

# THE MORNING STAR

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## Principal's Place

Parent Night on April 29 featured an example of a math lesson from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and an integrated ELA/Social Studies lesson. Parents and staff talked about the range of behavior supports available that ensure students are ready to learn and not distracted. We had an excellent discussion around a variety of topics including homework and parents' needs for guidance in how to help with math at home. We look forward to sharing a fall math parent night as a result of this feedback.

In order to provide students with a voice in the events, activities & learning opportunities at Morning Star, we are initiating a **Student Leadership Team**. We invite all current students in grades 2-4 to apply by completing an application and soliciting recommendations from two adults. Our Staff Leadership Team will review the applications & select representatives from each grade. Selected students will participate in spring leadership training that will prepare students for next year's work as leaders at Morning Star.

Thank you to those of you who provided feedback on our proposed changes to our parking lot along w/drop off & pick up procedures. We've included the information once more in case you missed it in the last edition of the newsletter. The curb area in front of the school will soon be No Parking zone to accommodate faster drop off and pick up.

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 Dress Code

It is important that children be dressed for the weather. Any student not dressed accordingly will be asked to call his/her parent to bring appropriate clothes. Whenever dress is distracting or disrupting to other students or adults in school, students will be asked to call home for other clothes. Appropriate dress includes:

- Shorts and skirts for students in Grades 3-5 must be at least the length of student's fingertips when arms are down by their side.

(See Student Handbook p 10, (BSD7 Policy #3227))

## Spotlight on Kindergarten

Our kindergarteners are ALMOST FIRST GRADERS! Have you seen their beautiful artwork using pastels hanging in the hallway? They have become quite accomplished at using illustration to tell a story and writing with descriptive words. Their work in persuasive writing is convincing and a long way from where they all started in September. In math they are actively using addition and subtraction to solve problems and create problems for others to solve. Number Talks continue to challenge and extend their thinking about numbers. Our mini scientists are growing bean plants from seed, exploring the parts of the plants, measuring them as they grow and learning about why plants are considered living. iPads and laptops are important learning devices, providing students with an opportunity to practice concepts such as addition, subtraction, sorting, ordering and matching. Digital citizenship lessons include the ABCs of safe searching and how to stay safe in an online environment. Take a look at our district's expectations of kindergarten students at

<https://sites.google.com/a/bsd7.org/bsd-ed-tech/kindergarten/k-tech-expectations>

## FEATURED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### School Supply Purchase through Bozeman Schools Foundation

The Bozeman Schools Foundation is offering the convenient services of SchoolKidz, Inc. Teacher Tailored back to school supply kit program. The kit includes all items from our Morning Star school supply list. Orders are placed online at <http://www.shopttkits.com/> with our account #10451. Part of the proceeds benefit Bozeman Schools Foundation and our PAC. Kits will be delivered w/your child's name on it to Morning Star in time for Sneak Peek in August.

### 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.

### 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.



### Morning Star Bike Safety Week

A HUGE thank you to Barbie Huber for spearheading the inaugural Bike Safety Week at Morning Star & Lorrie Maffey for assisting her. We experienced community-wide support with volunteers running slalom courses, free helmets given to kids, six local bike shops & SRO Hal Richardson presenting clinics & one little girl who learned to ride a bike for the first time. One mom even shared that she thought there were fewer cars in line-up last week.

## Calendar of Events

Ducks  
by Daniel

Ducks, ducks  
saying...  
quaaaack!  
Waddling around  
the  
field.

Eating little  
pieces of  
bread.  
Waddling  
back  
to its  
pond.

Happy  
duck...  
quack



**May 12** District meeting - **Parent** Feedback on Grading & Reporting – **Thank you to Karlina Popwell who represented Morning Star**

**May 15** Early morning PAC meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

**May 21** Early Release, 1:45 dismissal

**May 26** No School – Memorial Day

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

### First Grade Writers & Illustrators

*Soon to be featured on our school  
website*

# CELEBRATIONS

## A LOOK BACK!

The transformation from winter to spring is always amazing...Just like the amazing ice skating season we had this winter! The success of our ice skating rink and ice skating program is due to a community of people making things happen and I would like to say "Thank You" to the community for their involvement and providing a lifetime outdoor activity in the winter time. *Sincerely, Mr. Curtice*

- \*Robin Arnold, Principal for supporting our rink and hosting the Ice dogs
- \*Kevin Haggerty-Haggerty Drilling donating pump and water services (since 1998).
- \*Morning Star Ice Rink committee.
- \*Morning Star PAC- (Julianne Williams) for financing the plowing, sharpening skates, maintenance for snow blower, etc.
- \*Mary and Sean Black-Ice rink Committee, snow removal, ice prep and skate maintenance.
- \*Barbie Huber-Coordinator for snow removal and ice prep.
- \*Matt Kraska-Play It again Sports for sharpening skates.
- \*All parents who came and tied skates for students and helped fit skates for students.
- \*Noon-Aides for supervising lunch recess skating.
- \*Plowing the rink-Sean Black, Gary Cuchine, and David Hubley of We Do Anything.
- \*Morning Star students who helped with shoveling and organizing skates in the morning and the neighborhood community for shoveling
- \*Ice Rink helpers moved snow and helped prep the rink for flooding...Dennis Jorgensen, Stacey Luden, Anne and Tom Gibson, James and Kathi Irvine , Kathy Brown, Brad Yeomons, Mrs. Dover –PE teacher and her student teacher Rebbeca Wolfe and anyone else who shoveled.
- \*All Morning Star classroom teachers for supporting the ice skating rink and program.

**Thanks to all of the skaters who enjoyed the ice skating season!!!! I appreciate all of your support and look forward to the next season of ice skating.**

## Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you to the many volunteers who showed their appreciation to staff by providing breakfast on May 6 and small, meaningful, handmade gifts. Thank you to PAC who provided lunch on May 7 and chair massages for our Morning Star Spa Day on May 9 along with Kristin O'Brien for lunch on Friday. We all value your support as you send your children to be cared for and educated on a daily basis.



## Garden Boxes @ Morning Star

**If you have some time to help plant & maintain our garden boxes this spring and summer - we need your help!** This fall Lucky Stars after-school students and staff built three 8'x4' garden boxes. Now that the snow has melted, we are working to fill the boxes with topsoil and begin planting vegetable and flower seeds. Contact Jamie Gowdy, Lucky Stars Director, or Robin Arnold @ 522.6500.

# 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



### Tuna boat

You'll need  
Knife  
Cutting board  
Can opener  
Apple peeler  
Spoon  
Cakes hands!

1 small cucumber peeled, cut lengthwise and then in half and scooped of its seeds with a spoon

1 can tuna -open and put in a small bowl.

Add:

1 1/2 tablespoon mayonnaise  
1/2 teaspoon onion or garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon celery seed  
Salt and pepper to taste

## Give Us a Call!

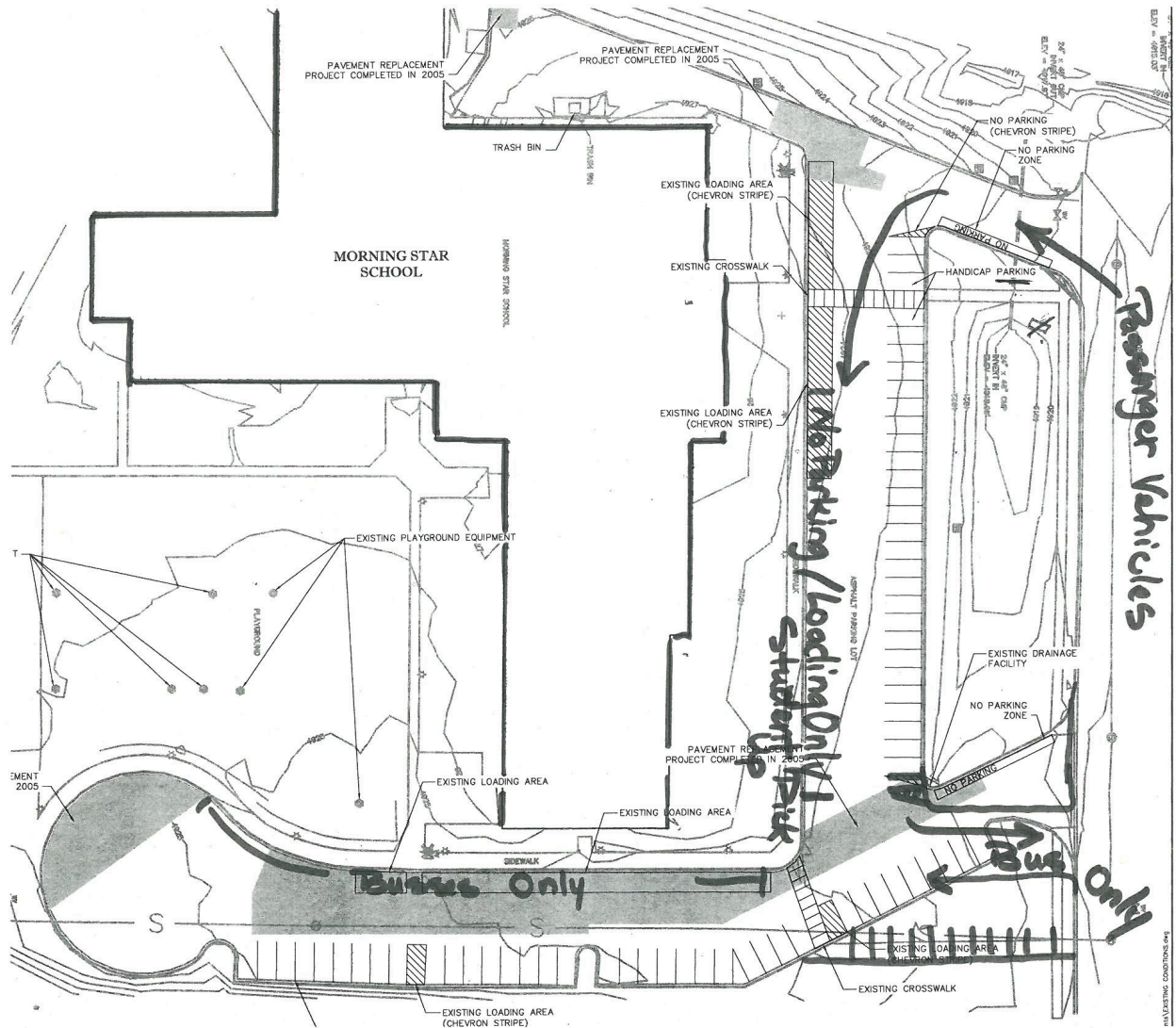
Office phone:

**522-6500**

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

**522-6510**





~Afternoon pick up will be moved from the front doors of Morning Star to the curb area along the front of the building. This area will be supervised by a staff member.

~Crosswalks will continue to be supervised by staff.

~We are working with Bozeman PD and our Facilities Supervisor to possibly eliminate part of the grass area along the eastern border of our property & straighten the line to increase the number of parking spaces.