



Principal's Corner

The school year is rolling right along. Hard to believe that we have completed two months already, but we are hitting our stride and enjoying all of your students.

This past month, Assistant Principal Pat McClellan and I, along with several of our staff and students, presented a review of the past year's test data and accomplishments as well as our priorities for the coming year to the Board of Trustees and our PAC. As you are aware, a significant focus is our implementation of the Common Core Standards. One element of the implementation is Close Analytical Reading (CAR - I know, just what we need, another acronym). To be prepared for College and Career, our students must be able to read all types of text critically, fully understand the message, and interact with it in a meaningful way. This requires them to clearly understand the terms used, the context of the writing, the perspective of the author and the intended outcome for the audience. Our teachers - all of our teachers across all disciplines - are working together to develop and use effective strategies to assist our students in this type of deep reading. Students are learning the different purposes for reading and the strategies to be used for each text. The result is our students are gaining valuable skills in fully comprehending their reading of historical documents, science journals, musical pieces, the newspaper or whatever text they may encounter as they become informed citizens.

We encourage you to participate in your student's learning. Ask them about their reading, encourage them to read recreationally every day, and share with them the different ways in which you read. I can't think of a more critical skill for them to develop.

~ Gordon Grissom ~

~ Core Value of the Month ~

Each month, Sacajawea is focusing on important core values or attributes that are important to our success as individuals and as a community. We want to use these occasions to also celebrate our students who exhibit these characteristics each day. This past month, the following students were recognized for demonstrating cooperation on a daily basis:

- 6A: *Chase McGray, Anna Riek*
- 6B: *Jack Bentson, Sophia Robinson*
- 7A: *Emma Anderson, Bobby Lonergan, Molly Taylor*
- 7B: *Darian Peterson, Lily Rivers*
- 8A: *Ben Holmgren, Chloe Loeffelholtz*
- 8B: *Mia Werner, Marty Smith*
- Electives: *James Niedens, Iain Page, Mae Sherman*
- Lunch: *Hardin Walker, Parker Wise, Mitch Ullman*

Congratulations to each of these students and their families.

This coming month we will be focusing on tolerance.

PAC News

The 5th annual *Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway* is approaching! This free clothing giveaway is open to everyone and will be held at the Willson School gym on November 17th and 18th. Please start going through your closets and drawers now and set aside the clean, gently-used clothing, shoes, hats, etc. of all sizes, infant through adult. Please sort these clothes into gender and sizes if possible.

The SMS 8th graders and STUCO representatives will be working together to collect and sort the Sacajawea donations. Please bring your gently used and sorted clothes to SMS on Wednesday, November 7th; Thursday, November 8th; and Friday, November 9th. Students and volunteers will be on the curb collecting your donations from 8 am to 8:20 am each day.

Wednesday, November 14th, is the Sacajawea volunteer shift at the Willson gym. SAC needs volunteers to help sort and organize the donations from 2 pm to 8 pm. These are typically 2 hour shifts. If you would like to help with Thanks-4-Giving in any way, please contact **Megan Kempt** at mrskrog14@gmail.com.

The *Fall Contribution Drive* officially ended and we are in the process of counting the donations and checking to see if we made our goal of 100% participation. **Thank you** to all families that contributed to the PAC Contribution Drive! Even though the fundraising drive has ended, you may still send in contributions. Stay tuned for more information next month!

The new *SMS SpiritWear* sale began Tuesday, October 16th and ran through Tuesday, October 30th. This sale featured T-shirts and logos that incorporated our new school color: Carolina Blue. If you missed the ordering window, there may be more opportunities to purchase SpiritWear in the future.

Thank you to **Sarah Sobek**, our new *Hospitality Chair*! Sarah and her volunteers organized the School Board Luncheon on October 9th for both the School Board and the SMS staff. A special thank you to **Don and Shavon Cape** and **Old Chicago** for donating lunch that day!

Thank you to **Erin Goff**, *PAC Secretary*, for organizing the *Walk/Bike to School Day* on October 3rd! Even with the snow, there were plenty of kids who participated in this fun event!

SMS PAC is on Facebook!

Friend us at "**Sacajawea Pac Bozeman Montana**"



Drop off your Box Tops for Education labels in the collection box in the library. All proceeds benefit the library. Thank you!

~ Library News ~

The *Scholastic Book Fair* will be held in the library Tuesday, December 11th until 2:00 pm on Friday, December 14th. The fair will be open during the Student-Led Conferences, so encourage reading while supporting the library.

Go to the SMS Library Homepage for homework help, including Tutor.com. From the Bozeman Public Schools Homepage (<http://www.bsd7.org>), go to "Library Catalogs" and Sacajawea MS. Click on "Homework Help" and enter the password "discovery." This is a free resource, and you do not need to create an account. Live tutors are available Sundays through Thursdays, 2-11pm.

~ New Lunch Requirements ~

The school district has had many of the new requirements in place for several years which includes an increased variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, low-fat and skim milk and bean/legume dishes once per week. However, some of the new changes that you will be seeing on the lunch line will include fewer rolls and desserts and a change in what is considered a 'meal'.

A meal must now include fruits and vegetables combined or separately, and two other components, such as an entree (lunch special of the day, salad, sandwich, pizza etc.), milk, breads and desserts (when offered) and extra fruits and vegetables. A meal must now be 3 components, but may include all of the above when available. A meal does not have to include an entree.

If you should have any questions pertaining to the new meal guidelines, please feel free to contact ***Sherri Pearson*** at sherri.pearson@bsd7.org.



Veteran's Day Celebration



SMS students and staff will be honoring our veterans on Friday, November 9th. Please join us for the assembly from 8:30-9:30 am in the gymnasium. MBI students will be hosting a reception for all attending veterans, their friends and families from 9:30-10:00 am in the cafeteria.

~ Fall Concerts ~

From the Band Room: On November 19th, all brass and woodwind band students will have the opportunity to try intermediate level instruments during class time. Intermediate instruments are better machined, play better in tune, have improved tone quality and have a better response than the beginning instruments most students are currently playing. A local music store is providing a display of intermediate instruments for our students to try. If you or your child have any questions about the instruments, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hickman.

From the Music Department: All parents and friends are invited to attend the fall concerts presented by the 7th and the 8th grade Orchestras, Choirs and Bands. The concerts are held in the SMS gym, at 7:30 p.m.

We look forward to sharing our music with you!!!

Dates to Remember

November	1	8 th Gr B/Ch/O, 7:30 pm, SMS gym
	5	6 th Gr Girls Basketball starts
	6	6 th Gr Boys Basketball starts
	7	Early Release 1:45 dismissal
	8	7 th Gr B/Ch/O, 7:30 pm, SMS gym
	9	Veteran's Day Assembly, 8:30-9:30 am
	17-18	Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway, Willson School
	19	PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00, Rm 158
	21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
	30	End of Trimester
December	4	Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 pm
	7 & 14	Choir Informances
	11 & 13	Student-Led Conferences, 4 - 7:30 pm
	11-14	Scholastic Book Fair, Library
	24-Jan 4	Winter Break - No School

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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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