



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

## Principal's Corner

Sacajawea is off to a great start to the 2016-2017 school year. We are excited to get to know our sixth graders and welcome them into our community while enjoying the continued development of our seventh and eighth grade classes. Numerous teachers have shared positive stories and compliments about our students' attitude, outlook, and skills. It promises to be a terrific year.

Our school staff will be working on three major areas of focus this year: professional learning together, improving standards-based instruction and learning, and managing the construction. During PIR days, as well as through our professional learning communities, we will continue to identify those key concepts and skills that all students will be expected to learn in each content area. Our goal is to prioritize the most significant standards so that we can ensure all students are developing those skills necessary for success in future school years and for life.

Talk to your students about what they are learning. Have them share the ideas being discussed, demonstrate the skills they have learned, and describe the books they are reading. Join us in helping your son and daughter succeed.

Gordon Grissom

## Construction Update

The expansion of *Sacajawea* is continuing at a steady pace. This past month, exterior walls have been built at the end of each of the sixth and seventh grade wings, the floors of the additions have been poured, and a new boiler system has been installed. Groundwork has been prepared and forms for the foundation of the new elective wing have been erected. Our classes have "enjoyed" (endured?) the cacophony of the construction, but everyone is making the best of this new phase of our school.

## 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](http://BTFE.com) website. Thanks for supporting the library!

## PAC News

### Fall Fundraising Campaigns

We wrap up our fall campaigns this month and Sacajawea needs your support. If you are able to contribute, this is the time. Your participation and generosity will determine how many teacher requests and school projects PAC can support this year.

We have two goals:

The **Contribution Drive** supports special projects and teacher requests that enhance their curriculum to include: field trips, science equipment, speakers, art supplies, science fair and much more.

The **Cornerstone Campaign** brings technology into the school and classroom. Technology plays a large role in today's classroom and is a necessary tool for our children to be current. It is our goal to continue to support this growing need.

To reach our goal please consider a contribution of **\$90 per student** or \$45 for the Contribution Drive and \$45 for the Cornerstone Campaign. Our goal is 100 percent participation, at any level and every dollar counts!

Contributions are tax-deductible and matching corporate donations are gladly accepted. Information, along with a tax receipt, was sent home with your student last week. If you haven't seen it yet, please ask them. To make a contribution with a credit card please click on the following link. <https://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>.

Thank you for your support!!

### Volunteers!

Please consider volunteering! We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to facilitate volunteer requests throughout the school year using Sign Up Genius. Shadows for the Treasurer, Vice President, School Store and Popcorn Friday coordinators. If you are interested or would like additional information about volunteer opportunities, please contact **Julianne Williams** at [Williams.julianne@gmail.com](mailto:Williams.julianne@gmail.com).

### Health Enhancement Shirts

If your student is still in need of an HE shirt, shirts are \$11 for a short-sleeve t-shirt and \$12 for a long sleeve t-shirt. Students can place an order in the main office with cash or check or click on the following link to use a credit card.

<https://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>

## PAC Meeting

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm

Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 12:00pm. If you have an idea or topic that you would like discussed or presented at our monthly meetings, please let us any officer know.

## PAC Officers

Co-President: **Becky Ellig**, k12m09@msn.com

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Volunteer Coordinator: **Needed**,  
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## Join us!

**PAC meeting is Monday, October, 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.** It's a great way for parents to be involved and tuned in to what's happening at SMS. Involved parents create successful students!

## The Honors College

**The Honors College at Montana State University** invites you and your school to the first annual **MSU Maker Expo**. Experience an open and interactive space where science, technology, the arts, creativity, sustainability, and innovation collide. Make, Learn, Experience, and Grow at the **Brick Breeden Field House Saturday, October 15th, 2016, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Makers include: **Simms, Gibson Acoustics, West Paw Design, Sasquatch Fuel**, students and faculty from the Colleges at **Montana State University** and **Gallatin College**, and many more. Free and open to the public.

## Europe Trip

**Europe Trip June 2017 - Last day to Register is Nov 20, 2016.** 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, and Germany** and touring the cities of **Sevilla, Paris and Geislingen**. 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. The last day to register is **Nov. 20, 2016**, but sign up now if you can! Contact your language teachers for more info and get the link to our Europe trip website. Before signing with **Passports** please complete the application form and return to your language teacher for review.

## Refuel After School

Tired from the school day? Then **Refuel Afterschool**. Join us for 8-weeks as we build strength, success, and smiles through movement and motivation. COME TRY US OUT FOR FREE!!!!!!  
FREE DAYS: OCT. 11th & OCT. 13th  
Dates: October 11th-Dec. 8th (8-week)  
Cost: \$65. Tues/Thurs from 3:30pm-5:30 pm

## Love and Logic Class

Want to matter more than your child's friends? Want your child to be more responsible? If so, the upcoming **SMS Love and Logic class** for parents may be for you! The class is only two Saturday mornings, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm, in the **SMS Library**, \$10. Spots are filling fast--sign up at **allthrive.org** For this any other parenting tips please contact your **SMS Parent Liaisons, Libby Hansen and Ashley Mares Jones** through the Main SMS Office, 522-4230 or directly at Thrive at 922-4230.

## SMS Clothes Closet

Throughout the year, some students at **SMS** need your support in having ample clothing and other items. The Counseling Office houses a Clothing Closet which holds donations of **new or slightly used** clothing items in the event that any student at SMS may need them. If you would be willing to support this effort to help address the specific needs of students as we are notified of them, please email **Karlina Popwell** at [fos2day@gmail.com](mailto:fos2day@gmail.com). Your consideration and generosity are greatly appreciated by the students and all those working to support them!

## Dates To Remember

October	7	Trimester Mid-Term
	17	PAC Meeting 12:00 – 1:00 pm
	20-21	District Flexible PIR Days <b>No School K-12</b>
	26	School Photo Re-takes
November	3	SMS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/C/O, Concert SMS Gym 7:30 pm
	7	SMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade B/C/O, Concert SMS Gym 7:30 pm
	11	Veterans Day Assembly, SMS Gym 8:30-9:30 am
	21	PAC Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm
	22	End of First Trimester
	23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
	28	PIR Day, <b>No School K-12</b>



