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## Morning Star School Newsletter January 17, 2014



School is in session on  
Monday, January 20,  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Attention 3-5 Choir Members!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Choir begins again Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am for all currently enrolled members. New enrollment forms will be sent home the following week for anyone wishing to enroll for the Spring semester. Spring semester will be Thursdays Jan. 16 to April 10. Questions?? Call Mrs. Reynolds at 522-6522.

### Safe Routes to School Walk/Wheel Days

Walk/Wheel event Monday, January 20. The theme is "Celebrate Your Culture." This is an opportunity for students to dress up using the colors of their familial national flags, decorate their backpacks with flags, learn a bit about their family history, and possibly share some of the cultural traditions that have been passed down to them.

## We are Morning STARs! We Solve Problems

### Skate for Heart

Morning Star's unique way of raising money for the American Heart Association (AHA), Skate for Heart, is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 3:30 – 5:00 on the Morning Star Ice Rink. Money raised by individuals not only earn prizes for that person, but helps AHA fund research and provide programs to help stop the nations leading killer disease. Heart disease affects people of all ages and many people benefit from programs offered by the American Heart Association. Morning Star puts a unique twist on Jump Rope for Heart, a national program.

It is not mandatory that students raise money; they may participate just for fun and great exercise. Packets will come home today or early next week and permission to participate (regardless of whether the student is raising funds or not) need to be turned into Mr. Curtice or Mrs. Dover prior to the event. ALL money collected must be turned in by Friday February 21, 2014 so that prizes may be ordered.

->All skaters must have personal safety equipment including helmet, skates, long sleeves, pants and gloves. Parents are welcome to attend. In the event of bad weather (either to warm or to cold) the event will be rescheduled for Tuesday February 11.

### Parent Liaison

Libby Michaud is our Parent Liaison. Her job is to work in partnership with the schools to nurture opportunities for your

child's success. She is also available to help find and access community resources if needed. Libby assists parents in developing effective parenting strategies based on your child's stage of development. Feel free to contact Libby and set up a meeting to meet with her to talk or share concerns. She can be reached at her Morning Star office Mon, Wed, Fridays 8-11:30, or Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-4:00. To contact Libby call 922-4237, or email her at [libby.michaud@bsd7.org](mailto:libby.michaud@bsd7.org)

### Altacare

~Altacare is a therapeutic service for students experiencing social, emotional or behavioral challenges in school. We provide individual and group settings to support students in their developmental and academic needs at Morning Star. Altacare staff works closely with teachers and parents in an effort to improve students' experience at school, home and in the community.

~We are in the process of hiring a new team as the team we have been sharing with Longfellow will now be full time at Longfellow.

### 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).

### Cans for our Community Food Drive

~Thanks to Girls on the Run and all of the Morning Star students we exceeded our goal 530# of food and 530 food items. We delivered over 700 items weighing in excess of 700 pounds of food to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank!

## We Take Responsibility

### Keep Us Updated!

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

### State Testing

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. In addition, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the CRT (Criterion Referenced Test) for science in March. We will share more specific information as it is available.

### Borrowed Clothing from School Office

If your child has borrowed clothes from school because their clothing from home 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.

### Help us improve air quality around our school!

Idling vehicles release hazardous chemicals into the air - carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxide, and particulate matter. Studies have linked air pollution to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies. Exhaust is particularly hazardous to children's health because they breathe faster and inhale more air per pound of body weight. If many vehicles are idling at once, a "hot spot" of exhaust pollution can be created. Eliminating vehicle idling will limit our children's exposure to these pollutants.

## 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. Children who are tardy begin their day at a disadvantage, playing catch up to their peers and often feeling out of sorts as a result. 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 your for supporting your child's learning by making sure they are at school on-time every day.**

## Sunset Shovelers and Morning Shovelers Needed (Time commitment per session about 30 minutes)

The ice rink team continues to seek individuals to help with daily maintenance of the rink.

**Sunset Shovelers:** Ice scraping is done just before sunset. (Thus you will see the time changes throughout the season). This scraping smoothes out the ice and removes the snow, so that Mr. Curtice is able to come and place more water down on the ice getting it ready for the next day. We need people for Sunday, Mon. Tues. Wed and Thursday night. This work involves using a shovel. Times start at 4:30 and as the days get longer slots will start at 5:45 thus corresponding with the sunset.

**Morning Snow Clearing Crew:** If there is snow during the night we need people to help clear the rink before the first H.E. class at 9 a.m. This involves shoveling or running a snow blower. There is access to a 4-wheeler on days that have more snow fall, i.e. more than 4".

**To sign-up** to help make the rink a success and an enjoyable activity for everyone, please contact Barbie Huber [barbiehuber@hotmail.com](mailto:barbiehuber@hotmail.com). Please let her know if you are interested in Sunset Shoveling, Morning Shoveling and or both. She will then add you to the correct list. Those interested in Sunset Shoveling will be sent an invite to sign up for a slot using Sign-up Genius. It is a free, secure Internet tool to help organize groups of people and give automatic reminders. If you do not have access to a computer, but would still like to help, please call her at 406-599-5950. Happy Skating!

## WeTip Hotline

The Bozeman Police Department and the Bozeman Public Schools partner to provide the WeTip hotline to students and their families. The WeTip hotline at **1-800-78-CRIME** may be used by anyone to anonymously report crimes that have been committed at any of our schools or in our community.

While students are always encouraged to talk with an adult at the school, students are sometimes reluctant to report crime information. WeTip provides an alternative for students and families who wish to give information and remain anonymous.

WeTip hotlines are answered by operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken on all crimes affecting schools and the surrounding communities. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential. The operator asks a series of questions, designed by law enforcement, to obtain the maximum amount of information about the reported crime. After the information is taken, a code name and number are assigned to the informant. The WeTip operator takes the information and passes it on to Bozeman's School Resource Officers who will conduct their own investigation. Additional information is available on WeTip's website: [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com) Anyone who has information about illegal activity at a Bozeman school can call WeTip at **1-800-78-CRIME** or submit a tip at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com). For emergencies and in-progress crimes call 911.

## We Act Safely

### Safe Routes to School

Please help teach your children the safety and health benefit of walking or biking to school. We have selected one day each month and need volunteers to help walk the kids from Sacajawea Middle School to Morning Star. Meet students at Sacajawea at 7:50 and walk them to Morning Star. Below are the dates, sign up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4A72EA0FC1-safe>

**January 20th (Monday) Cultural Day, wear something from your unique cultural background**  
**February 14th (Friday) Valentine's Day - Hearts**  
**March 17th (Monday) St. Patrick's Day - Shamrocks**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup> (Monday) Earth Day - Flowers**  
**May 19th (Monday) Morning Star Spirit Day**

### Bike Celebration Week at Morning Star is March 17th-21<sup>st</sup>, 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**

### 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.

## We Show Respect

### Reminder from our Neighbors and the Police Department

**HELP US CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT...**

**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.**

## Calendar of Events

January 13-31 DIBELS and easyCBM  
winter benchmark testing

January 20 – Walk/Wheel to School,  
Celebrate Culture - Cultural Presentations  
during lunch

January 23 – Early Release – all students  
dismissed at 1:45 pm

January 24 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Trimester

January 31 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Trimester reports sent  
home in Friday folders

February 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Bzn Symphony

February 14 – Valentine's Day  
(no deliveries to classrooms)

February 21 – Morning Star Carnival



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# spelling bee

***Bee there or bee square!***  
*Friday, February 7th 6:30pm-10:00pm*  
*Emerson's Ballroom & Crawford Theater*

**\$25 for audience members, tickets at door**  
**Sponsor your favorite team for "Lifelines"! online at**  
**[www.crowdrise.com/bfspellingbee](http://www.crowdrise.com/bfspellingbee)**

Celebrity Judges!  
Pronouncer: "Chrysti the Wordsmith"  
No host bar and appetizers!  
50/50 Crossword & Sudoko

**Win at the Wall of Wine & Play Along on your Phone!**  
[www.bozemanschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.bozemanschoolsfoundation.org)

## Capital Campaign Update

The call for Capital Campaign submissions has been extended to January 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a big idea but aren't sure whether it qualifies for a capital expenditure or have found the submission process to be intimidating we are here to help! Morning Star parent and Financial Advisory Committee member, Laura Merante has offered to answer questions or provide instruction on how to prepare a submission. She can be reached at [merante@optimum.net](mailto:merante@optimum.net). Completed submissions can be e-mailed to Julianne Williams at [williams.julianne@gmail.com](mailto:williams.julianne@gmail.com) or placed in the PAC mailbox at school no later than 9:00AM Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Isn't the Ice Rink Fun!?

We've had a great start to the ice rink season but it is not over yet and volunteers are still needed to support the maintenance of the rink! Mary Black and Barbie Huber have got the answers to all your questions about time commitment and skills necessary to participate in making our rink a valuable asset to our children's health enhancement programs and our greater Morning Star community. Please contact Barbie at [barbiehuber@hotmail.com](mailto:barbiehuber@hotmail.com) or Mary Black at [maervo@gmail.com](mailto:maervo@gmail.com).

## We've got a PAC meeting coming up!

Thursday, January 16 at 11:45 am. Topics to be covered at the meeting are an upcoming survey of Parents regarding the school discipline system and parent engagement as well as PAC reports on upcoming events and nominations process for the next PAC board and chair positions. We hope to see you there.

## Speaking of upcoming events, Mi Amore...

PAC is looking for parents interested in creating an Enrichment Lunch on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The subject matter for the presentation/program is the celebration of Valentine's Day across cultural and language boundaries. Think about Slovenia where it is believed that St. Valentine wakes all the flowers/flora from their deep winter's sleep and ushers in the start of plant life for start of the Spring Season! Parents interested in participating should contact Robin Arnold ?

## It's Carnival Time!!

This annual tradition at Morning Star is just around the corner!! Committee Chairs are Lori Faure and Amanda Black. Please contact them if you are interested in helping. [lorifaure@yahoo.com](mailto:lorifaure@yahoo.com) and [ablack7@bresnan.net](mailto:ablack7@bresnan.net)

## BSF Annual Spelling Bee

Do you know the "beesness" about the 7th annual Bozeman Schools Foundation Annual spelling bee? Morning Star PAC has sponsored a team to participate in this wild and crazy event. Please contact Erica Renslow at [erica.renslow@gmail.com](mailto:erica.renslow@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating! The event is on February 7th from 6:30 until 10:00 pm and will be hosted at the Emerson Crawford Theatre.

## Holiday Committee Hooray!

Sincere thanks to ALL the Holiday Committee members for their generosity of time, talents, crafty vision, acrobatics, & culinary expertise! It was a huge success & enjoyed by all. Special thanks to **Montana Container** & the **Bozeman High School Student Association** for their generous contribution of materials.

## Community News:

We've been asked by members of our parent community to share the following information regarding rezoning of property located within the Morning Star School boundary.

### Developer's informational presentation

Wed., January 15, 7-7:30 pm

Sacajawea Middle School Cafeteria

### Public Hearings

Tue., Feb 4, 6 pm

City Commission Room, 121 N Rouse Ave.

Mon., Feb 24, 6 pm

City Commission Room, 121 N Rouse Ave.

## Mark Your Calendars

1/16	PAC Meeting
1/23	EARLY RELEASE DAY; School out at 1:45pm
2/7	BSF Spelling Bee, 6:30 – 10 pm
2/21	PAC Meeting – Nominations for PAC Board of Directors open.
3/21	PAC Meeting – Elections for next year's Board of Directors will be elected on this day.

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**UPDATED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT**  
(Note: New Hearing Dates in Red)

**An application has been submitted to change the zoning of ~5.0 acres of R-3 (Residential Medium Density District); ~10.6 acres of R-1 (Residential Single Household Low Density District) and ~0.39 acres of R-2 (Residential Two Household Medium Density District) to R-4 (Residential High Density District).**

The property is legally described as a portion of remainder Tract A in Phase II of the Allison Subdivision. **The property is currently vacant but is generally described as south of Opportunity Way and east of what would be South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue extended.** (South of the University Stadium)

The purpose of the public hearings is to consider a requested amendment to the City of Bozeman Zoning Map, as proposed by the property owner, **Bon Ton Inc; Gene Graf, PO Box 906, Bozeman, MT 59771-0906.** The applicant is **Campus Crest Development, LLC; Chris Russ, 2100 Rexford Road #414, Charlotte, NC 28211** and the representative is **Madison Engineering LLC; Chris Budeski, 895 Technology Blvd., Suite 203, Bozeman, MT 59718.** The proposal would affect ~16 acres of land.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
BOZEMAN ZONING  
COMMISSISON**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2014**  
6:00 p.m.  
City Commission Room  
121 N Rouse Avenue  
Bozeman, Montana

**PUBLIC HEARING  
BOZEMAN CITY COMMISSION**

**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
6:00 pm  
City Commission Room  
121 N Rouse Avenue  
Bozeman, Montana

The City invites the public to comment in writing and to attend the public hearings. Written comments may be directed to the City of Bozeman, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 1230, Bozeman, MT 59771-1230. The application materials may be reviewed in the City of Bozeman Department of Community Development, Alfred M. Stiff Professional Building, 20 East Olive Street, 582-2260. For those who require accommodations for disabilities, please contact James Goehrung, City of Bozeman ADA Coordinator, 582-3200 (voice), 582-3203 (TDD). **Please reference the Campus Crest Zone Map Amendment Z13268 in any correspondence.** Contact Doug Riley in Community Development if you have questions.

