



SMS NEWSLETTER

March 2017

At Sacajawea, we are a compassionate community that honors grit and celebrates growth in order to face the future with a level head and a critical eye.

Principal’s Message

This week brings a close to the second trimester, and we look forward to maintaining our progress through the final one-third of the year.

As you have certainly noticed, we have also made considerable progress with the construction project. Our science classes are all enjoying the newly completed rooms and our seventh graders have expanded into their increased commons area. The additional classrooms in the sixth and eighth grade wings are reaching final stages as well as the commons areas.

On the west side, the exterior walls, roofing and foundational flooring have been completed allowing for the infrastructure to be added. New spaces for our arts and technology classes will be created alongside flex spaces for additional elective options in the coming years. The new fitness and music areas are also being enclosed allowing for the interior construction needed to expand to meet the needs of our health and music programs. This spring and summer internal renovation will provide additional and more efficient space for the library, counseling, administration, special education, and support programs.

While this project is large and ambitious, we have maintained our ability to provide a great learning environment for our kids. The construction crew has worked hard to not only make steady progress on expansion but to also minimize the impact on our schooling. The staff and students have been resilient in maintaining our focus on instruction and learning.

It’s a unique year, full of changes, but leading toward a renovated and expanded facility that will provide an even better learning environment for your students. Thanks for your patience and support.

≈Gordon Grissom≈

Main Office: 522-6400
Attendance: 522-6410

The SMS *core value* for the month of March is:
“Perceptiveness”

Dates To Remember

March

2-3....CRT Testing
8th Grade
3.....7B - Bridger Bowl
3.....End of Trimester 2
7.....8A - Bridger Bowl
9.....SMS Choirs,
SMS Gym
7:30 pm
10...7A – Bridger Bowl
13–17.Spring Break

No School

27...PAC Meeting,
12:00-1:00 pm
30...SMS Bands,
SMS Gym 7:30 pm

April

6...Student-Led
Conferenes,
11:00am-7:00pm
7...PIR Day – *No School*
10-14 Smarter Balance
Testing 6th grade
17-21 Smarter Balance
Testing 7th grade
20...Talent Show
Rehearsal, Willson
4:00 – 7:00 pm
21...Talent Show, Willson
7:00 – 9:00 pm
21...Tri 3 Mid-Term
24-28 Smarter Balance
Testing

Pac News

Spirit Night was great fun!

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff that helped make the event run smoothly. It was a super opportunity for **SMS** clubs and organized activities to raise funds. The kids raised just over \$4,000!

Upcoming High School Bond Election – May, 2nd

Bozeman School District is asking voters to approve a \$125 Million High School District Bond to build the new high school facility and renovate the existing high school campus. Both are equally important to the future of our children’s education. This is a mail ballot and will be sent out April 17th.

Help Needed!

Looking ahead to next year we are in in need of a few willing volunteers. Please consider getting involved as an officer or committee chair. **Volunteer Coordinator** – Responsible for sending sign up genius requests to fill volunteer needs. Doesn’t require a tremendous amount of time. Typically, 5-6 requests for the school year.

Vice President – Ideally a two-year commitment one year as V.P. and then the 2nd year as a President. For additional information please contact Julianne Williams at williams.iulianne@gmail.com.

Attention 6th Grade Parents

Incoming seventh grade students *must* submit proof of a TdaP (Boostrix) shot *or* the required “Religious Exemption” notarized forms, *before* starting the 2017-2018 school year. **Call Sally Owen at 522-6422** if you have any questions.

Parent University March Schedule

Consider attending informational sessions designed specifically for parents of **BSD** students. All classes are held at the **Willson School**, 404 W. Main Street and are *free* of charge. For more information and to register, go to:

http://www.bsd7.org/students_parents/parent_university

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 12-1

“Let’s Help Our Children Become Readers”

Cindy Christen, Bozeman Public Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 12-1

Creating a Culture of Giving

Bridget Wilkinson, Bozeman Area Community Foundation Executive Director

Thursday, March 23, 2017, 12-1

Grief and Loss – Helping Kids Cope

Shawna Rader Kelly, EdS, NCSP, School Psychologist for Bozeman Public Schools

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 12-1

Social Media - Help, My Child Knows A LOT More Than Me!

Detective Scott McCormick and **Mary Ann Benz**, Student Assistant Coordinator

Staying Home For Spring Break?

For a fun Staycation, consider checking out the following link on the website for the Bozeman Public Library:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=BOZEMAN&curApp=passes>

This link takes you to a page where you can download FREE passes to the swim center, MOR, The Computer Museum, Children's Museum and the Gallatin History Museum. When you click to get a free pass you will be asked to put in a bar code. The code is the number under your library number on your library card. Please call the library if you need additional help.

"Can Recycling"

Falcon it Right! Club is once again collecting cans for the Great American Can Roundup. We have a dumpster located by the bike racks in the north parking lot, specifically for the **aluminum** cans. Please help us win this competition by donating your **aluminum** cans by dropping them off in the dumpster. Thank you!

New High School Information

For those who would like more information on the new high school please click [HERE](#) for the latest news.

Europe 2018 Parent Meeting

Anyone interested in joining the next trip to **Europe** in **June 2018**, or finding out more information about the trip can come to a parent meeting: Wednesday, March 22nd, from 5:15 to 6:15 in room 110 (**Madame Bell's** classroom).

Box Tops to the SMS Library

Please remember to send your **Box Tops** to the **SMS library**. Each box is worth **10 cents** and benefits the school library. Boxtop contributions to date are \$300.00 which will go directly to buying playaways and books for the students @ **SMS**! Send your BOXTOPS in with your students. **Thank you** for supporting the library.

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker **Delaney Ruston** saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time--friction she knew all too well.

In **Screenagers**, to be presented at the **Willson Auditorium** at **7:00 pm on April 4**, **Delaney** takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, **Screenagers** reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. Bring your son or daughter and plan to **join us on April 4**.