



Morning Star School Newsletter November 1, 2013

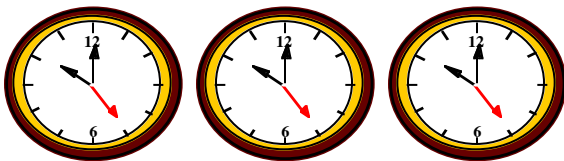
Early Release
Wednesday, November 6
All students dismissed at 1:45 pm

Reminder from our Neighbors and the Police Department

Speed Limit - The Bozeman Police Department has asked us to remind you all that the speed limits on S. 3rd, Arnold and Westridge are **25 mph**. When you cross Westridge on Arnold the speed limit drops to **15 mph**. We have had several near misses with Morning Star staff, parents and students almost hit while in the crosswalk. **Please help us by slowing down and avoiding distracted driving. Thank you!!**

Don't Be Late!

School begins at 8:30 a.m. every day, regardless of the weather. We have supervision on the playground beginning at 8:00 each morning and our crossing guards are at crosswalks until 8:25. 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 and ensuring that your child has every opportunity to begin their day successfully!



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to turn the clocks back one hour on Saturday night, **November 2!!**

November 13 - New Parent Information Night

Are you a parent new to the Morning Star community? Join Libby Michaud (parent liaison) and Robin Arnold for an informational hour from 6:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 13. Topics include an introduction to our district anti-bullying program, Olweus; an overview of our MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) process; Morning STAR Expectations (Solve Problems, Take Responsibility, Act Safely and Show Respect); and MT Common Core Instructional Practices. **Please RSVP by calling 522-6500 or email robin.arnold@bsd7.org.**

Information About Morning Star

Morning Star Website bsd7morningstar.ss4.sharpschool.com

Our website has a wealth of information including the Student/Parent handbook, school newsletters Morning Star events, link to the Morning Star PAC and a variety of helpful websites. To access the newsletter online visit <http://bsd7morningstar.ss4.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=117333&pageId=713262>

Montana Common Core Framework

Link to [English/Language Arts Standards](#) in the Administrative Rules of Montana (Administrative rules are agency regulations, standards or statements of applicability that implement, interpret, or set law or policy).

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/superintendent/commoncore/AllEnglishLanguageArtsStandards.pdf>

Link to [Math Standards](#) in Administrative Rules of Montana <http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/superintendent/commoncore/AllMathStandards.pdf>

Did you know...Montana Students Rank High in Performance in Efficient Schools?

The results of the NAEP-TIMSS Linking Study affirms that Montana's Public Schools provide top level performance for below average costs to Montana families and communities.

Check out the details of the latest study which shows Montana 8th graders in the top 5 in Science and the top 8 in math when compared to 47 countries and jurisdictions worldwide, and do so at an efficient cost when compared to the rest of the nation.

Help us improve air quality around our school!

Did you know?

- Idling for 10 seconds uses the same amount of gas as restarting your car. Most people waste one to two entire tanks of gas every year by idling.
- Manufacturers assure that frequent restarting won't harm an engine.
- The City of Bozeman and First Student (Bozeman school buses) have no-idling policies for their fleet.
- It is illegal to leave an idling car unattended in Montana (MCA 61-8-357).

What can you do?

- As a rule of thumb, if you are going to be stopped for more than 30 seconds at drop-off or pick-up times, turn your vehicle off.
- Pledge to not idle unnecessarily – any time, any place.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you all for promptly responding to our request to schedule conferences on November 20, 21 or 22. We are working hard to ensure every family has a conference with their child's teacher(s) that falls within their availability. We appreciate your understanding that we do not have sufficient time to schedule more than one conference per child.

Conference Confirmation Notices coming home today with every student.

LifeTouch Pictures Retakes

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 15 from 8:00-10:00 am. If you missed picture day in October, you can have pictures taken on this day as well. Order forms are available at the office.

Laminating Mom Needed

If you are interested in being our laminating mom, please call the office. This is just one day a week, you pick the day. You pick up laminating from the office and go to our print shop located in our support services building on 11th Street north of the tennis courts at the high school. They will show you how to laminate. Then you bring it back to the office.

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.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found when you are here. We have many clothing items and lunch boxes. On the last school day of each month **any items without identification** are bagged and donated to one of our local nonprofit agencies.

Morning Star Student Directory

Updated student directory coming TODAY. The directory, like our newsletter, will be provided via email with a limited number of hard copies available in the office. The purpose of the directory is to facilitate communication among Morning Star families (ie: birthdays, play dates, etc.). School related issues or concerns should be referred to the teacher or to the school office. If you do not wish your child's information to be included make sure you have indicated on the parent permission form we sent home the first week of school.

Healthy Habits Challenge

Just a reminder that our Healthy Habits Challenge runs Monday – Sunday each week. If your child is participating please have them return their challenge sheet (just for that week) into the yellow and green box at the top of stage steps no later than Tuesday. We draw one lucky participant on Wednesday morning each week. So far, approx. 100 students have participated each week, demonstrating our family's commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

Walk & Wheel to School

October was Walk to School Month! We celebrated the benefits of movement with Walk/Wheel to School Days each week. On average ½ of the students in our school participated each week. **WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT TO WALK/WHEEL TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND MINIMIZE THE TRAFFIC WHILE MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS OF MOVEMENT?**

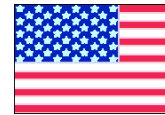
Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway

The 6th annual Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway is almost here! The giveaway will be held at the Willson School gym on Saturday Nov. 23rd from 9am - 3pm and Sunday Nov. 24th from 9am - 1pm.

Go through your closets and drawers now and set aside clean, gently-used clothing, shoes, hats, etc. of all sizes - infant through adult. Clothing will be accepted at the Willson School gym during set up Nov. 19th-22nd from 9am - 8pm as well as at Morning Star School. Please sort and label bagged items by gender and age. We will also be accepting donations of hangers this year.

We are always looking for volunteers to help haul, sort, hang and organize clothing during set up. Any time you have to volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

This free clothing giveaway is a fantastic opportunity to reuse and recycle gently worn clothing collected by Bozeman schools. This event is not based on "need," but on "sharing" what we have as a community. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate by donating what they no longer need and taking what they can use. Please contact one of the following organizers to volunteer or for more information: Jenni Williams [406-209-1336](tel:406-209-1336), ReniKessinger (rkessinger@qwestoffice.net, 581-4981) or Aloha Williams (markandaloha@imt.net, 586-8634).



Veteran's Day Info from Mrs. Dover

Morning Star will be honoring our military veterans again this year on Veteran's day with an all school assembly. Our assembly we be on Monday November 11 at 2:30 p.m. We invite all Veterans to be our guest and allow our students to honor you.

From our Parent Liaison

Tuesday, November 19th, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Power Struggles and/or Homework Battles

This one night class uses Love and Logic Parenting to focus on the specific topic of power struggles with children that parents face when raising children. This class will help you find specific answers and strategies for this challenging aspect of parenting.

This class is intended for parents that have already attended the Parenting with Love and Logic class

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Electronic School Newsletters!

This is our fourth issue using our email listserve. If you have not provided your email address(es) to either PAC or the classroom teacher and wish to receive our newsletter, please let us know. If you have provided your email address and are not receiving the newsletter, please check your email filter and add robin.arnold@bsd7.org to the approved contacts. Newsletters are also posted on our school website and a few hard copies are available in the office.

Mark Your Calendars

- ☆ **Wednesday, 11/6** – Early Release –
Students dismissed at 1:45 pm
- ☆ **Tuesday-Thursday, 11/12-11/14** – Book Fair on the stage
- ☆ **Wednesday, 11/20** – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:00-7:30 pm
- ☆ **Thursday, 11/21** - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:00-7:30 pm
- ☆ **Friday, 11/22** – Parent/Teacher Conferences –
No school for students
- ☆ **Wednesday-Friday, 11/27-11/29** – No School –
Thanksgiving Holiday
- ☆ **Friday, 12/20** – Holiday Program – 9:00 am and 12:45 pm
- ☆ **Monday–Friday, 12/23-1/3** – No School, Winter Break



Fun Run

The numbers are in and PAC is so appreciative of the \$45,500 raised by the Morning Star Community in support of our schools enrichment and capital improvement programs. Special thanks to Anne Gibson who chaired this year's event and the team of volunteers she pulled together to put on a very successful event. We are grateful for such a generous community – thank you for your continued support.

Now comes the best part! How do we spend it?

Capital Improvement and Reserve Fund Planning

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) is a group of parent volunteers charged with reviewing PAC financials and providing direction to the PAC officers and Morning Star parent community for funds to be put forth for capital improvements, and those funds held in reserve to insure the long term viability of the PAC to serve the school. The current financial committee will be meeting soon, and make a recommendation to allocate funds for both the reserve account and capital improvement projects. This allocation will be reviewed and put to vote at the November 21st PAC meeting.

Do you have a Capital Improvement idea? Are you willing to champion its development from an idea to a full blown proposal? If so, please go to the PAC website (www.msspac.com) to review the [Morning Star PAC Capital Campaign Policy](#) and other PAC Policies to help guide your development of a capital improvement initiative. Please contact a PAC officer with questions or for more information.

Capital Improvement Proposals should be submitted to the PAC by the December 19th PAC meeting so the financial committee can review all proposals in January. The committee will make recommendations to the PAC on which initiatives to pursue, and decisions on which proposals to implement at the February 20th meeting decided with a vote.

PAC Meeting Schedule

(MSS Stage, 11:45am – 1:00pm)

November 21
December 19
January 16

Get Your Spirit Wear On!

Be on the lookout for order forms coming home on November 8th. New items have been added this year like a hoodie, twill cap and WizBang beanie's.