



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

Principal's Corner

The arrival of May means we are quickly nearing the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. It seems to be only a few days ago that we were watching the football teams mix it up with their rivals--perhaps it's the weather--but it was over six months ago and we have only six weeks remaining in the school year.

Last week's conferences were a valuable time to reflect on the year of learning for our students and to reinforce those skills and habits that have led to their success. We intend to finish this trimester strongly and use the achievements of this year to set the foundation for next year be it at Sacajawea or Bozeman High. Our focus is always on growth and continued improvement built on the life-long skills and habits that will lead to on-going success.

We also seek to continue our growth as a school and the responses received from our families in the Foundations Survey provide valuable input. We received much positive feedback--strong results in adults encouraging and supporting students, safety, and high expectations taught and consistently followed. However, we also learned that we have room for improvement in several areas as well including demonstrating the relevancy of student learning, encouraging parent involvement, and developing more effective and consistent communication with our families. We will be analyzing the data provided by this survey to improve our work and partnership with families to better serve our kids.

As always, thank you for your partnership with us on behalf of our students. Anticipate a strong finish to the year.

≈Gordon Grissom≈

Renovation Update

The planning for and development of the *Sacajawea* expansion is nearing fruition. In early June, the preliminary set-up will take place with actual demolition and construction beginning the Monday following the last day of school. Phase 1 will focus this summer on expansion of classrooms on each grade level wing. Late summer and early fall will see the beginning of the electives wing and expansion of the HE and music areas. Make plans to check the progress over the summer.

PAC News

Thank you to the Volunteers that helped with burgers and clean-up the Student Led Conference BBQ.

Pizza Night at Mackenzie River – May 4th

Next PAC Meeting is noon, May 16, at SAC

PAC is looking for new officers and volunteers for next year – If you would like to have a deeper involvement make a significant impact towards supporting your child's school and education, the PAC would love to have you. We are looking for volunteers to fill officer positions and other key roles for the coming school. This Spring is a great time to become involved and shadow an officer in preparation for the start of the school year. Please contact *Becky Ellig* at k12m09@msn.com for more details

Upcoming Events

May 2-6th – Teacher Appreciation

May 16th – Jump Up Day for 8th Graders

May 20th – Day of Service

May 26th – 5th Grade Shadow Day

PAC Officers for 2015-2016

Co-Presidents: *Becky Ellig* k12m09@msn.com

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Vice President: *Unfilled Position*. Please contact

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Treasurer: *Gary Hellenga*

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Volunteer Coordinator: *Julianne Williams*

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Transition Events

A number of activities are planned this month to assist our current and new students in their transitions. On **Monday, May 16, eighth grade** students will visit **Bozeman High School** for their Jump-Up Day and learn more about the academic and extracurricular programs offered at BHS. Similarly, on **Thursday, May 26**, our **incoming sixth graders** will visit **SMS** during our **Shadow Day**. The new students and their families are then invited back for an **Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, May 31**. Finally, we will look back and recognize the growth of our kids over the last three years at the **Eighth Grade Celebration on Thursday, June 2**. Watch for more information to come.

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. **Proof of immunization** must be provided in order to receive your schedule for the **2016-2017** 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 522-6482. If you have questions, please call **Sally Owen** at **522-6422**.

Attendance Matters!

Just a friendly reminder that as we wrap up another busy school year that you keep track of your student's attendance! Days missed add up quickly and can affect your student's performance.

According to the **Bozeman School District** policy (3122P), a student who misses **10 or more days of school, including excused and unexcused absences, is considered excessively absent**. If your student has missed 10 or more days you may be contacted by our Attendance Liaison, Jerrilyn Olsen. You may contact her with any concerns at our Main Office at (406) 522-6400.

A few helpful hints:

*If your student sees a **doctor**, be sure to bring in a doctor's note. If a doctor's note is presented it does not count toward their accumulated absences.

*Please try to schedule **appointments** outside of school hours.

*Please try to schedule **family vacations** during school holidays.

Yearbook Presale!

The yearbook presale will be going on the month of May. Look for the order forms to be coming home with your student. The cost is \$20.00. Scholarships are available. Yearbooks can be paid for by check, made out to SMS or cash. Please turn in the order form and money to the front office and not your counselor or teachers. Yearbooks will be given to students during the last week of school.

Used Book Sale

Book Sale **June 1 - 3, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm**. We will have our legendary "Bag Sale" on Friday, buy a bag from us for \$1, fill and go! We are currently accepting gently used books, DVDs, and CDs. This is a community sale so we accept all levels. **NO textbooks please!** Donations welcome! The **SMS Library** collects **Box Tops for Education**.

Tools Needed for Service Day

All students will be participating in the **SMS Service Day on Friday, May 20th**. They will be engaging in various activities around the Bozeman

area. We need your help. Please bring shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows to the 6th grade common area a day or two before the event. Please make sure that all items are clearly labeled. Thank you for your help in making this day a huge success.

Back-to-School Supply Kits

The Bozeman Schools Foundation and your PAC are offering the convenient services of SchoolKidz, Inc. and their Teacher Tailored[®] back-to-school supply kit program. Five dollars of every kit purchased is donated to the Bozeman Schools Foundation and your PAC! These donations benefit Spark Grants, Scholarships and so much more! We offer brand name items, such as Crayola[®], Elmer's[®] and Staples. Each item is chosen by the teachers and is exactly what is on your child's supply list. If you have any questions, please contact info@bozemanschoolsfoundation.org.

Online Ordering Begins: April 1st, 2016

Online Ordering Ends: June 17th, 2016

Orders are **ONLY** accepted online. To order your kit(s) online, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.shopttkits.com
2. Enter the account number: 10443
3. Choose the appropriate grade level kit – Remember to enter the grade your student will be in next year!
4. Enter your child's first and last name
5. Add to cart; confirm your order and checkout. **IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN IN OR CREATE AN ACCOUNT WHEN CHECKING OUT. YOU MAY CHECKOUT WITHOUT AN ACCOUNT BY ENTERING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ONLY.**

Summer Fun

Summer is coming up quickly! Plan your child's summer fun at **Montana Parent [Summer guide](#)**.

Dates To Remember

May	9	SMS 7 th and 8 th Choirs, Gym 7:30 pm
	10	SMS Dinner Jazz, Cafeteria 6:00 pm
	16	PAC Meeting, 12:00-1:00 pm
	16	8 th Grade Jump Up Day at BHS
	17	SMS 6 th Grade B/C/O, Gym 7:30 pm
	20	SMS Service Day
	23	SMS Select Choir, Cafeteria 6:00 pm
	24	SMS Dinner Orchestra SMS Cafeteria 6:00 pm
	26	5 th Grade Shadow Day
	27	PIR Day – No School K-12
	30	Memorial Day – No School K-12
	31	Ice Cream Social for 5 th grade families 4:00-5:00 pm
June	2	8 th Grade Celebration 6:30-7:30 pm
	6	SMS Exploratory Day, (48 unique presentations)
	10	Last Day of School 12:45 Dismissal
	10	End of Final Grading Period
	17	Final Report Cards Mailed Home

