



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:20
STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF NO
LATER THAN 8:15 TO BE IN CLASS ON TIME.**

Principal's Corner

Difficult to believe that we have reached the midway point of the school year! However, we are excited about the learning which is taking place and the progress the students are making. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving information on scheduling for next year—from the high school as well as for seventh and eighth grades. Please plan to take some time to discuss the options with your students and work with them to identify those classes that will both challenge and enrich them.

The Sacajawea community is beginning to plan for our potential building expansion to fully support our increasing enrollment. We are nearing the "intended capacity" of our facility and are excited about the opportunities an expansion may bring. The NE45 Architecture firm is interviewing staff, students and parents during February to capture each group's perspective on how the building can support student learning and enrollment growth. An advisory group has also been formed to provide on-going feedback as the firm develops potential ideas.

Although we are feeling the growth of our student population, we are also fully aware of and committed to addressing the needs of our kids. It's an opportunity for creativity, flexibility, and resilience. We strive to personalize our support for every student, and though our numbers have continued to rise, we are dedicated to recognizing each child for his/her strengths, skills and challenges. It's what makes our work so rewarding.

Thank you for sharing your kids and partnering with us to help them succeed.

≈Gordon Grissom≈

Science and Math Exploration for MS Girls

The 23rd Annual Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math (EYH) Conference will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8:30-3:30 at MSU in Bozeman. The focus of this workshop is to encourage young women in grades 6-8 to explore variety of math and science related professions through fun and creative hands-on workshops. Conference registration will open March 2, 2015 and cost is \$30.00, which includes lunch and supplies. Space is limited to 250 participants and is determined on a first-come basis. Register early! Registration forms will be sent to the schools in mid-February. To learn more about the conference: <http://eu.montana/ContinuingEd/youth/>. Registration forms will be available online after March 2. For more information or questions contact EYH Program Manager Nicole Soll at 406-994-6633 or nicole.soll1@montana.edu.

PAC News

A big "Thank You!" to all who helped with Spirit Night on Jan. 30. Thanks also to *Johnny Carino's* for providing dinners and to *Harrington's Pepsi* for the drinks.

And thank you again to all who contributed during our *Contribution Drive* and *Cornerstone Campaign* in the fall. The MacBooks are here and in use, a full cart of 30 Chromebooks is due to arrive shortly, and in January PAC purchased a SECOND FULL CART for the school. Your generosity made this possible.

Mackenzie River Pizza Night

Who doesn't love pizza? Or a chance to not cook dinner? *MacKenzie River Pizza* has partnered with Sacajawea on their School Night Program. The third Wednesday of every month is our night; Have lunch or dinner at *MacKenzie* on Feb. 18, March 18, April 15 or May 20, and *MacKenzie* will donate 20 percent of your tab (minus alcohol) to PAC. You can eat there or order for carry out. The hitch? You need a **coupon**, sent via email from SMS or available for download on the school website, <http://sms.bsd7.org>. There will also be some at the restaurant. Just don't forget to use the coupon!

Volunteer Opportunities

PAC needs you! We have several positions open next year, and volunteering is a great way to get involved in school. Consider volunteering now so you can "shadow" the current jobholder and make the transition easier:

Treasurer, Volunteer coordinator, Spirit Wear coordinator, HE shirts coordinator.

Make a difference in the Sacajawea community. Contact volunteer coordinator **Pam Westphal** at volunteers4sms@gmail.com for more information, or simply join us at our next PAC meeting.

Upcoming PAC Meetings

PAC will meet **Monday, Feb. 23 at noon**. Sacajawea Middle School is expanding, and the school board has hired **NE45 Architecture** to design the project. Meet representatives of the firm at our next meeting, and hear about - and influence! - the future of the school. More details will come on Facebook and via email later this month, but mark **Feb. 23** on your calendar. Join us!

PAC Officers

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Yearbook

Eighth Graders! If you would like to have your baby or toddler pictures (no posters please!) included in the yearbook, please hand one in to Mr. Bies or email to kenny.bies@bsd7.org by **Feb 28th**. Photos will be returned.

The 2014-2015 SMS Yearbook presale will take place through the month of February. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00. Please make checks payable to SMS. A limited scholarship fund is available; requests will be accepted in February only.

President's Day Polar Plunge

Twelve teachers from *Sacajawea Middle School* have teamed up to jump into freezing money to raise money for *Montana Special Olympics*, a non-profit organization that gives social, emotional and physical opportunities to people with disabilities. Please help us reach or exceed our goal of \$1,200 before February 16th by visiting the following website to donate to Team SMS!
<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/285372>. If you have any questions, please e-mail Trista Babcock at trista.babcock@bsd7.org.

Dine and Donate

Support SMS by frequenting MacKenzie River Pizza! Dine in or take out; lunch and/or dinner. Each month, on a designated day, MacKenzie River Pizza at 232 E Main St will donate 20% of your ticket (excluding alcohol) to SMS PAC. Each month's coupon can be found at <http://sms.bsd7.org/> or in the main office.

Box Tops to the SMS Library

Please remember to send your Box Tops to the SMS library. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and benefits the school library. For more information about Box Tops and participating products, please visit the BTFE.com website. Thank you for supporting the library.

Wanted for the Library

The SMS Library is looking for the *March 2012 National Geographic* and the *November 2013 National Geographic*. If anyone has either copy the library would LOVE to have them.

Reminder:

Please do not send Valentine's Day flowers or balloons to school!

Job Opportunity

As a stay at home parent, wouldn't you like to find a job you could take your child with you and have the schedule your school age child does? You can, being a school bus driver with **First Student!** Here in Bozeman we are currently **hiring** for part time bus drivers. We offer paid training (2-4wks), hiring bonus, and a flexible schedule. We will help you obtain your commercial drivers license, (CDL) if you do not currently possess one and reimburse you the fee. You only are required to work the days school is in session. You are guaranteed 4 hours on the days you work with chances for extra work throughout the year into the summer months. The starting wage is \$12.15 an hour with a \$500.00 hiring bonus, plus pay for your training to obtain your CDL. If you **are interested** or perhaps you know someone who is, please stop by our office 3425 N 27th (behind Costco) or call **Stacy or Doug at 556-8039**.

Architects at February PAC Mtg.

Ron Nemetz and Ben Erickson from NE45 Architects are scheduled to join us at our February PAC meeting on Feb. 23. NE45 has won approval for developing initial plans for the expansion of SMS. They will be sharing an overview of the process leading to possible development plans. Ron and Ben have been speaking with various stakeholders to gain their perspectives and ideas and would appreciate hearing from you as well. Please plan to join us on the 23rd.

Dates To Remember

- February 3 SMS 8th/CJMS8th/BHS Choirs
The Commons 7:30 pm
- 5 Bridger Ski Day 6A
- 5 SMS 8th/CJMS8th/BHS Bands
Commons 7:30 pm
- 6 Big Sky Ski Day 6B
- 10 SMS/CJMS/BHS Jazz Bands,
Grace Church 7:30 pm
- 11 Spelling Bee, SMS Cafeteria
3:30 pm
- 12 5th Grade Parent Night,
6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 16 **President's Day-No School**
- 23 SMS Orchestras, SMS Gym
7:30 pm
- 23 PAC Meeting, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 27 Big Sky Ski Day 8A
- March 6 Big Sky Ski Day 8B
- 6 End of Trimester 2
- 9-13 Spring Break**
- 19 T-2 Report Cards Sent Home
- 19 Bridger Ski Day 7B
- 20 Bridger Ski Day 7A
- 23 PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm
- 26 SMS Bands, SMS Gym 7:30pm
- April 9 Student Conferences,
11:00-7:00pm – **No School**
- 10 **PIR Day – No School K-12**
- 20 PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm
- 22 5th Grade B/O Festival at SMS
- 24 Trimester 3 Mid-Term
- 30 SMS/BHS Choirs, Willson
7:30pm

