



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

## Principal's Corner

Friday, March 4, marks the conclusion of our second trimester--we are two-thirds of the way through the school year. It seems to be flying by! In fact, we are in the middle of registering our eighth graders for high school and our fifth, sixth and seventh graders for the coming year at Sac. "Time waits for no man..."

Later this week, our eighth grade students will be taking the Montana State Criterion Reference Test (CRT) in Science. Although our eighth graders take it each year, this will be the first time this cohort of students will have taken it since fourth grade. This summative test provides a chance to monitor student learning in science over the course of four years and provides a measure of both their learning and the effectiveness of our instruction.

In April and mid-May, all of our students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment which measures students' abilities in reading and math. Also summative in nature, the SBAC will provide an indication of student progress based on the Montana Core Standards and will be a valuable indicator of individual proficiency. It will also provide guidance to our work as a school--demonstrating the areas in which we excel as well as potential areas of deficiency in which we can focus and work to improve.

Our expectation is that our students will perform well--we build our instruction and curriculum on the standards that will build the foundation for success in subsequent years in school as well as life. Thanks for your help in preparing them on the days of testing--a good night's rest, a nutritious breakfast, a positive and confident attitude. Look for additional information on upcoming assessments and always feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

≈Gordon Grissom≈

## New High School Community Meeting

There will be a Community meeting to discuss the future programming of Bozeman High School. The meeting will take place on March 9 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Bozeman High School South Cafeteria. This meeting is a chance for community members to give their input on solutions to increased enrollment at Bozeman High School. For more information on the process, please visit the Bozeman School District website at [bsd7.org](http://bsd7.org) and look for Future High School Needs on the main page. You can also send comments and input to [bhsfuture@bsd7.org](mailto:bhsfuture@bsd7.org). All comments are shared with the High School Programming Advisory Committee.

## PAC News

**Spirit Night was a huge Success!** Thank you to the volunteers and staff that made everything run smoothly and gave the school an opportunity to raise the much needed funds to support the kids many school clubs and organized activities. The kids raised close to \$3800.

**The Pac Needs Incoming officers!** PAC Treasurer, Gary Hellenga is across the world on a once in a life-time adventure, which means that PAC is in need of a dedicated volunteer to step in and help us out.

Several of the PAC members and officers are moving on to High School, leaving vacancies for next year. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in supporting their children's school and learning environment to fill those vacancies. IF you are interested in shadowing an officer this Spring or would like to contribute in any way, please contact **Becky Ellig** at [k12m09@msn.com](mailto:k12m09@msn.com) for more details.

**Next Meeting is March 28, 12-1pm** – The PAC will meet later in the month to accommodate the post-Spring Break crush. Guest speakers will be announced.

## PAC Officers for 2015-2016

**Co-Presidents:** **Becky Ellig** [k12m09@msn.com](mailto:k12m09@msn.com)  
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## Dine and Donate

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Support SMS by frequenting **MacKenzie River Pizza!** Dine in or take out; lunch and/or dinner. On the first Wednesday of each month, 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 [sms.bsd7.org/](http://sms.bsd7.org/) or in the main office.

## Europe Trip News

Eighteen eighth graders are going on the SMS Europe Trip in June, 2016 to *Spain, France, & Germany* with their World Language teachers. Students are excited to meet their pen pals and explore these interesting countries! We are currently accepting donations for scholarship money to offer students. If you can, please make your *donation* to: *SMS Europe Trip Fund* and give to Julia in the main office or to one of your language teachers. Students will also be doing a number of upcoming fundraisers, so please give generously!

Current 7th graders who are interested in next year's trip may also start fundraising now, and then be sure to register for the year-long Spanish, French, or German class in 8th grade to qualify for the trip! Contact for more info: [dena.gross@bsd7.org](mailto:dena.gross@bsd7.org) (Spanish), [sally.bell@bsd7.org](mailto:sally.bell@bsd7.org) (French), and [krista.steudel@bsd7.org](mailto:krista.steudel@bsd7.org) (German)

## Special Recognition

Congratulations to *Grace Rembert* who recently qualified for the state *Geo Bee Competition* in early April. *Grace* has won the Sacajawea competition for two years in a row and, last year, won the state bee and represented Montana in Washington DC at the national competition. Congratulations as well to *Siena Popiel* for winning our school Spelling Bee. *Siena* and eight other finalists competed in the County Spelling Bee at the end of February.

## Renovation Update

We continue to further the development of plans for the Sacajawea renovation. Architects from A&E and Integrus have been meeting regularly with *Martel Construction*, district facility staff, and Sacajawea staff to identify additional details on the plan and prepare for the initial construction. The anticipated start date will be in late spring with an ambitious schedule planned for this summer prior to the return of the students in the fall. We are looking forward to completing the project by Fall 2017. The renovated school promises to provide for the influx of students but also build our capacity to better serve the learning needs of our kids. Exciting times!

## Have You Made Child Care Plans?

The *Children's Museum of Bozeman* is offering PIR Day, Spring Break, and STEAMlab classes. For more information and to sign up please visit [cmbozeman.org](http://cmbozeman.org). It won't be long before spring break. "If you are looking for Spring Break resources and ideas for activities for your children there are some great options posted on the Thrive website, [www.allthrive.org](http://www.allthrive.org)."

## Yearbook

*Eighth Graders!* If you would like to have your baby or toddler pictures (no posters please!) included in the year book, please hand one in to Mr. Bies or email to [kenny.bies@bsd7.org](mailto:kenny.bies@bsd7.org) by **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Photos will be returned. The sale of yearbooks will take place in May.

## Message from SMS School Nurse

Please remember to keep your child home for 24 hours post vomit, fever, diarrhea and start of antibiotics. Also, you need a backup plan if your child is sick and you need to work.

## Attention 6th Grade Parents

*Seventh grade* students *must* submit proof of a updated tetanus booster (either a Td or a Tdap) *or* the required "Religious Exemption" notarized forms, *before* starting the 2016-2017 school year. *Call Sally Owen at 522-6422* if you have any questions.

## Spring Cleaning

Please bring all of your used books in to the SMS Library for our *Annual Used Book Sale*. We take all levels, picture books to nonfiction. Thank you! Watch for SALE dates! Please save *BOXTOPS* for the SMS Library Literature Circle project.

## YMCA Eat Live Play After School Program

Looking for a healthy alternative to students coming home to an empty house after school? The YMCA offers a two-hour after school program at Sacajawea on Tuesdays and Thursdays that focuses on nutritional snacks, interactive games and healthy lifestyles. Information and registration is available at [montanaeatliveplay@gmail.com](mailto:montanaeatliveplay@gmail.com).

## Dates To Remember

March	4	7B – Bridger Bowl
	4	End of Trimester 2
	8	8A – Bridger Bowl
	9	8B – Bridger Bowl
	10	SMS Choir Ensembles SMS Gym 7:30-8:30 pm
	11	7A – Bridger Bowl
	14-18	Spring Break – <i>No School K-12</i>
	28	PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm
	31	SMS Bands, SMS Gym 7:30 pm
April	18	PAC Meeting 12:00 – 1:00 pm
	21	Student-Led Conferences 11:00-7:00 pm
	21-22	PIR Day – <i>No School K-12</i>
	22	Trimester 3 Mid-Term
	27	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/O Festival at SMS
May	9	SMS 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Choirs, Gym 7:30 pm
	10	SMS Dinner Jazz, Cafeteria 6:00 pm
	16	PAC Meetin, 12:00-1:00 pm
	17	SMS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/C/O, Gym 7:30 pm
	24	SMS Dinner Orchestra SMS Cafeteria 6:00 pm
	26	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jump Up Day at BHS
	26	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Day
	27	PIR Day – <i>No School K-12</i>
	30	Memoirial Day – <i>No School K-12</i>
	31	Ice Cream Social 3:30-5:00 pm

