



The Hyalite Highlights—Dec. 5, 2013

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 19th--Holiday Program @ Hyalite—There will be two performances---9:30am and 2:00pm

Dec. 21-Jan. 5th —Holiday Break

Jan. 10th —Family Movie Night from 6-8:00—Movie to be announced

Jan. 23rd —Early Release—Students dismissed @ 1:45

Feb. 11th —PAC meeting in the library from 6-7:30pm—childcare will be provided

Feb. 12th —Early Release—Students dismissed @ 1:45

Feb. 14th —Family Movie Night from 6-8:00—Movie to be announced

Feb. 17th —Presidents Day--No School

March 8-16th —Spring Break—No School

April 16th —Early Release—Dismissal @ 1:45



Hyalite Singing in the Season

Please join us for our holiday program on Thursday, December 19th. We will have two performances, 9:30am and 2:00pm in the Hyalite gym. (please attend one or the other)

Calling All Bakers

If you love to bake or make fabulous treats, breads, jams etc. or have a favorite holiday recipe you prepare, we would appreciate it if you would donate some of your tasty creations for the Hyalite School Bake sale which is being held on the day of our all school Holiday program, Thursday, December 19th, 2013. Please drop your tasty creations off to the front office the day before or right before school on the morning of the program. All proceeds from the Bake sale benefit Hyalite's 5th grade legacy program. Remember to come prepared to shop the sweet table and stock up on some yummy goodies. Consider purchasing some treats to give to your kids, neighbors, family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Jay Payne @ 539-1220.



2013 Holiday Season Resources:

- **FREE Food Box & Gifts - Salvation Army Christmas Assistance Program:**
- **From November 11th – December 11th, Mon & Wed's, 1:30-3pm: 586-5813**
Sign-up at the Salvation Army, 32 S. Rouse. Apply for holiday food box for families who live in Gallatin County (incl. W Yellowstone) and gifts for children through age 14. Bring proof of address (rent receipt or utility bill), income verification for all household members (2 pay stubs, DHSS, SSI) and picture I.D. for all household members (photo ID for all adults; SS cards, birth certificates, medical ID card for children).
- **FREE Gifts - Hope and the Holidays and Santa Hotline: 406-451-5312**
- Phone calls will be taken starting Nov 27th. Parents may call in with child age and information, and **distributions take place December 13 & 14th**. Parents pick up toys themselves. If leaving a message parents need to include name and phone number.

- **FREE Children's Christmas Shoppe: Hope Lutheran Church:**
- **On Saturday, December 14, 9-1pm: 2152 West Graf (Just off of S. 19th)**

Kids ages 4 - 10 years select and wrap new gifts for their family members (with a max of 5), free of charge. Children should bring a list of who they want to give gifts to and volunteers will help kids select and wrap their gifts. Adults who bring children will be provided with coffee/juice and cookies while children shop. No income verification is needed. Questions? Call 586-5572

Fall 2013 Bozeman Schools Foundation News

It's been a busy couple of months for The Bozeman Schools Foundation! They were in our schools this month, handing out SPARK GRANTS. There were 14 grants handed out in 8 local schools!

Congrats to all these teachers and schools! Check out the Spark Grants on our website!

We also started a Willson Renovation campaign, called 'Take a Seat'. Most of us have spent countless hours in the Willson Auditorium and we all know it needs work! Everyone has an opportunity to support this project and leave a mark! Seat Sale donations directly support the preservation and restoration of the Willson! There are several sponsor options available and each of these entitles the donor to a 21 character inscription on a permanent name plate on the seat!

Would you like to stay up to date with everything the Bozeman Schools Foundation does, then please check out our website at www.bozemanschoolsfoundation.org. You can also LIKE our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BozemanSchoolsFoundation> and get updates directly into your Newsfeed!

PARENT LIAISON TIP

The Challenge of Siblings During the Holidays

"He hit me!" "I hate her!" "It's mine!" "She touched me!" "He always ruins my things!"

Do these words ring through your house? Learning how to diffuse sibling rivalry can mean the difference between maintaining your sanity or losing it, especially during the exciting/ stressful holiday season. Although it's tempting to say, "Santa's watching", here are some more long lasting tips!

- • Encourage your children to resolve their issue themselves. If you do step in, try to resolve problems **with** your kids, not for them. This will help them build problem solving and communication skills.
- • Whenever possible, spend special time alone each week with each child to strengthen your bond and build trust and cooperation.
- • Help each child know and cherish his/her special talents. Focus on the positive.
- • Avoid comparisons between siblings.
- • Acknowledge your children's feelings about their siblings, even if they are unpleasant. Sometimes just knowing you're listening can help to reduce frustration.
- • Insist that each member of the family treat the others in a respectful way. Model this for your children. **Repeat: model this for your children!**
- • Remember, as kids cope with disputes, they also learn important skills that will serve them for life — like how to value another person's perspective, how to compromise and negotiate, and how to control aggressive impulses.
- • Parenting the Love and Logic way advises staying calm and loving to de-escalate conflict and not contribute to it. Many parents have success with this line: "I charge \$2.00 for every minute that I have to listen to arguing". Follow through, and then take yourself out for coffee!

Happy Holidays!

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