



Morning Star School Newsletter

October 4, 2013

**No School
Thursday/Friday
October 17 & 18**

MEA Professional Development Days for Teachers

Electronic School Newsletters!

We've finally gone electronic with our newsletters! **This is our second 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.** Newsletters will also be posted on our school website and a few hard copies are available in 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.

Walk & Wheel to School

International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 9, is Morning Star's first Walk & Wheel to school day for the 2013-14 school year. We will continue to celebrate the benefits of movement with Walk/Wheel to School Days on October 16, 23 and 31. Each day features a spirit focus and an opportunity to win fabulous prizes. One day out of each month throughout the school year we will celebrate Walk/Wheel to school day. Each time your child participates they will receive a token and a raffle ticket to win one of several fitness or spirit related prizes!

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found when you are here. We have many clothing items and lunch boxes. On a monthly basis, any items without identification will be bagged and donated to one of our local nonprofit agencies.

Lifetouch Picture Day

Next Friday, October 11 for all students - Individual and Class Pictures will be taken on this day!!!

You must pay on picture day. Make checks payable to LIFETOUGH OR GO ONLINE.

Information was sent home TODAY!!!

Morning Star Student Directory

Student directories are coming next week. 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 school office. If you do not wish your child's information to be included make sure you have indicated on the parent permission form sent home the first week of school.

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.

☆ For those new to Morning Star we present a slide show honoring all veterans near and dear to us. Mothers, Fathers, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Sons, Daughters or anyone really who is a special veteran in your life. If you have a veteran whose information you would like to share with us please e-mail a photo, name, rank, and branch of the military and their relationship to a specific student(s) to chris.dover@bsd7.org. If you have had someone in the show from past years they will continue to be included but please notify us of any changes in rank that may have occurred since last year. This is an important part of giving our students a true understanding of how many veterans are in our community and how they impact our lives.

☆ Please don't delay getting photos turned in. Editing the slide show takes time and every year we have someone who would like to include a relative but wait until the day before the assembly.

☆ **Deadline for photos is Friday November 1, 2013.**

Fun Run!

We had a beautiful snowy/sunshiny day today for our annual Fun Run. Thank you to all of our students for their participation, running/walking/skipping 30 minutes non stop. Each grade level showed a level of enthusiasm and responsible participation that makes me proud to be their principal. Thank you to Missey O'Malley for the high energy music and encouragement, the Bobcat cheerleaders and Champ who enchanted everyone with his high fives.

Let's Celebrate National Farm to School Month

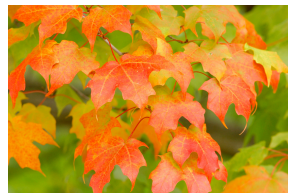
October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections happening all across the country between schools and local food producers. Gallatin Valley Farm to School is hosting a Farm to School Festival on October 13, helping with Montana Crunch Time on October 24, and organizing the Farm to School Month Poster Contest due October 31. More info at www.gvfarmtoschool.org.

Montana Crunch Time

Join preschools, schools, colleges and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on Food Day, October 24th at 2:00pm MST. More info at opi.mt.gov/Farm2School. Make sure to collect a "crunch byte" (video, photos, or audio) to share! For more information contact Erin Jackson, FoodCorps member, Hyalite Elementary erin.jackson@foodcorps.org.

Mark Your Calendars

- ☆ **Wednesday, October 9** - Int'l Walk/Wheel to School Day, **Hawk Spirit Day**
- ☆ **Wednesday, 10/9** – Early Release – All students dismissed at 1:45 pm
- ☆ **Wednesday, 10/11:** School Pictures - Individual & Class photos will be taken
- ☆ **Wednesday, October 16** - Walk/Wheel to School Day, **Crazy Hat/Hair Day**
- ☆ **Thurs-Fri, October 17-18** MEA-MFT @ Belgrade Event Center ~ No school for students
- ☆ **Wednesday, October 23** Walk/Wheel to School Day, **MSU Spirit Day**
- ☆ **Thursday, October 31** Walk/Wheel to School Day, **Black and Orange Day**
- ☆ **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 Conference – No school for students



Next Newsletter
Wednesday October 16



Fun Run October 4, 2013

Participation in the 3rd annual FUN RUN today was enthusiastic and then some! Thank you to Anne Gibson for organizing our primary fundraiser for the Morning Star Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time in support of this important event!

"In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack, or last. You can say, 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that." -Fred Lebow, New York City Marathon co-founder

Now the hard work begins...collecting those donations and pledges...finish strong!

Donations are due by October 15th and prizes awarded on October 21st!

Monthly PAC Meeting:

The next PAC meeting is October 24th. PAC will **present the final PAC Budget for the 2013-2014 school year during this meeting for approval**. It is crucial that we have as many parents involved in the approval process as possible, so we are considering holding two meetings on that day. The first meeting at the standard time of 11:45 am to 1:00pm, and the second from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the school on the stage.

Please indicate your willingness to attend the October meeting and your preferred meeting time by RSVP to Gerri Lewis at gerri.lewis@6L-inc.net.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Spirit Wear is Back!

Thank you to Megan Decker who has agreed to spearhead the Morning Star spirit wear program again this year. Megan and her team are working hard to add new items like ball caps and hoodies!

Forms for placing orders will be coming home as soon as we've got our menu of items finalized.

PAC Meeting Schedule
(MSS Stage, 11:45am – 1:00pm)

October 24
November 21
December 19

You can visit the Morning Star School PAC website www.msspac.com, or like "Morning Star Elementary School" on Facebook to receive updates and reminders throughout the year.

**AN EVENING SESSION WITH
JERMAINE GALLOWAY
“TALL COP SAYS STOP”**

**October 9, 2013
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Best Western GranTree
Admission: Free**



- The Truth About Underage Drinking
- Making the Connection Between Youth, Drugs, Alcohol, and Violence
- Drugged Driving

The evening session provides important information to
Parents • Educators • Law Enforcement • Probation and Parole
• Community/Coalition Leaders • Social Services • General Public



Sponsored by the Bozeman Noon Rotary Club

Hosted by the Montana Board of Crime Control
and the Montana Crime Prevention Association,
the evening session with Officer Galloway is FREE!



Visit www.mbcc.mt.gov for more information

