

# THE MORNING STAR

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

## Principal's Place

Over 50 applicants have submitted their paperwork for our new **Student Leadership Team**. Our Staff Leadership Team will be reviewing the applications & will select representatives from each grade. Selected students will participate in spring leadership training before school on June 2, 3 & 5 that will prepare students for next year's work as leaders at Morning Star.

Rob Watson invites our community members to participate in our **Annual Stakeholders Feedback Survey**. It takes about 3 minutes to complete. The survey window will stay open until June 13. To find the survey you can go to this weblink:

<http://www.bsd7.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=112502&pageId=3671064>

Our annual **Parent Foundations Survey** is available for you to provide us with some input regarding Morning Star. Your input will help us continue to improve. Please complete the survey at

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

Effective June 2 the curb area in front of the school will be a **No Parking** zone to accommodate faster drop off and pick up. We have moved all staff parking to the east and west sides of the school to ensure adequate parking for those of you who are visiting for a minute or a day. We continue to encourage students to walk or wheel to school whenever possible and enjoy our beautiful spring weather!

Field trips and assemblies abound...stay on top of these special events by reading classroom newsletters that provide specific information.

## 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 Bike/Scooter Safety

We encourage all students to wear helmets when riding to school and ask that students **walk** bicycles and scooters on school property.

Please work with your children on bike/scooter safety before letting them ride to school.

(See Student Handbook p 12)

## Spotlight on Second Grade

Second grade students have been very busy with an array of learning activities! During the trip to Headwaters State Park activities integrating science, social studies, Indian Education for All, & geography included learning to use an atlatl, furs from native animals, Native American culture, & the history of the pictograph. Students were able to see how an area can be important to many different groups of people over time. Giant MT cookie maps were made to highlight major rivers, mountains, & cities to build geographic knowledge. Our study of the water cycle culminated in an inquiry based streamtable activity. These learning opportunities were possible through partnerships with the Gallatin Valley Watershed Council, MT Water Course, Americorp, and MT State Parks. Literature connections featured reading *Naya Nuki, the Girl Who Ran* as well as various Lewis & Clark texts. Our weekly Olweus class meetings solve friendship and playground problems through discussion. Technology connections have included Digital Citizenship lessons focused on our "tone of voice" in texting and emails – important skills for today's digital citizen!

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=57781&pg=team&team\\_id=1530039](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=57781&pg=team&team_id=1530039)

## FEATURED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### School Supply Purchase through Bozeman 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](http://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.

### Recess Equipment

We continue to lose playground equipment at an astounding rate! This year we have spent several hundred dollars on equipment only to have most of our kickballs and basketballs end up somewhere else. For those of you who live close by, if you find any of them, clearly marked Morning Star, please return them to us so children have them to play with during recess.

### Library Books

Please return overdue library books as soon as possible. All library materials are due Friday, May 30. Students will not be able to check out books in June unless they have signed up for the summer reading program – more information coming soon!

### News from the Lunch Room

Please help us clear up any negative balances before the school year ends! Please call Mrs. Mooney at 522-6537 between 9:30-10:45 or leave a message before or after these hours if you would like to know your child's account balance. ~Mrs. Mooney, Cashier



### Fighting Stars Relay for Life Team

Morning Star is sponsoring a Relay for Life team & 11 staff members will participate 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 like the one pictured and fill it out – we'll hang it with honor. Check out our page at the

[FIGHTING STARS HOME PAGE](#)

## Calendar of Events



*STAR Students celebrate with Otterpops during lunch with Mrs. Arnold!*

**May 26** No School – Memorial Day

**June 2, 3 & 5** – Student Leadership Team training @ 7:30 a.m.

**June 6** Yearbooks coming home - Limited supply available for sale starting Monday June 9 for \$14. They will be selling in front of the library before and after school.

**June 11** Last day of School – All students dismissed @12:35

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

## CELEBRATIONS

### 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.



### 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 and 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 weeding. If you and 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4EAAA629A13-morning)



### Headwaters State Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip



# How to Help @ Home

## TenMarks Summer Math Program - FREE

TenMarks Summer Math Program is available for your families and it's free this summer. To get your families started, please

1. Visit <http://summermath.tenmarks.com/resources> to download a sample letter/email and flyer for your families.
2. In your communications, please include this unique access code for your school/district. **Summer Access Code: S14MSS2599**
3. Starting April 15, 2014, parents can sign up at <http://summer.tenmarks.com> using the Summer Access Code.

Just before summer break, parents will receive an email to get started. Students will take a diagnostic assessment which will create a personalized curriculum for the summer.

## Simple Tips for Summer Math Learning

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/math-tips-for-parents/summer-math/>

## The Public School Parents Guide to Learning @ Home

<http://theartofsimple.net/the-public-school-parents-guide-to-learning-at-home/>

## PAC SNACK

By Kristen O'Brien



**Cheesy Chex Mix**

You'll need

- 3 cups Chex cereal
- 2 cups mini pretzels
- 1 cup cheese crackers
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup grated parmesan
- $\frac{1}{2}$  stick melted butter
- garlic powder

Toss Chex cereal, mini pretzels & cheese crackers with grated parmesan cheese.

Add melted butter and a pinch of garlic powder.

Spread on a baking sheet and bake for 15 min. at 325 degrees, stirring every 5 minutes.

Cool and serve.

## Give Us a Call!

**Office phone:**

**522-6500**

**Reporting an absence or tardy? Please call the attendance line:**

**522-6510**

