



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

### Principal's Corner

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the staff of Sacajawea met for our staff development PIR day. These days are scheduled approximately every six weeks throughout the course of the year to allow our teachers to enhance their instructional skills, collaborate with their colleagues and further work in their classrooms.

As a staff, we are focusing on three collective targets—developing the students' critical reading and communication skills, personalizing our instruction and support of each student, and learning from each other. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we analyzed strategies we can use to ensure each of our students are able to access information through their reading in every subject area. Our intention is to develop the literacy skills of our students in each discipline—to read as historians, as scientists, as mathematicians—with purpose and success.

Good readers read. Readers become better readers. Seems simple, but we also know that kids develop their reading abilities by reading frequently and for both purpose and pleasure. To that end, we have also begun Falcon RED—Read Every Day. Each Tuesday, we are dedicating 30 minutes for the entire school—students and staff—to read. It's been great! Ask your kids about their books and encourage them to read each day at home as well. Heck, grab a book and join them.

Working together...

≈Gordon Grissom≈

### SMS Potential Expansion

With the continued growth in Bozeman, we are seeing a parallel increase in enrollment at Sacajawea. To accommodate our growing population, plans are being developed for a potential expansion of Sacajawea. Join us at **6:00** on **Tuesday, October 6**, for a **Community Forum** to discuss the bond issue and possible renovation. **Dr. Robert Watson, BSD Superintendent**, and **Steve Johnson, Deputy Superintendent Operations**, will present proposals and respond to questions related to the project.

### Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminders

Thank you for following the guidelines on dropping off and picking up your students: use **only the north parking lot for drop-off and pick-up before and after school**, have students exit vehicles only along the curb lane, pull forward as much as possible within drop-off lane, and use appropriate lanes for moving through the lot rather than cutting through parking spaces. **The front oval is for busses only between 7:45-8:30 and 3:15-3:45**. The **safety** of all of our **students** is dependent on your **safe driving**.

### PAC News

Sacajawea's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) brings parents, guardians, SMS staff, and community members together to enrich our students' middle school education. We work with the school to support and encourage parent/guardian to ensure the success for our students.

#### Fall Fundraising Campaigns

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Contribution Drive and Cornerstone Campaign donation drives! We are already receiving requests from school staff to help fund school trips, and are making significant strides toward achieving our annual goals for helping SMS offer the best school environment possible for our kids. We are asking \$45/student for the Contribution Drive and \$40/student for the Cornerstone Campaign.

**The Cornerstone Campaign** supports the technological needs of our students. Last year the PAC was able to purchase three carts of 30 Chromebooks each for each grade to share. This year, we hope to expand on that goal by working toward putting 5 Chromebooks in each classroom for teachers and their students to have access to at all times. **The Contribution Drive** raises money to fund teacher requests for things such field trips, Science Olympiad fees, and classroom enrichments like art supplies and books.

**EVERY CONTRIBUTION IS IMPORTANT, big or small**, in achieving the goals of the Contribution Drive and the Cornerstone Campaign. If you have not yet participated, please consider returning your child's donation drive form with a check or cash contribution as soon as possible.

**Donate online:** Keep in mind that donations (or T-shirt orders, if you missed out at Schedule Pick Up Day) can be made online at any time, at <https://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>. Contributions are tax-deductible and matching corporate donations are gladly accepted. This is a great way to get grandparents, aunts, uncles and others involved in your child's school. Every dollar raised goes to Sacajawea. Please give what you can.

**For questions**, please contact **Becky Ellig** at [k12m09@msn.com](mailto:k12m09@msn.com) or **Tamara Knappenberger** at [tkknappenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:tkknappenberger@yahoo.com) Thank you for helping enhance student experiences at SMS!

#### Volunteers

We have a lot of fun volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Shadowing one of the volunteer positions is a great way to get involved and check out what a volunteer role entails. Interested? Email **Julianne Williams** at [volunteers4sms@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4sms@gmail.com).

**Volunteers Needed:** The following positions are open. Please contact the person listed with the position if you are interested in filling one of these very vital roles.

**Treasurer: Gary Hellenga**, is moving in January. We need someone to fulfill the position for the remainder of this school year. Responsibilities include management of all financial records, QuickBooks, monthly financial reports, budget preparation and check writing. For more information please contact Gary at [gary.hellenga@gmail.com](mailto:gary.hellenga@gmail.com)

**Vice President:** The Vice President is a training position and is intended to fill one of the Co-Presidents positions next school year. Please contact Becky Ellig at [k12m09@msn.com](mailto:k12m09@msn.com).  
**Spirit Wear Coordinator:** Coordinator or volunteers sell spirit wear during school sponsored events to include schedule pick up , parent night, spirit night and ice cream social. Please contact Holly Eiden at [holly@eiddenfamily.com](mailto:holly@eiddenfamily.com).

**Upcoming events – Join us!**

**October 2** - Contribution Drive and Cornerstone Campaign envelopes due  
**October 6, 6pm** - Sacajawea Renovation Bond informational meeting (in SAC library)  
**October 19, noon** - **PAC October Meeting** with guest **Superintendent Rob Watson** will discuss the Sacajawea Renovation Bond issue.  
**PAC Officers for 2015-2016**  
**Co-Presidents:** **Becky Ellig** [k12m09@msn.com](mailto:k12m09@msn.com)  
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**“Sacajawea Pac Bozeman Montana”**

**2015 Fall School Election Information**

Dear BSD7 Community Members,  
On **November 3**, Bozeman Elementary voters will decide on bond issues to **renovate and expand Hawthorne Elementary and Sacajawea Middle School**. (It is a mail ballot election, ballots will be mailed on Oct 19.)

The proposed improvements to SMS include additional classroom space, larger common areas, and expanded health enhancement and music rooms. Building code, safety, and energy updates will also be made to existing interior spaces.

The proposed improvements to Hawthorne include replacing the existing temporary classrooms with a permanent addition, moving the lunch room out of the basement, relocating the school's main entrance to improve school security, and providing an elevator for second floor accessibility.

We will be **hosting public events** where interested voters can **hear more** about the projects, see preliminary designs, and ask questions.  
• **Tuesday, October 6, 6pm, Sacajawea MS**  
• **Thursday, October 8, 6pm, Hawthorne Elementary** or interested voters can review the website for more information:  
<http://www.bsd7.org/district/2015bondelection>  
On behalf of the students and staff of Bozeman Public Schools and our Board of Trustees, we hope

you will study the issues **and cast your ballot on November 3**.

**PIR Day Student Activities**

For the first time, we are partnering with Gallatin United Way to provide programs at school for our students on PIR Days. The United Way will sponsor a day camp at Sacajawea for all interested middle school students on upcoming staff development days—October 15, 16, and November 30. Information available on the Greater Gallatin United Way website.  
<http://www.greatergallatinunitedway.org>

**Europe Trip**

**Europe Trip June 2016 - Last day to Register is Nov 20, 2015.** SMS 8th graders in the yearlong Spanish, French or German classes are invited to go on an exciting trip to Europe leaving June 17, 2016! Students will be visiting their pen pals at schools in Spain, France, & Germany and touring the cities of Sevilla, Geislingen and Dourdan. Students who register for the trip will work out a fun itinerary in the Europe Access class on Tues, Wed, & Thursday mornings. Students are already organizing fundraising events. Last day to register is **Nov. 20, 2015**, but sign up now if you can! Contact your language teachers for more info & get the link to our Europe trip website.

**Box Tops for SMS Library**

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

**Breakfast for Champions!**



SMS is proud to announce that **breakfast** will now **be offered in the SMS cafeteria starting October 5th!** This hot breakfast will provide beneficiary proteins for our students to get their day started off right. Costs will be \$1.75 per breakfast (.30 for F/R). Please share this information with everyone in the community to help get the word out.

**Dates To Remember**

October	9	Trimester Mid-Term
	19	PAC Meeting 12:00 – 1:00 pm
	15-16	District Flexible PIR Days <b>No School K-12</b>
	29	SMS 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr B/C/OConcert SMS Gym 7:30 pm
November	2	SMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/C/O, SMS Gym 7:30 pm
	11	Veterans Day Assembly, SMS Gym 8:30-9:30 am
	16	PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm
	24	End of First Trimester
	25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
	30	PIR Day, <b>No School K-12</b>

