

SMS NEWSLETTER

October 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

With one month under our belts, we are pleased to share that we are off to a great start and the foundation is set for a terrific year ahead. Thanks to all of you who attended the Parent Night and had the opportunity to hear our teachers share their vision and passion for their classes. Your participation and partnership is invaluable for the success of your student.

We are very excited to be in the renovated building and are benefiting from the improved facilities and spaces. We recently opened the courtyard on the west side of the building where kids can gather before school and at lunch recess to play and socialize in a safe, comfortable and protected area. Our final two teaching areas--band and world language--likewise became available this past week completing our entire complement of rooms. This also allows us to fully access our new health enhancement areas. A few odds and ends remain before the project is completely finished, but our students are truly able to have the full benefit of what our school can offer.

The renovation has also allowed greater access for parents to drop off and pick up your children. The north parking lot is still available, but parents are also allowed to use the front loop (previously limited to bus traffic). The busses now use only the south parking area and entrance. The front entrance should reduce the overall congestion for parents.

For your children's safety when dropping off students at either the north lot or front oval, please pull to the curb.

Thank you for your support.

Gordon Grissom

Main Office: 522-6400

Attendance: 522-6410

The SMS *core value* for the month of October is:

"Curoosity"

Dates To Remember

October

- 6...Trimester 1
Mid- Term
- 9...PAC Meeting 12-1pm
- 19...PIR Day
No School K-12
- 20...PIR Day
No School K-12

November

- 1...School Photo
Retakes
- 2...SMS 7th GradeB/C/O
Concert, SMS Gym
7:30 pm
- 6... SMS 8th GradeB/C/O
Concert, SMS Gym
7:30 pm
- 10...Veterans Day
Assembly@ 8:30am
- 20...PAC Meeting 12-1pm
- 21...Trimester One Ends
- 22-24..Thanksgiving
Holiday
- 27... PIR Day
No School K-12
- 30...SMS Jazz Band
Concert, SMS
Cafeteria 6:00 pm

New SMS Lockers!

Some students have been having a hard time getting their folders/binders into the new lockers. The new lockers do not easily accommodate a larger folder/binder system which seems to be fairly popular. Teachers do not feel that it is needed to have the large file/binder keeping systems. The interior dimensions of the lockers is 29.5 inches high, 10.75 inches deep, and 11.75 inches wide. There are also three hooks inside the locker for jackets. The mouth to the locker is slightly smaller, at about 28.5 inches high and 9.75 inches wide. Please have your students be mindful about what they will be putting in their lockers. They should discuss with their advisory teachers about ways to manage their locker space.

SMS After School

Clubs

The following clubs will be starting in October for students to join.

- Computer/Robotics:
Monday C8
- Computer: Tuesday C8
- Yearbook: Tuesday C9
- Knitting: Wednesday D12
- Robotics: Thursday D13
- Art Club: Thursday C5

All Clubs will be from 3:30 to 4:30

PAC News

Cornerstone/ Contribution Campaign

Please look for the Cornerstone and Contribution Drive form in your child's backpack. This is our annual fundraiser to help supply the classrooms with technology and help fund teacher requests for classroom materials and field trips. We are striving for 100% participation this year. Please fill out the form and send it with payment back to school with your child or contribute online below: <https://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>

PAC Meetings:

We will have our first **PAC meeting** on October 9, 2017 at 12-1 pm. Other meetings scheduled for this year: January 8, 2018, February 12, 2018, and April 9, 2018. All meetings will be held from 12-1pm. The April meeting will feature an administrator from **Bozeman High School** to answer questions about transitioning to the high school from 8th grade. If you have suggestions for speakers that would be of interest to you please email **Jane Mittelsteadt** at janemitt@gmail.com. We are still looking for one more Vice President. This position serves as an assistant to the Co- Presidents with the intention of filling the role of President next school year. If you are interested in volunteering with the PAC, please contact **Janet Yeomans** at janetlyeomans@gmail.com

HE t- shirts

If your child still needs a t- shirt for health enhancement they can be ordered at: <https://squareup.com/market/sacajawea-middle-school-parent-advisory-council>

Bozeman Color Me Fun Run

Help raise funds for local elementary schools art programs. Sign up and designate an elementary school: each school receives a percentage of the money raised and it is directly correlated with how many participants sign up under each school. Please contact your PAC for more information.

PAC Officers:

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SMS Library

The **SMS Library** continues to collect BOXTOPS for education. We use this funding to purchase books for **Literature Circles** and checkout. **Thank you** for your support.

Europe 2018

There will be a parent and student meeting on **October 11th, from 5-6 pm** in **Sra. Gross's Room** (in new elective wing C3). Please bring a German dish to share. The agenda will be sent out nearer the date. We look forward to seeing you all there. **Sra. Gross, Frau Steudel, Kevin Guettler and Mme. Bell.**

Houston Food Bank

Dear Students at Sacajawea Middle School:

Thank you so much for your **generous donation** of **\$1,000.00 dollars** to the **Houston Food Bank** at this critical time. Hurricane Harvey's scale and destruction to **Southeast Texas** was truly monumental. We're committed to providing food, water and other supplies to the people who need it most. For some individuals who already struggle to provide for their family's basic needs, the flooding was even more catastrophic. We are very busy working round the clock to distribute the much needed items out to the various shelters and agencies. We know it's going to be a long road to recovery and we'll be there for the community. We truly appreciate your support!
Carrie Grzelak, Strategic Gifts Office, Houston Food Bank

BSD7 Parent University

Tricks & Tips for Managing Treats:

Raising Healthy Eaters in a Sugar-Coated World

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Willson Board Room #122, Willson School, 404 West Main Street
Presenters: Dayle Hayes, MS, RD -- School Nutrition Association
Sam Blomquist, Executive Director, Gallatin Valley Farm to School

Parents have a tough job when it comes to food. You want your kids to make smart choices and to get the nutrients they need for strong bodies and smart brains. **Registered dietitian Dayle Hayes** is known nationwide for her positive and wise advice for parents. **Sam Blomquist** is a **Whittier School** parent of two and director of **Bozeman's Award-Winning Gallatin Valley Farm to School program**. Join **Sam and Dayle** to learn simple and practical ways to help your family eat better and enjoy it more.

THRIVE

A two day parenting course, "**Parenting the Love and Logic Way**" will be offered by **Thrive**. Please refer to the attached flyer to your email for more information.

SMS Music Department Fundraiser

The **SMS band, choir and orchestra** will be starting their coffee fundraiser this month. Please look for coffee packets coming home with your student.

Robotics Competition

The **SMS VEX “In the Zone”** robotics competition will be held on **Saturday, December 9th** in the **SMS half gym**. The competition will be from **9:00 am to 3:30 pm**. **Adult volunteers** are needed to help on **Friday** to move the competition field, or early **Saturday** to help with set up. Volunteers are also needed for judging, check in, and general supervision. Please contact **Gordon Chamberlain** @ gordon.chamberlain@bsd7.org for more information and/or if you can volunteer.

Intramural Basketball

Intramural **BB for 6th grade boys** will begin on **Monday Oct 30**. They will play on Mondays and Wednesdays. Girls **6th grade BB** will begin in **January**. Their season will coincide with the girls 7/8 season starting in January.