



The Hyalite Highlights—November 19th, 2015

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 20th—Lifetouch Student Retakes from 8:30-10:00am

Nov. 25-30th—Thanksgiving Break—No School

Dec. 18th—Holiday Program—two performances, one at 9:30am and 12:45pm

Dec. 19-Jan.3rd—Holiday break

Jan. 25th—PIR day for K-12

Feb. 15th—President's Day—No School

March 12-20th—Spring Break-No School

April 21&22nd—Parent/teacher conferences—No School



Lifetouch will be here **TOMORROW, Nov 20th** for individual picture re-takes. So if you weren't happy with your child's picture or if they were absent on picture day, please stop by the office and pick up a retake picture packet. If this is a retake and you are ordering the exact same picture package, your child can just bring in their original picture package to give to the photographer.

We would like to address a concern we have with watch cell phones in school. We have had a growing number of kids wearing them to school and then using them while in school. We are treating watch cell phones the same as we would a regular cell phone. Please see BSD7 Policy #3630 at www.bsd7.org. Along with other things this policy states that:

"Students may use cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic signaling devices on campus before school begins and after school ends or as determined by school procedures."

During the school day cell phones/watches are to remain off and in your child's back pack. If the phone goes off in class or if a student is found to be using it during the school day, it will be confiscated and turned into the school office for a parent to pick up.

"Are you the parent or caregiver of a child aged three to five years old? Would you be willing to share your thoughts on the availability and accessibility of preschool programs in Gallatin County? If so, the Gallatin Early Childhood Community Council (ECCC) is conducting a survey and would like your input. By taking a few minutes to participate, you can help the ECCC better understand the capacity of local providers and the needs of young children and families in our area. Please go to the link below for more information:

<http://ecccgallatin.org/preschool-survey/>

With the days getting shorter and the air getting colder, families are starting to spend more and more time indoors. As much as we love our crisp winter days that let us get cozy by the fire- more time spent indoors can also mean that we are spending more time in front of screens. When we spend more time in front of screens, think about all the things we are not doing.

A recent post from The New York Times titled, [“Screen Addiction Is Taking a Toll on Children”](#), points out that heavy use of electronic media can have significant negative effects on children’s behavior, health and school performance. Did you know that the typical 8-10 year old spends an average of eight hours a day in front of various media devices?

There are several ways to help your family become aware of and to lessen the time spent in front of a screen. Various articles and blogs have tips and guidelines ([Bright Ideas: Regulating Screen time](#)) to help families come up with ways to regulate screen time.

Here’s a few tips from our Parent Liaisons:

“A lot of times parents have success with managing screen time if they join their child in playing a videogame or watching a TV program and when the program is done or the 20 minutes is up for the game, turning it off and moving onto another activity.”

“For the kids who have a hard time with this transition, it’s best to plan ahead, decide what comes next after the show or game as well as setting the expectation that if there is any arguing or they make the choice to not turn off the TV, then the next day that privilege will not to be available”

How do you help your family get away from the screen?

If you have any questions or would like more ideas about this topic please contact you Parent Liaison at 406-922-4237 or Annemarie.dubois@bsd7.org

Foundations Corner:

Common Area Review for November is:

The Playground

- Be respectful and safe
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Use conflict resolution skills
- Use passes for bathroom
- On slide, sit on pockets and go down only
- On swings, sit on pockets and go straight back and forth
- Keep snow and wood chips on the ground
- Put play equipment away at the end of recess

Skill Builder for November is:

Please, Thank You & Excuse Me

1. Say “Please may I”, rather than “Can I”, when you are asking for something.
2. Say “Thank You” when you are given something or someone does something for you.
3. Say “Excuse me” when you:
 - are interrupting at an appropriate time.
 - bump into someone accidentally
 - hurt someone unintentionally
 - have to pass through a line or group of people in order to get by.



Hyalite Holiday Food & Toiletry Drive

Please help us support our ***Hyalite families*** and The Gallatin Valley Food Bank by donating items!

When: Now until December 16th

Where: Bins in Hyalite Elementary lobby

Items Needed:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Canned & dried beans
- Canned meats
- Soup
- Oatmeal & Cereals (low sugar)
- Pasta and rice
- Shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc...

Other non-perishable, non-expired food items