



Principal's Corner

This past week marked the midpoint of the last trimester of the 2013-2014 school year. Hard to believe we are in the final stretch of another school year but a number of important events still await including our spring concerts, Jump-Up Day for our 8th graders, 5th Grade Shadow Day, Spring STAR testing, and our 8th Grade Celebration. Even more significant is the continued learning that will be our main focus in these final six weeks.

One of the tasks of spring is scheduling our students into the appropriate classes for the coming school year. Although most of our offerings are made up of heterogeneous student groupings, our math classes are developed around the specific skill level of each group of students. The intention is to provide the necessary support for students who need to improve their mathematical fluency and conceptual understanding as well as the appropriate challenge for those who have an aptitude and propensity for learning mathematical concepts efficiently.

To place students accurately and appropriately, we review assessment data, consider work habits, and use professional judgment. The expectation will be that each student—6th, 7th, 8th or freshman—will be in an environment that will support success and encourage growth. Which, come to think of it, is the intent in all of our classes.

Looking forward to a strong conclusion to the year.

~ Gordon Grissom ~

**Bozeman Public Schools
General Fund Levy, Trustee Election and
High School Site Acquisition
Ballots are due by
Tuesday, May 6 ♦ 8:00 pm
For information:
<http://www.bsd7.org/2014election/>**

Mrs. Kathy Hanson Retiring

Recently, Mrs. Hanson - Kindergarten teacher at Morning Star Elementary School will be retiring at the end of this school year. If you had children who are former students of Mrs. Hanson and would like to contribute to the creation of a printed book tribute please contact Mollie Pugh at Tribute2Hanson@gmail.com for more information. Please do not contact Mrs. Hanson directly. Participation could be in a variety of forms including a hand-drawn picture, letter or short note.

Library Used Book Sale!

The library used book sale will be held in the library May 20th - 23rd. Bring your gently used books, CDs, videos and DVDs for all ages to the library during school hours. Advisories with the most donations will receive donuts!

PAC News

Cybersafety

Quick: Does your kid's - or your - cellphone have a pass-code locking it? Know if your child has a second Facebook profile? Or even what social media platforms he/she is using?

PAC hosted Bozeman Police Detective *Dana McNeill*, member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, at last month's meeting. He offered a brief but gripping run-down of common pitfalls, warning signs and solutions.

If you missed the meeting - or don't know the answers to the questions above - McNeill recommended www.NetSmartz.org as a resource for parents and children alike.

Snacks & Testing

Thanks to *Elin Hert* for keeping brainpower at maximum strength with snacks and other goodies during the Smarter Balanced testing the past few weeks. And a shout-out to *McDonald's* for donating 1,000 bags of apples for the test days.

Ice Cream Social

We need help with the incoming 5th Grade Ice Cream Social on June 3rd after school. This is our chance to help introduce the next generation of Sacajawea students to the community. We will need help with gathering items for the Social, setting up, serving ice cream and cleaning up. Please contact *Rhonda Coles* at coles4@live.com to help with this very fun event.

Eighth Grade Celebration

The Eighth Grade Celebration will be 6:30, June 5th. (Please note the change in date.) If you are not a parent of an 8th grader and would like to help, PAC volunteer coordinator *Pam Westphal* would love to hear from you at volunteers4sms@gmail.com.

Help shape next year's PAC

PAC needs you! We have several positions open next year, and volunteering is a great way to get involved in school. One big need: We're looking for either a treasurer or a volunteer coordinator. Our current coordinator, *Pam Westphal*, is willing to move to treasurer if we don't fill that slot come fall, but then we'd need someone to fill her shoes. If you're interested in one or the other, let us know. Other openings: Vice-President/Co-chair for Contribution Drive/Co-Chair for Thanks-4-Giving/CRT Snack Chair/Spirit Wear coordinator. Make a difference in the Sacajawea community. Contact *Pam* at volunteers4sms@gmail.com, or simply join us at our next PAC meeting. Meet the BHS principal. **Attention 8th grade parents:** On Monday, May 19 at noon Bozeman High School principal *Kevin Conwell* will talk about the transition to high school. Bring your questions. More details will come on Facebook and via email. Join us for what will be our last PAC meeting of the year!

SMS PAC is on Facebook: Friend us at "Sacajawea Pac Bozeman Montana."

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, May 14th or Thursday, May 15th will not be available to pay for lunch that day! Cash will be accepted!

8th Grade Spring to Europe Trip 2015

WHO? If you will be an 8th grader at SMS/CJMS next year and enrolled in the full-year course of Spanish, French, or German, you have the opportunity for an educational travel experience to Spain, France, and Germany! Students will be required to meet behavior and grade expectatins in order to be accepted. Students will be supervised in chaperone groups with MSM/CJMS teachers and an IF Tour guide.

WHEN? SPRING BREAK, March 5-15, 2015, students will travel for 11 days.

WHERE? As in previous year, the trip will take us to Spain, France, and Germany.

HOW MUCH? The base price of the trip will be about \$4000.00 + \$600.00 for some meals & spending money; base price depends on how many students go.

START FUND RAISING! Interested students may want to start fund raising now for this oppotunity!

SIGNUP! Contact your world language teachers if you are interested and can't make the first meeting, and also have a friend collect information for you. You will be given the website to actually start the registration process. Our limited number of spots fill up quickly!

May 5th-9th 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 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!

Tetanus Booster Requirement

Students are required to have a tetanus booster (Td or TdaP) within five years of the start of their 7th grade year. For next year's 7th graders, the tetanus booster must have been given after September 1st, 2009. Proof of immunization must be provided in order to receive your schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.

We recommend avoiding the crush of schedule pick up day! You may drop off a copy of your child's booster record at the main office or ask your pediatrician to fax directly to the guidance office at 522-6484. If you have questions, please call Sally Owen at 522-6482.

Dates to Remember

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 7/8 choirs, SMS 1 Mid-Term Reports sent home 6 School Election Day 8 6th Band/Choir/Orch, SMS gym 7:30 13 SMS Jazz Dinner, SMS cafe 6:00 pm 19 PAC Meeting, 12:00-1:00 pm 20 8th Gr Jump Up Day at BHS 21 Early Release, 1:45 pm 26 Memorial Day Holiday 29 Select Choir Concert 6:00pm Cafe 30 5th Grade Shadow Day
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 7th/8th Bands, SMS Gym 7:30 pm 3 Dinner/Orchestra 6pm SMS Cafe 3 5th Gr Ice Cream Social, 3:30-5:00 pm 5 8th Gr Celebration, gym 6:30-7:30pm 11 Last Day of School, 12:35 pm 20 Final Report Cards Mailed Home
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 Schedule Pick Up Day
Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 First Day of School

***8th Grade Celebration

Date Changed To June 5th from 6:30 - 7:30***

May-June 2014

Sacajawea Middle School Mission Statement

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

Return Service Requested

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