

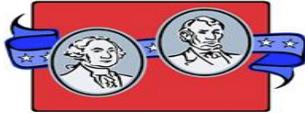


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Morning Star School Newsletter February 7, 2014

Early Release
Wednesday, February 12
All students dismissed at 1:45 pm

No School
Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day Holiday



Skate for Heart

Due to the cold weather, it has been **rescheduled for Thursday, February 13th**. From 3:30-5:00 pm on the Morning Star ice rink

FULL COLOR YEARBOOKS- Time to order!

The Morning Star yearbook will be in full color this year and will feature original cover art from some of our 5th graders! Order forms went home in the Friday folders on Jan. 24th! Order online or by returning a check made out to Morning Star PAC by **March 7th!** You may also upload your favorite photos to our Community Upload page at <https://community.lifetouch.com/> using site access code XXEMAE.

Chess Club (from Ethan Boone)

Starts Monday, February 10th!

All Morning Star students are invited to play chess after school for free on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 in the music room. We will be playing chess with a rulebook. If you don't know how to play chess, you are welcome to come and learn. We will get the rules from the Chess Club Leader, Mr. Boone.

We are Morning STARs!

We Solve Problems

REMINDER: FLOWERS, BALLOONS, BIRTHDAY TREATS AND INVITATIONS

We ask that parents, grandparents, etc. do not send flowers, balloons, etc. to school. If some arrive students will be asked to pick them up at the office at the end of the school day.

For those parents wishing to send treats please:

- (1) Send individual, *healthy* treats that can be eaten with little mess and without the need for sending students down to the kitchen or office to borrow utensils.
- (2) Notify the teacher at least a day in advance so that he/she can limit the number of treats brought on any one school day.

To prevent hurt feelings and awkward situations, we ask that you please mail party invitations rather than sending them to school for distribution. Your sensitivity and cooperation in finding other avenues for delivery of party invitations is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to use the school directory to obtain student address/phone numbers. Addresses not listed in our school directory cannot be shared.

Skating Rink Update

The ice rink is in full swing with all Health Enhancement classes on the ice wearing skates and children enjoying the ice during lunch recess. Yahoo!!! The ice rink is looking for more sunset shovelers/smoothers. Even when it does not snow the ice needs to be scraped. Think of yourself as a human Zamboni - you smooth the ice so Mr. Curtice can put down a fresh layer of water.

~Mary Black has calculated that if every parent in the school volunteers for one night we will be able to enjoy a great rink for the rest of the season without having just a few people burned out from doing it all by themselves.

~You can make this a family event. Your kids can skate while you scrape or ask them to join you in the fun. You need not skate, you can walk with the shovel, both options work very well. Instructors for clearing the rink are listed on the outside ice shed door.

~Feel free to contact Mary Black at 580-1448,

maervo@gmail.com; or Barbie Huber at 599-5950, barbiehuber@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

P.S. If your evenings are busy, we can always use your help in the morning when it snows. On snowy days someone will be at the rink by 7am and the first HE class starts at 9am.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR GETTING INVOLVED!!!

Parent Liaison Corner

Our Parent Liaison, Libby Michaud is available as a key resource for parents. She may be reached at Morning Star on M, W, F 8-11:30 a.m. and Tu, Th @ 1:30-4:00 p.m. or by email at libby.michaud@bsd7.org and phone 922-4237.

~Here is a link to a great article for both parents and teachers about praise. It references a study and I feel that it is very meaningful for all of us to recognize the need. This is an article that helps parents see what kinds of different responses they can have with their kids besides... "I know you can do it, you're smart!" Here's the link.

<http://nymag.com/news/features/27840>

~Thrive will be hosting our 2nd Refresher Love and Logic Class, "Love Me Enough to Set Limits" February 25th, at Thrive, 6-7:30 PM. Cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple.

Great opportunity to refresh L and L skills and talk with other parents. Registration at allthrive.org is encouraged or contact Libby Michaud, our Parent Liaison at 922-4237.

First Student Hotline

Can be called to get updates on certain buses at [579-2731](tel:579-2731) and we do answer as many calls as we can in the office at [556-8039](tel:556-8039).

We Take Responsibility

Chief Joseph Middle School

5th Grade Parent Night

Tuesday, February 11 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Students are encouraged to attend

Meet in the Gym at 5:30 pm

- * Registration
- * Peer Mediation Information
- * Clubs and Opportunities
- * Parent Liaison and CAP Program
- * PAC Information

For more information, call 522-6300

Sacajawea Middle School

5th Grade Parent Night

Tuesday, February 11 - 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Parents Only Please

Meet in 6th Grade House

- * Registration
- * Peer Mediation Information
- * Clubs and Opportunities
- * Parent Liaison and CAP Program
- * PAC Information

For more information, call 522-6470

Preventing Colds and the Flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC), an average of 20,000 children under the age of five are hospitalized each year because of flu-related complications. The flu virus, more formally known as Influenza, causes more hospitalizations among children than any other vaccine-preventable disease. Fortunately, children can learn how to prevent the spread of germs that cause colds and the flu by practicing good hygiene at home and at school. ~Please practice these important steps to help your child prevent the spread of germs.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Wash your hands often with soap & water (at least 20 sec)

State Testing

~4th grade students will participate in the Science CRT (Criterion Referenced Test) March 3-7. It is critical that all 4th graders are present during this limited testing window.

~Grades 3-5 will participate in the full-scale pilot of the new Smarter Balanced State Assessment beginning sometime in the spring. The assessment includes both math and English language arts and is aligned to the Montana Core Standards. We will share more specific information as it is available.

Keep Us Updated!

Parents, if you have a change in address, phone number or email address, please let us know immediately so we can keep our records accurate. Thank you very much.

Borrowed Clothing from School Office

If your child has borrowed clothes from school because their clothing was wet or soiled, we would appreciate prompt return of the items to the office so we have them for other students (underwear does not need to be returned). Our supply is currently very low because items are not being returned. ~If you have gently used children's clothing (pants, shirts, sweats) feel free to send a few items for our loaner collection.

Don't Be Late!

School begins at 8:30 a.m. regardless of the weather. We have supervision on the playground beginning at 8:00 every morning and we appreciate when your child enters the building ready to begin their day on time. Crossing guards are available until 8:25 a.m. Thank you for planning ahead for traffic and the weather, ensuring that your child has every opportunity to begin their day successfully! **IF YOU MUST BE LATE...please enter with your child and sign them in.**

Absences (BSD7 Board Policy #3122, 3122P)

If your child will be absent for ½ day (anytime after 9:00 a.m.) or full day please contact the office attendance line at (406) 522-6510. "Excused Absence - Generally, absences will be considered reasonable in cases of illness, bereavement, family vacations, situations resulting from "acts of God" and other emergencies. Other absences will be considered unexcused."

Thank you for supporting your child's learning by making sure they are at school on-time every day.

We Act Safely

Dress for the Weather

As we begin to experience some variations in our weather, please send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing and shoes. Children not dressed appropriately (see guidelines in Student Handbook) will be unable to participate in all activities. In particular, K-2 students must have snow gear to play anywhere other than the blacktop. **Regardless of the temperature in the morning, students must come to school dressed appropriately. If the weather reaches 10 degrees any student not dressed for the weather, will stay in the office during recess.**

Safe Routes to School



Just a reminder that next week Friday, February 14th Valentine's Day is Bike and Walk to school day with a heart theme.

Upcoming Bike/Walk to School Dates:
March 17th (Monday) St. Patrick's Day - Shamrocks
April 21st (Monday) Earth Day - Flowers
May 19th (Monday) Morning Star Spirit Day

We still need a couple of parents to walk with the kids from Sacajawea Middle School to Morning Star. If you are available from 7:50-8:15 please sign-up on the link below. There are four buses that depart from Sacajawea Middle School and we need a parent to meet each bus. Thank you.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4A72EA0FC1-safe>

Bike Celebration Week at Morning Star is March 17th-21st, 3:30 – 4:00

More information coming – here’s a quick overview...

Monday: Proper Seat and helmet adjustment

Tuesday: Pump up the tires

Wed. Clean and Oil Chain

Thursday: Fix a flat tire

Friday: Fun Ride

We Show Respect

Beverages in the building

Please remember that if you bring a beverage into the building that it has a lid on it. If you have a coffee spill, please notify the office immediately so it can be cleaned before it stains the carpet. Thank you.

Dropping off student items

Office staff will be happy to deliver items to your student. Just leave them at the office. This minimizes interruptions during valuable classroom instruction.

Reminder from our Neighbors and the Police Department

Speed Limit - The Bozeman Police Department has asked us to remind you all that the speed limit on S. 3rd, Arnold and Westridge is **25 mph**. When you cross Westridge on Arnold the speed limit drops to **15 mph**. We continue to have drivers on their cell phones and texting as they proceed through these areas. Please help ensure the safety of all individuals by paying close attention to your surroundings.

Lessons from the Library

~Tribute to Nelson Mandela Research Project resulted in nearly one dozen entries.

~February 5th was Digital Learning Day. Every classroom at Morning Star contributed a video short or photos demonstrating integration of technology in their classroom. These will be available soon on our website.

~Mrs. DeWolf and Mrs. Jesness continue to work with classroom teachers to make our students good digital citizens. Ask your child about internet safety and how they can be sure they are using the internet in a positive and safe manner.

Calendar of Events

Fri. February 14 – Valentine’s Day Parties in classrooms, check with your room parent for time of party - No deliveries to individual students in classrooms.



Mon. February 17 – No school – Presidents’ Day

Fri. February 21 – Morning Star School Carnival from 5:00-7:00 pm. Open to Morning Star students and supervised younger siblings only! See PAC Corner for details.



Fri. March 7 – End of 2nd Trimester

Mon. March 10 – Fri. March 14 – No school – Spring Break
17th - Walk/Bike to School, Shamrock theme

Fri. March 21 – 2nd Trimester Reports go home

Fri. April 4 – No School – PIR Day

Tues. April 8 – Thurs. April 10 – Book Fair (Tentative date)

Wed. April 16 – Early Release – All students dismissed at 1:45 pm

Mon. April 21st Walk/Bike to School - Earth Day/Flower theme

Fri. April 25 – End of 3rd Mid-Trimester

Fri. May 2 – 3rd Mid-Trimester Reports go home

Mon. May 19th – Walk/Bike to School, Morning Star Spirit Day

Wed. May 21 – Early Release – All students dismissed at 1:45 pm

Mon. May 26 – No School – Memorial Day

Wed. June 11 – Last day of School – All students dismissed at 12:30 pm

Morning Star PAC Corner



February 7, 2014

Call for Nominations for PAC Board

Members and Committee Chairs:

The PAC's by-laws call for director's to be elected each year.

Elected positions:

(2) Co-Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

Enrichment Chair

Volunteer / Appointed positions:

Fun Run Co-Chairs

Communications Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

Enrichment Assembly Coordinator

Book Fair Co-Chairs

Thanks4giving Co-Chairs

Spirit wear Co-Chairs

Holiday Program Co-Chairs

Year Book Co-Chairs

Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

Science Fair Co-Chairs

Ice Rink Co-Chairs

Carnival Co-Chairs

Box Tops Program Co-Chairs.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent to serve in a board or chair role, please submit name, contact information and a brief statement of interest to msspac@gmail.com by February 21st.

The nominations committee chaired by Anne Gibson along with members Barbie Huber, Kirsten Blunck and PollyAnna Snyder will review all submissions and announce a slate of officers and chairs prior to spring break. A reminder regarding the slate and voting will sent out after spring break.

Voting is open to all Morning Star parents and will take place on Thursday, March 20th. Ballots and a ballot box will be located on a table in front of the library. Voting begins at 8am and closes at 4pm.

If you have any questions about the nominations and elections process, please contact Gerri Lewis at gerri.lewis@comcast.net.

Order Your 2013-2014 Yearbook!

Take a look at the yearbook order forms that have been sent home. You may submit your order one of two ways. Return the completed form to school with your check made payable to Morning Star PAC or online at ybpay.com using yearbook code 10418914. The online ordering is quick and easy. Order deadline for both hard paper and online is March 7, 2014. Don't delay, get your order in today!

Box Tops!

Please use the attached Box Top Collection Form to submit the box tops you have collected. March is the last month to submit box tops for this school year!

It's Carnival Time!!

The annual Morning Star tradition is just around the corner!! Mark your calendar for **5pm - 7pm** on **Friday, February 21st** Carnival is a fun family night for Morning Star students their younger siblings and parents only.

Wristbands will be sold the week of Carnival for \$5.00/each.

Wednesday 8:10am - 8:30am & 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Thursday 8:10am - 8:30am & 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Friday 8:10am - 8:30am & 2:00pm - 2:30pm

No time to feed the family?? Betty Nason & Gallatin Valley Catering will offer reasonably priced dinner options again this year. **Cash Only.**

Committee Chairs are Lori Faure and Amanda Black to participate please contact Lori at 579-1499 or Amanda at ablack7@brenan.net. Also, the Room Parents and Classroom Teachers are looking for help. Classrooms need parents to set up, run the games usually in 30 minute time slots and clean up. Please volunteer - we need your help!

Annual Spelling Bee

Buzz, Buzz!!! PAC is sponsoring a parent team to compete in the **7th Annual Adult Team Spelling Bee on February 7th at the Emerson Ballroom and Theater from 6.30 - 10**. The Morning Star team is '**Heartless Hillary and the Spellcheckaz.**' Members are Seph Huber, father of Heidi Huber-Kindergarten, Miss Jones's Class, Chris Gilette and Hillary Vedvig from the Law Office Christopher Gilette. Good luck team!

Capital Expenditure Update:

As required in the By-Laws and Capital Campaign Policy, the Financial Advisory Committee met to review the capital expenditure requests. At the February 20th - PAC Meeting there will be a presentation and vote on the proposed expenditure. The initiative under consideration is to purchase an iPad for each teacher / classroom. The technology and apps available will enhance teaching and learning in all content areas, including common core subjects, art, music library and health enhancement. Please attend the meeting on the 20th to learn more.

Mark Your Calendars

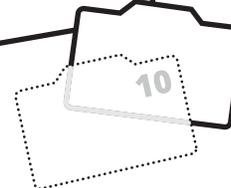
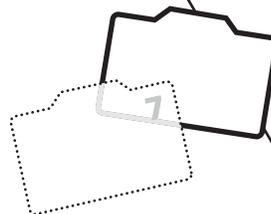
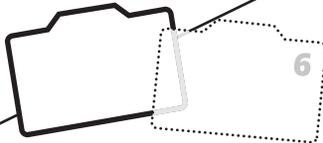
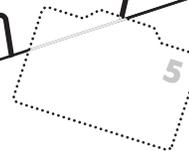
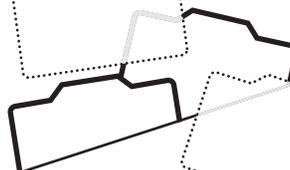
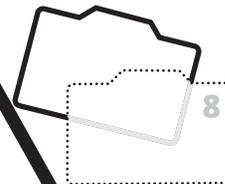
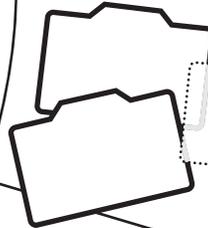
2/20	PAC Meeting – Nominations for PAC Board of Directors open
2/21	Carnival 5pm - 7pm at Morning Star
3/21	PAC Meeting – Elections for next year's Board of Directors will be elected on this day.



ROSES ARE RED,
VIOLETS ARE BLUE...
SENDING YOU LOVE...
AND SOME BOX TOPS, TOO!

TO: _____
(School Name)

FROM: _____
(Your Name)



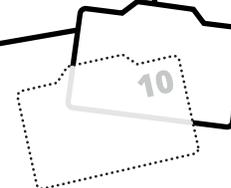
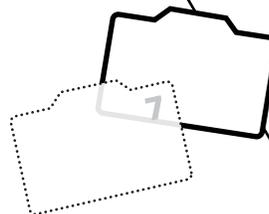
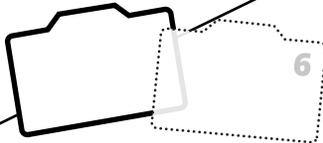
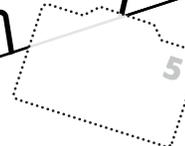
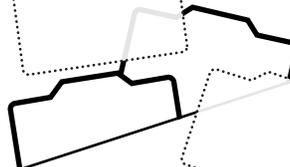
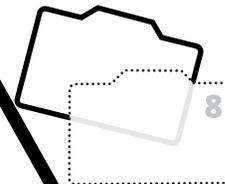
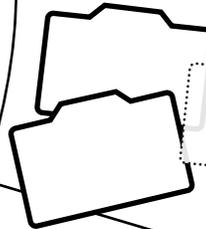
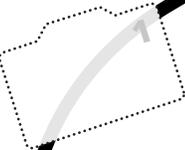
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LAS ROSAS SON ROJAS,
LAS VIOLETAS SON MORADAS...
TE MANDO MI AMOR...
¡JUNTO CON ALGUNOS BOX TOPS!

PARA: _____
(Nombre de la escuela)

DE: _____
(Su nombre)



Cada Box Tops que recolecte vale 10¢ para su escuela; solo complete esta hoja de colección y envíela a la escuela. No engrape los Box Tops o adjunte certificados de bonificación de Box Tops a ninguna de las hojas de colección. Para conocer más maneras de ganar dinero para su escuela, visite BTFE.com.