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## Morning Star School Newsletter March 7, 2014

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### We Need Your Input

As part of our participation in Project REAL (Responsive Education for All Learners) we are collecting information about parent perceptions of our school. Please take a moment to access the survey via the link below and share your opinion.

<http://www.keysurvey.com/votingmodule/s180/f/581364/1595/>

### Mark your calendar!

Each class will be sharing their own musical during their regular music class time in the music room. A reminder: NO BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE MUSIC ROOM DURING PERFORMANCES...thank you!

Questions about the above event, please contact Mrs. Reynolds or Ms. Daum at 522-6522!

### Musicals with Miss Daum

#### Monday, April 21st

10:15 Mrs. Stephens  
12:30 Mrs. Dean  
1:00 Mrs. Lakatos  
1:30 Mrs. McCullough

#### Friday, April 25th

8:40 Mrs. Babcock

#### Wednesday, April 30th

9:15 Mrs. Hanson  
11:00 Mrs. Saboda  
2:10 Miss Jones  
2:40 Mrs. Hall

### Musicals & Recitals with Mrs. Reynolds

#### Thursday, April 24th: 4th Grade Recorder Concert

8:40 Mr. Mollgaard  
9:25 Miss Burgard  
10:25 Mrs. Thiede

#### Friday, April 25th: 3rd Grade's "GOTTA BE JAZZ"

8:45-9:15 Ms. LaPierre's 3rd Grade  
9:15-9:45 Mrs. Jeffers's 3rd Grade  
9:45-10:15 Mrs. Dayhoff's 3rd Grade

#### Monday, April 28th: 5th Grade Music Recitals/Talent Day

8:45-9:15 Mrs. Duncan's 5th Grade  
9:30-10:00 Mrs. Dore's 5th Grade  
10:15-10:45 Ms. Fabian's 5th Grade

#### Monday, April 28th: 2nd Grade "FRIENDS" musical

12:15-12:45 Mrs. Todd's 2nd Grade  
12:45-1:15 Mrs. Fox's 2nd Grade

#### Tuesday, April 29th: 2nd Grade "FRIENDS" musical

12:15-12:45 Ms. Thurlow's 2nd Grade  
12:45-1:15 Mrs. Rein's 2nd Grade

## From the Morning Star Office

~ Please return visitor or volunteer lanyards before you leave Morning Star!!

If you have some at home, please return on your next visit!!

~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards Coming home on Friday, March 21

~ For Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

The CJMS PAC meets the first Thursday of every month at 8:30am. Parents of future CJMS students are invited to attend the April 3 and May 1 PAC meetings at CJMS.

## We are Morning STARs!

### We Solve Problems

#### My Nutrikids.com

Easy on-line deposits to your students lunch account. Just call the office to get your student's ID number, then log on to: [www.mynutrikids.com](http://www.mynutrikids.com)

#### Olweus & Social Skills Development

As part of our work to support student social and emotional growth and meet the district standards for counseling, we continue to utilize Olweus class meetings. On a periodic basis you have been seeing information about our social skills instruction in teacher newsletters. For more information visit <http://www.violencepreventionworks.org/public/index.page>. For information on Morning Star's action plan visit <http://www.bsd7.org/search/default.aspx?q=Olweus&type=0,12418-117,112418-1271-1>

#### 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](mailto: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>

#### Altacare

Welcome to our new Altacare therapist Nikki Zelenka. 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. If you are interested in more information regarding Altacare service, please contact Nikki at 522-6545.

#### 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

### Important Numbers...

Office phone: 522-6500

Reporting an absence or tardy?

Please call the attendance line: 522-6510

### Intent to Return Forms are coming home Friday, March 28, for students in Grade K-4!!!!

If you aren't sure of your attendance area school, you can call the Enrollment Office at 522-6005. Please look over the form closely and make your selection.

Please return the Intent to Return Form to your child's teacher on Monday, March 31, 2014.

### State Testing

~4<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Science CRT (Criterion Referenced Test) March 3-7.

~Grades 3-5 will participate in the full-scale pilot of the new Smarter Balanced State Assessment beginning April 14. The assessment includes both math and English language arts and is aligned to the Montana Core Standards. Please be sure your child is in attendance and well rested during the following testing windows:

~April 14-18 5<sup>th</sup> grade testing

~April 21-25 4<sup>th</sup> grade testing

~April 28-May 2 3<sup>rd</sup> grade testing

### 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 and are able to make timely contact with you in the event of an emergency.

### 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.

### 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.

## Lost and Found

We have recently donated unlabeled Lost and Found items to the Goodwill. Thank you to those of you who label your child's belongings and check the racks and buckets when something doesn't make it home.

## 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

Please help teach your children the safety and health benefit of walking or biking to school and minimize the traffic congestion around Morning Star. With our remaining grant funds we have request several items to improve safety around our school and are sponsoring monthly Walk/Wheel to School days as well as a Bike Celebration Week in May.

#### Upcoming Dates:

March 17<sup>th</sup> (Monday) St. Patrick's Day - Shamrocks



April 21<sup>st</sup> (Monday) Earth Day - Flowers

May 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday) Morning Star Spirit Day

### Bike Celebration Week at Morning Star has been changed to May 5-9 to coincide with National Bike to School Day on May 7

Tuesday: Bike Seat and Helmet Adjustment

Wednesday: Bike Safety

Thursday: Fix a flat and pump up your tires

Friday: Fun Ride

## We Show Respect

### 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.

### Drop Off/Pick Up & Traffic on Arnold

Please remember that cell phone use interferes with our ability to concentrate while driving. We appreciate your full attention in our school zone as you drive **15 MPH** on Arnold, enter our parking lot at the West entrance and proceed with caution. ~At the end of the day please stay to the far right as you wait for your child **and turn off your engine – Morning Star is a no idle zone.**

~If you must proceed into the parking lot, pass SLOWLY to the left of the cars waiting to pick up, park your car and proceed into the building. There is no parking for any amount of time in the zone in front of the school entrance.

## **Lessons from the Library**

Congratulations to Ruby from Miss LaPierre's Class, Tristan from Mrs. Thiede's Class and Amaia from Ms. Burgard's Class. They participated in the Favorite Author Report sponsored by Mrs. DeWolf and Mrs. Jesness in the library.

### **1-2-3 Easy Tomato soup**

By: Kristen O'Brien

- Wash your hands. Please!
- Ask your parents to use the knife and blender!

1- chop up, 1 small yellow onion and garlic clove into chunks  
2-open 30-32 oz can of whole tomatoes  
Add to blender and Pulse to the consistency you love  
3- pour into saucepan and warm on med heat until boils about 7 minutes.  
Salt and pepper to taste!  
(Pinch of dried thyme or maybe cayenne if you love spicy)  
•Add a little cream and some grated Parmesan cheese for a creamy soup!  
( maybe even bring it for lunch?)

## **Calendar of Events**

March 10 – 14 – No school – Spring Break  
March 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Reports go home  
April 4 – No School – PIR Day  
April 8 – Thurs. April 10 – Book Fair (Tentative date)  
April 14-18 5<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced assessment  
April 16 – Early Release – All students dismissed @ 1:45 pm  
April 21-25 4<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced assessment  
April 25 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Trimester  
April 28-May 2 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Smarter Balanced assessment  
May 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Trimester Reports go home  
May 5-9 Bike Celebration Week  
May 21 – Early Release – All students dismissed @ 1:45 pm  
May 26 – No School – Memorial Day  
June 11 – Last day of School – All students dismissed @12:30

## Officer Elections – Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Please cast your vote for PAC Officers that will serve during the 2014-2015 school year. Ballots will be available from 8:30am to 3:00pm in the lobby on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Elected Positions:

Co President A	Gerri Lewis
Co-President B	Anne Gibson
Treasurer	Janet Yeomans
Secretary	Mandie Leipheimer
Enrichment Chair	Sasha Gavica

### Appointed Positions:

Cultural Enrichment	Molly Pugh
Volunteer Coordinator	Erica Renslow
Fun Run Co Chairs	Kama Werner & Stacy Ludent
Communications Coordinator	Julianne Williams
Year Book	Laura Merante & Jen Schultz
Book Fair	Lori Faure
Science Fair	Dennis Jorgensen
Spirit Wear	Megan Decker & Jamie Perlinski
Ice Rink	James Irving & Tom Gibson
Holiday Program	PollyAnna Snyder & Kirsten Blunck
Box Tops	Kalina Vanderhoff
Bike/ Walk to School	Barbie Huber & Lorrie Maffey

### Volunteers Are Needed to Fill the Following Positions:

Carnival Co Chairs  
Staff Appreciation Chair

## What's coming up for PAC!

**Please Join Us on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 to 1:00 for our Monthly PAC meeting. Topics and presenters are:**

**Robin Arnold** will provide updates on Project REAL as well as discuss CRT/Smarter Balance Testing and Staff Appreciation Week.

**Rob Watson, Superintendent of BSD#7** will provide an update on the districts future plans; to include boundaries, land currently owned, land that may be purchased for future school sites and potential calendar changes. Please bring your questions and comments for Dr. Watson.

## The Bozeman Schools Foundation Invites you to....

### Take a Seat and Make a Stand for the Arts

Support the preservation and restoration of the Wilson Auditorium and support spaces.

Donate now through

<http://www.bozemenschoolsfoundation.org/take-a-seat/>

## Mark Your Calendars

<b>3/20</b>	PAC Meeting- Elections for next year Board of Directors will be elected.
<b>4/8-4/10</b>	Book Fair Dates
<b>4/17</b>	PAC Meeting
<b>5/15</b>	PAC meeting – Last for the year!