those 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have the applications for the students. The mandatory training will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at CJMS for those students who are chosen. Applications are due with teacher recommendations completed by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Students who apply will be interviewed during Shadow Day on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Any questions regarding Peer Mediation and the recruiting process should be directed to *Chellee Rice @ 522-6423*.



### May 14-18 is Bike to School Week.

Everyone is encouraged to walk or bike to school all week! Volunteers will be at the bike racks in the mornings to welcome students to school. Representatives from area bike shops will be available to make minor repairs and answer questions; prizes will be awarded; presenters will share their biking adventures; and biking information will be provided to help everyone take full advantage of the great biking Bozeman offers. Parents please encourage your kids to ride! Students, gather your friends and create your own great adventures riding to school!

*See you at the bike rack!*

## Around the Neighborhood

The Fourth Annual *Prescription Take Back Day* is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Law and Justice Center will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect any unused or expired medication. Now is the time to clean out your cabinets and dispose of any medication you are not using.

Americans who participated last year turned in more than 377,086 pounds (188.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and US territories. When the results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA, and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of medication from circulation in the past 13 months.

Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) for more information.

**Beat the Back-to-School Rush  
Immunization Clinic!**

Gallatin City-County Health Department  
215 W Mendenhall  
4:00 - 6:00 pm  
April 30 - May 3

### Dates to Remember

- |         |                                                          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| May     | 8 School Election Day                                    |
|         | 10 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> /BHS Choirs, SMS gym |
|         | 11 Peer Mediator apps due                                |
|         | 14 6 <sup>th</sup> Band/Choir/Orchestra, SMS gym         |
| 14 - 18 | Bike to School Day                                       |
|         | 17 SMS Jazz Dinner, SMS cafe 6:00 pm                     |
|         | 17 8 <sup>th</sup> gr to BHS                             |
|         | 21 PAC Meeting, 12:00-1:00 pm                            |
|         | 21 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Bands/Jazz, SMS gym  |
|         | 22 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Ice Cream Social, 3:30-5:00 pm     |
|         | <b>24 Early Release, 1:45 pm</b>                         |
|         | 25 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Day                      |
|         | <b>28 Memorial Day Holiday</b>                           |
| June    | 29 SMS Orchestra/Dinner, cafe 6:00 pm                    |
|         | 6 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Celebration, gym 7:00-8:00 pm       |
|         | <b>7 Last Day of School, 1:45 pm</b>                     |
|         | 15 Final Report Card Mailed Home                         |

**May-June 2012**

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

**Sacajawea Middle School  
Mission Statement**

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