



## Principal's Corner

November brings the final few weeks of our first trimester and a number of unique events for our students. This coming Monday we are fortunate to bring **Spencer Bohren** to our school. Mr. Bohren is a musician, songwriter and artist from New Orleans who shares the story of our country through its music. His **Down the Dirt Road Blues** will be presented to our student body on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>; he traces a single song through the time of slavery, the blues of Mississippi, the dance halls of Memphis, the hills of Appalachia, and the clubs of Chicago to the birth of rock and roll. He will also spend time in several of our art classes working with our students in developing three-dimensional shadowboxes. We are fortunate to have an artist of Mr. Bohren's talent share his skills with our kids. Thanks to the PAC for helping make this possible.

The following Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, will be our annual **Veteran's Day Assembly** at which we honor those who have served our country. Family members who are veterans are invited to join us in this celebration. A reception, sponsored by the **Falcon It Right Club**, will be held immediately after the assembly.

Also this month, we will be participating with the other schools in town in the Thanks-4-Giving clothing drive. Thank you for partnering with us in supporting those in need.

A special thank you to all of our families for your continued financial support of our school. Your contributions help us to dramatically enhance our instruction as well as further prepare our students with the skills needed in the workplace.

~ **Gordon Grissom** ~

## ~ Congratulations ~

This past month, the SMS Altacare Team of **Amanda Crawford** and **Kace Doornbos** was recognized as the 2012-2013 Altacare New Program of the Year for the state of Montana. A division of Acadia Healthcare, Altacare provides services within the schools to students and families facing emotional/mental obstacles to their learning. We are fortunate to have Amanda and Kace working with us at SMS in providing valuable support to children and being a part of our team.

## ~ Falcon It Right! ~

Falcon It Right! Club has been BUSY this fall! Students visited **Spring Creek** and the **Chalet at Highgate** senior residential homes in September and October. We have been to **Morning Star** to help and interact with elementary students in the after school program. Four of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls put together and presented an amazing PowerPoint/video/live performance at the **Missoula Youth Days Conference** put on by the Office of Public Instruction. Several students will participate in the **Bozeman Youth Days** on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Students are putting together a folio of letters to send to troops for the holidays through the **Adopt-a-Sox** program. Watch for information about our fundraising efforts to raise money for new benches!

## PAC News

Time to clean out your closets! The 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway** runs November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This clothing giveaway is open to everyone and will be held at the Willson School gym. Please start going through your drawers now and set aside clean, gently-used clothing, shoes, hats, etc. of all sizes – infant through adult. Please sort and label these clothes into gender and sizes if possible.

You can drop off those donations November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at Sacajawea. Students and volunteers will be on the curb in the north parking lot collecting your donations from 8 am to 8:20 am each day. You may also drop them off at designated bins inside the school on those days.

A big THANK YOU to **Anna Galindo** and **SuzAnn Haney** for coordinating SMS contributions and volunteers. Want to help at the Willson School gym? Set up starts Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and will continue through that week from 9 am to 8 pm every day. Contact **Anna Galindo** for more information or to volunteer: [galindo1234@yahoo.com](mailto:galindo1234@yahoo.com).



Thank you for your incredible support of the annual **Contribution Drive** to fund student enrichment, and the new Cornerstone Campaign. The response has been amazing ~ over \$15,000! Because of your generosity with the new Cornerstone Campaign, we will be able to provide iPads for additional classroom instruction as well as for a cart of iPads for full classroom use! We are well on our way to a cart for each grade level! We would love to complete the goal this year, so if you were holding off on donating wait no longer.

While the drive was technically completed October 11<sup>th</sup>, contributions are always welcome! We have an on-line method that offers a simple and fun way to contribute: Make a tax-deductible gift and earn credit card benefits by going to our new Square Store site for Sacajawea. The link: <http://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>

A huge *thank you* to **Lori Faure** and **Leesa Anderson** for leading the Contribution Drive effort and launching the Cornerstone Campaign for iPads! This program continued the effort to offer teachers and students additional technology that Mr. Grissom and the Dance-a-thon team started last year.



PAC is pleased to help bring New Orleans performer, educator and artist **Spencer Bohren** to SMS for two days this month. Mr. Bohren will perform at a rare all-school assembly, then spend time with individual art and music classes. Off Beat Magazine calls Mr. Bohren "one of the world's most expressive guitarists" who has "a genius for album concepts." He travels the country sharing America's traditional folk, blues, gospel and country music with all ages; his three-dimensional shadowbox assemblages have been called atmospheric, ceremonial, mysterious, spiritual, and magical. You can find more information about Spencer at [www.SpencerBorhen.com](http://www.SpencerBorhen.com).

## PAC News cont'd

PAC also approved nearly \$12,000 in teacher and school requests ~ new reading chairs to the library, Shakespeare in the Schools to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, new atlases to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mesoman to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and skeins of yarn to the knitting club, among many other needs. *Thank you for your contributions!*

Thank you to *Erin Goff*, former PAC Secretary, and all of the teachers who organized the **Walk/Bike to School Day** on October 9<sup>th</sup>! We had a gorgeous fall day and plenty of kids participating.

Also a *thank you* to the parents who helped with picture day!

We'll have several open positions next year. If you would like to get involved, consider doing so now, so you can shadow someone already in the role and get a feel for the position. Drop a note to our volunteer coordinator, *Diana Weber*, at [volunteers4sms@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4sms@gmail.com).

You won't want to miss the next PAC meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. *Assistant Principal Mr. McClellan* will be on hand to discuss Performance-Based Grading and its connection with the Core Standards.

SMS PAC is on Facebook!

Friend us at "Sacajawea Pac Bozeman Montana"

## ~ Watershed Study - 7B ~

Recently the 7B team hiked to Sourdough Creek for lessons focused on nature-inspired journaling, map-making, water quality testing, leaf identification and macro invertebrate collections. *Matt Wilhelm*, Director of Invasive Species Action Network Education, led the students in the macro collection. They observed and collected several aquatic macro-invertebrates they've been learning about, such as large stoneflies, sculpin and caddis larva. Re-searching our local watershed, makes learning so much more meaningful and inspiring.

Students!

Please remember to sign in at the main office every time you enter school after the 8:20 bell!

## ~ Library News ~

You can access the **SMS Library Homepage and Catalog** from home. Go to <http://library.bsd7.org> and select "Sacajawea Middle School." Our Homepage includes links to team websites and research help, including World Book Online and EBSCO databases. If you any questions, please call *Darcy Lohmiller* or *Brenda Wilson* at 522-6414.

### World Book

username: sacajawea Password: marmaduke

### EBSCO

username: mtlib\_2\_1120 Password: discovery



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



**The Student Council is eager to launch our 2013 Food Drive as a part of the Can the Griz food drive being held until Thanksgiving. Of course, we will accept food intended to Can the Cats as well. Please contribute through your student and help your advisory build a heaping helping to help those in need at this time of year.**

## Dates to Remember

<b>November</b>	4	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr B/Ch/O, 7:30 pm, SMS gym
	4	6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Boys Basketball starts
	5	6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Girls Basketball starts
	6	<b>Early Release 1:45 dismissal</b>
	11	Veteran's Day Assembly, 8:30-9:30 am
	13-14	Thanks-4-Giving clothing drop-off
	12	7 <sup>th</sup> Gr B/Ch/O, 7:30 pm, SMS gym
	18	PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00, Rm 158
	20	Select Choir, Fest of Trees, Gran-Tree, 7:00
	23-24	Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway, Willson School
	26	End of Trimester
	27-29	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</b>
<b>December</b>	9	Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 pm
	6 & 13	Choir Informances
	10 & 12	Student-Led Conferences, 4 - 7:30 pm
	11-14	Scholastic Book Fair, Library
	23-Jan 3	<b>Winter Break - No School</b>

## Thanksgiving Resources for the Gallatin Valley

John Bozeman's Bistro Dinner ~ 125 West Main ~ 587-4100 (Carla) Complimentary, gourmet sit-down Thanksgiving dinner at 2pm on Thanksgiving Day. Reservations are required (seating is limited). Call at least a week before as the seats do fill up but people can call after that to see if there are any cancellations. \*\* They do not need any volunteers at this time \*\*

Belgrade Community F ~ 240 N River Rock Dr ~ 570-9638 (Emily) Provided by various Belgrade organizations. Families are welcome from 1-2 pm on Thanksgiving day. \*\* Emily needs volunteers from 12:30-4pm, including clean up \*\*

Gallatin Valley Food Bank Thanksgiving Holiday Box ~ 602 Bond St ~ 586-7600 The Food Bank will provide families with a box of raw food to create an entire Thanksgiving Dinner. Families need not show proof of income for a box but will need to fill out a basic application at the Food Bank up until Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Pick up the box at the Food Bank on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4 pm or November 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm. \*\* Email [volunteer@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org) for volunteer opportunities. \*\*

Community Café, through the Food Bank ~ 302 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave ~ 586-7600 Free meals in a restaurant setting, open nightly from 5-7pm. [cafe@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org](mailto:cafe@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org) \*\* They do not need any volunteers at this time \*\*

Old Chicago and Hilton Garden Inn Bozeman ~ 587-9404 Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30pm-1:30pm. Free Thanksgiving dinner open to all in need of a meal & company. No reservations required. \*\*They do not need any volunteers at this time\*\*

\*\* Huffing for Stuffing DOES need volunteers before, during and after the race. Our website [www.huffingforstuffing.com/volunteer](http://www.huffingforstuffing.com/volunteer) has the volunteer opportunities listed with a brief description of what each position entails. People can download the volunteer application and either mail it to the Food Bank (our mailing address is at the bottom of the form) or they can email it to [hfsvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:hfsvolunteer@yahoo.com).