

THE MORNING STAR

<http://ms.bsd7.org/>

Principal's Place

As the end of the school year rushes to meet us, I would like to thank those of you who have taken time to share concerns, make recommendations for positive change and contribute to our school by volunteering. It means a lot! A tribute to our many volunteers is on the final page.

Congratulations to our young leaders! Over 90 applicants submitted their paperwork for our new **Student Leadership Team** - see the Celebrations portion of the newsletter for more information on fall and spring leadership teams.

Your PAC officers are soliciting feedback regarding a variety of issues including funding priorities and effective communication strategies. The survey will be available until June 11. Thank you! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSPACSURVEY>

Morning Star's annual **Parent Foundations Survey** is available for you to provide us with some input regarding safety and climate at Morning Star. Your opinions help us understand your perspective, guide our work for next year & make our school an amazing place to learn and grow. Please complete the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MOSTparents>

Dr. Watson invites community members to participate in our **Annual Stakeholders Feedback Survey**. The survey window will stay open until June 13 at the following link:
<http://www.bsd7.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=112502&pageId=3671064>

The last day of school is June 11 with students released @ 12:30. There will be no hot lunch & no Lucky Stars.

Have a fun-filled summer and enjoy some extended time with your children – we look forward to seeing you at Sneak Peek on August 29.

Spotlight on Fifth Grade

A Midsummer Night's Dream – 5th grade style - Did you have a chance to see one of the eight Shakespeare performances presented by our fifth graders? If not, you truly missed an opportunity to see what young people can do when they are presented with an opportunity to "show what they know!" The performances are a Morning Star tradition and act as a culminating event tied to the final literature unit of the year. Prior to choosing parts & performing students were led through a close read of the text of the play with rich discussion to build understanding of Shakespeare's unique writing.

Out and About - Monday's field trip to the Bozeman Ponds to release our trout included many activities including search & rescue, aquatic nuisance species, trout and macroinvertebrates. Friday's Track and Field day was a huge success - our students do a wonderful job of representing Morning Star!

We are Morning STARS



We **S**olve problems in a respectful manner by attempting to work it out, getting adult help & reporting concerns.



We **T**ake responsibility for our behavior by following directions, being prepared & caring for equipment & materials.



We **A**ct safely to ensure all students may move through the hallways & participate in activities appropriately.



We show **R**espect for ourselves and others by actively listening, using appropriate language, waiting patiently & using good manners.

Handbook Highlights Parking Lot Safety

Please note the change to our parking lot guidelines. The front curb area is no longer available for parking – it is for loading/unloading only. Please use a parking space if you are coming into the building – we appreciate your help as we continue to implement recommendations from our new Safety Committee.

(See Student Handbook p 12)



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Walk in the American Cancer Society
to help us save more than 400 lives

Fighting Stars Relay for Life Team

We are participating in the Gallatin Valley Relay for Life on July 11, 2014. Each of us is participating because cancer has touched us in some way. It is a great opportunity to raise money that directly impacts the lives of many. If you wish to make any donation between now & the last day of school drop a dime or several dollars in the purple bucket on the office counter. Pick up a footprint and fill it out – we'll hang it with honor. Check out our page at the FIGHTING STARS HOME PAGE available through the purple banner above.

School Supply Purchase through Bzn Schools Foundation

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the website and our Account number needed for ordering. (Web: www.ShopTTKits.com, Account 10451). Please note your teacher may have requested a few additional items noted in the comments section and backpacks or lunchboxes are not included or available online.

Summer Library Program

Students will not be able to check out books in June unless they have signed up for the summer reading program - see the last page of this newsletter for information!

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is excited to offer our Free Summer Meals Program again this year. We will be serving Free Meals to all children 18 and under from 12-1 Monday-Friday at the following supervised locations: Beall Park, MSU Family and Grad Student Housing, and Hollensteiner Park in Belgrade. No paperwork is needed, just show up and get in line. A variety of activities will be offered at each site throughout the summer for more details on activities or to find out more about the program check our website at cafebozeman.org. Additionally anyone can text

PAC SNACK

By Kristen O'Brien

You'll need:

1 large pizza box completely covered in aluminum foil

A stick

Graham crackers

Marshmallows

Hershey bar

- prop the stick into your solar oven to keep from closing and place in hot direct sunlight for at least 15-20 minutes
- place a graham square with marshmallow on top on the floor of the oven
- wait for your mallow to melt or sometimes brown
- smoosh on some chocolate and top with graham square. Hurray!

Try to make nachos or fried eggs next time!
Have solar oven fun!

Calendar of Events

June 5, 9, 10 – Fall Student Leadership Team training @ 7:30 a.m. (Spring Leadership training will be in January)

June 6 Yearbooks coming home - Limited supply available for sale starting Monday June 9 for \$14. See yearbook staff in front of the library before and after school.

June 11 Last day of School, Morning Star Spirit Day – All students dismissed @12:30

5th Grade Celebration Party @ MSU Sub (see invitation on last page of this newsletter)

July 11 Gallatin Valley Relay for Life @ Belgrade Special Events Center

August 29 Sneak Peek for all students and parents

September 2 First Day of School and Spirit Wear launch

CELEBRATIONS

FALL 2014 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Training June 5, 9, 10

3rd Grade

Nick Albro	Parker Batton
Alyvia Berglund	Bria Isley
Alexis LaMeres	Logan Lynch
Lizabeth Oberly	Jude Wolfe
Harry Strom	

4th Grade

Jerry Broderick	Avery Dickerson
Simon Kinzler	Mae Madison
Maya Merante	Live Nesseth
Bennett Niedermeyer	Claire Rembert
Emily Welsh	Zach Whipple

5th Grade

Raffa Cerenzia	Camber Cole
Meaghan Ellig	Miles Fastnow
Amaia Gavica	Max Goodwin
Sady King	Jenavieve Lynch
Ryan Mahoney	June Mann
Samantha Neely	Yebin Wallace

SPRING 2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Training January

3rd Grade

Analise Belasco	Joe Boylan
Coulter Harris	Carson Klug
Alyvia Leipheimer	Lizzy Ligtenberg
Ben Nash	Austin Perlinski
Emeline Smith	

4th Grade

Tailyn Black	Lili Brown
Annalee Cleary	Maya Haugan
Lance Killian	Sam Morris
Will Nash	Rico Salgado
Katelyn VanKirk	Ruby West

5th Grade

Marina Black	Tucker Harris
Joe Johns	Josie Laufenberg
Samantha Murphy	Blake Phillippi
Laure'n Poole	Tristan Pritham
Olivia Smith	Marin Snyder
Lexi Williams	Emily Williams

New Sign for Morning Star

Thank you to Barbie Huber who spearheaded work with Signs of Montana to design a 4'x8' changeable information sign for the front of Morning Star. Thanks to the generosity of the Morning Star PAC, the sign has been fully funded and, pending City approval, the sign will be installed sometime in July. We will be looking for a parent or two to donate 20-30 minutes each week to change the message.

My How our Garden Boxes are Growing!

Thank you to the efforts of Jamie Gowdy and our Lucky Stars students, the Morning Star raised bed garden boxes are now fenced, filled with rich soil, seeds & tiny new plants. If you have some time to help maintain our garden boxes this summer - we need your help!

We would be pleased to share the harvest of flowers and veggies in return for your family's time providing light maintenance. If you & your children have a little time during 1-2 weeks out of the summer, sign up for a week at

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4EAAA629A13-morning



How to Help @ Home

10 Great Ted Talks for Parents

http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/05/10-great-ted-talks-for-parents.html?utm_content=buffer37750&utm_medium=social&utm_source=linkedin.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Summer Six Reading Challenge

This year's **Summer Six Reading Challenge** video is posted on the Office of Public Instruction website. Students can read the story "*Turtle's Race with Beaver*" along with Superintendent Denise Juneau. It's a great story for K-3 students. You know how important it is for students to continue reading over the summer months and the Summer Six Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage them. Students in K-12 can participate and when they sign up, they are eligible for monthly prizes of store gift cards and other items. We will conduct the drawings at the end of June, July, and August. Last year, 2,000 students took the Challenge! Here's what you can do:

1. Click on the link http://opi.mt.gov/Streamer/Summer6/ReadingChallenge_2014.mp4 to show your students the video in the classroom or during library time.
2. Help students sign up for the Challenge. The OPI has a page on its website with information for students, parents and educators. Click here for information and to register: <http://opi.mt.gov/read6books>.

If you have questions or comments, please e-mail me at opisupt@mt.gov or call Terry Kendrick, [406-444-3449](tel:406-444-3449).

SHAPE P-20

Through a project called SHAPE P-20 housed at the University of Montana & funded by the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, your child is eligible to take part in an exciting program. Teachers and researchers at UM have developed a series of learning modules that you can receive via email. There are a total of 10 modules and the purpose of them is to assist you in teaching your child early literacy skills. Parents have found these to be very easy to use and children find the activities fun and exciting. They do not take a lot of time but they are full of useful short videos, tips and activities, and other free educational resources are made available to you.

→Parents will need to register for this summer's email modules using the following GoogleForm:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/111Pi5N3bhstcDfOCwdqQBavo1RYI7MwFD6IAbY1j6eQ/viewform>

→A link to the Academic and Family Support Services initiative within the SHAPE P20 project

is: <http://www.coehs.umd.edu/SHAPE%20P-20/Initiatives/Family%20Support%20and%20Services.php>

World's Natural Concert

Dear Morning Star Student,

The world is singing and speaking all of the time if we just take a few moments to listen. Your assignment is to capture some of the "World's Natural Concert" sounds. Take 5 or 10 minutes to sit outside QUIETLY by yourself or with your family at various times of the day, at various locations. You will begin this assignment in music class.

Find out what the world around you is saying when you stop to listen. You can record your findings below. If you wish to continue this during the summer months, I would love to see your results after summer vacation!

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Reynolds
Music Teacher**

SOUND BANK	DATE/TIME/LOCATION



IT'S THE MORNING STAR
5TH GRADE GRADUATION
PARTY!
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2-4PM

majorDETAILS: Morning Star 5th graders, their families, and teachers are all invited to celebrate the completion of their elementary careers! The party will be held at MSU's Strand Union REC Center and will include bowling, billiards, shuffleboard and playstation gaming. A \$5 fee per student will cover these activities. Students can pay upon arrival. There will also be free cake, popcorn and soda.

majorDETAILS: A group of Moms have reserved the whole facility, so our graduates can have the run of the house from 2-4pm. You are welcome to come for all or part of that window, but there will not be official parent chaperones - so drop your new middle-schooler off at your own risk :) And finally, if your child is planning on bowling please make sure they bring socks for the occasion. Hope to see you there!

Thank You to our Volunteers for their many hours of dedication!

Stacey Ash	Joel Baller	Lisa Baller	Sadie Barac	Cherie Barr
Bobbie Bateson	Michelle Becker	Eric Belasco	Lacey Bertram	Ashley Bickerstaff
Amanda Black	Mary & Sean Black	Kevin Black	Kirsten Blunck	Stephen Boone
Dr. James Bond	Crystal Boxwell	Toshia Boyer	Kim Boyle	Sarah Brechbuhler
Joan Broderick	Sarah Bronsky	Jill Brown	Shelby Brown	Pam Brown
Kathy Brown	Sara Bruce	Molly Byerly	Kim Carley	Annette Carson
Debi Casagrande	Melissa Casper	Ying Chu	Carla Cormany	Amy Cory
Tanya Cotterell	Stephanie Daigle	Anne Dartman	Shannon Davis	Torri Dean
Megan Decker	Susy DiCello	Kim Dickerson	Carrie Dietrich	Chris Dover
Matt Edwards	Karen Eichenberger	Holly Eiden	Becky Ellig	Chelsea Embry
Carie Faulhaber	Lori Faure	Todd Feeley	Nannette DuCuennois	
Renee Folsom	Priscilla Foster	Natasha Fraker	Danielle Freeburg	Tammy Friedlund
Poppy Gard	Sasha Gavica	Anne Gibson	Tom Gibson	Rob Goodwin
Anna Graf	Colter Guthrie	Keani Guthrie	Kirsti Hahn	Keri Hallau
Kristin Hamburg	Kathy Handelin	Sierra Harria	Dana Hart	Michelle Haught
Julie Hergert	Mary Hickey	Deni Hogan	Becky Hollowell	Travis Horton
Becky Houser	Barbie Huber	Christy Huddleston	Laura Huggins	Amy Hunter
Jamie Hurd	Hiroko Irizarry	Gesine Janzen	James & Kathy Irvine	

And More Volunteers...

Matt Johnson	DeDe Jones	Dennis Jorgensen	Tony Kadillak	Michelle Kaiser
Jill Keegan	Myla Kelly	Tom Kelly	Mary Killiam	Mike Killian
Jiong Kim	Nancy Kinzler	Caroline Klarr	Hilary Klug	Peggy Kohler
Linda Koppel	Brock LaMeres	Janell Landers	Brooke Lannon	Carrie Lawrence
Mandie Leipheimer	Gerri Lewis	Jacklyn Lewis	Lion's Club	Nicole Locati
Sharon Loftsgaarden	Lawrence Losty	Terri Losty	Stacey Lunden	Chris Lynch
Lorrie Maffey	Sarah Meltzer	Laura Merante	Cher Meuli	Katherine Miller
Christy Mitchell	Garnet Morlan	Annloes Morosi	Angie Morris	Travis Munter
Beth Murphy	Belinda Nash	Sandy Navarro	Kristen O'Brien	Colleen O'Quinn
Rebecca Oberly	Rachel Osen	Rebecca Pape	Hilary Parker	Patrice Parks
Jennifer Pawlak	Lana Peace	Sherri Pearson	Adele Perlinski	Jamie Perlinski
Linda Perlinski	Carole Pool	Karlina Popwell	Rich Popwell	Molly Pugh
Kyrsten Reistad	Frank Rembert	Erica Renslow	Kimberlee Raynovich	Rollie Rounds
Amy Riendeau	Valerie Roche	Trang Rogers	Paul Rugheimer	Stacey Rugheimer
Kally Ryti	Nichole Scala	Courtney Schreiner	Jennifer Schultz	Kim Scurry
Danelle Seybert	Andy Sherman	Alison Shields	Tamera Smith	SMS 8 th Graders
PollyAnna Snyder	Jesse Sobrepena	Christy Sofianek	Christine Sommers-Austin	
Heidi Squillace	Kelly Ann Starner	Amy Strom	Kristen Sutherland	Kim Trafton
Holly VanKirk	Kalina Vanderhoff	Karla Wastcoat	Ali Weedin	Wendy Welsh
Ross Wenger	Kama Werner	Patty West	Ryan West	David Wheeler
Amy Williams	Jennifer Williams	Julianne Williams	Kristen Williamson	Brad Yeomans
Janet Yeomans	Camie Zallar	Sarah Zuzulock	U.S. Forest Service,	MaryAnn Baumberger
Round House	Summit Ski & Bike	Chalet Sports	Bangtail Bikes	Bzn Bike Kitchen
Thrive CAP Mentors	PEAKS Mentors	BOB Bozone Bus	Big Sky Western Bank	
Farm Fair	Montana Watercourse		Gallatin Co. Food Bank	
Bozeman Rotary				

**These volunteers make many educational opportunities available to our students and assist our staff in providing a quality, meaningful learning experience each and every day.
We couldn't do it without you!**

Please let us know if we have missed your name or organization – we do our best to keep track of the over 200 individuals and organizations that donate time to our school!

V is for the valiant efforts you show each day

O is for the organization that you display

L is for the love you share with every child

U is for the understanding in your smile

N is for the need we have for your ability

T is for the talents that we all like to see

E is for everything you give to us

E is for everybody that thinks you're fabulous

R is for a reminder to come back next year because we would be lost without all of you
here!

May 15th PAC Meeting Recap

The new 8:00AM Meeting time worked well. The meeting was well attended. Pending review of the PAC Parent Survey the monthly meeting time will be changed to 8:00AM.

Treasurer's Report

- The preliminary budget for the 2014 – 2015 school year was presented, voted on and approved. The preliminary budget allows for spending over the summer in preparation for the school year and annual Fun Run Fundraiser.
- The final 2014-2015 budget will be prepared and presented for a vote at the November meeting.
- Presentation for a Capital Expenditure of up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of an outdoor sign / reader board. Signs of Montana will complete the project by the end of July.

Enrichment Report

- The Enrichment Requests Process for the 2014-2015 school year underway. Approved requests will be turned in to Sasha Gavica by June 6th.
- The Cultural Enrichment Program Planning is underway. Molly Pugh is leading this effort and welcomes parent support of the developing program.

2014-2015 PAC Officers

Co President A	Gerri Lewis Gerri.lewis@comcast.net
Co-President B	Anne Gibson magnoliacottage.ag@gmail.com
Treasurer	Janet Yeomans janetlyeomans@gmail.com
Secretary	Mandie Leipheimer mleipheimer@hotmail.com
Enrichment Chair	Sasha Gavica bsgavica@optimum.net

PAC Spring Parent Survey

The Parent Survey is still open and PAC would greatly appreciate your feedback as we prepare for the 2014/2015 school year. The survey can be accessed at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSPACSURVEY>

Thank you for your participation!

Thank you notes ...

PAC has received many personal thank you notes from the Morning Star Staff. They are addressed to **ALL** of the Morning Star volunteers thanking you for your time, generosity and support. It is all greatly appreciated!

Box Tops

Save your Box Tops over the summer! Money earned from Box Top collections help fund field trips, enrichment programs and other PAC programs throughout the school year. During the 2014/2015 school year PAC will sponsor two contests with prizes for the students who turn in the most Box Tops.