



## Morning Star School Newsletter

### September 20, 2013

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**Spring 2013 CRT Results are being mailed home to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students!!!**

**No School  
Wednesday, September 25  
Teacher PIR Day – Looking at Student Achievement**

### Electronic School Newsletters!

It's finally time for us to go electronic with our newsletters! **Starting with this issue parent newsletters will be emailed to everyone who has provided their email address(es) to either PAC or the classroom teacher.** Newsletters will also be posted on our school website and a few hard copies are available in the office.

**Note:** We are working hard to reduce both our use of paper and the expense of photocopying newsletters and other communications. We appreciate your support of our efforts!

### News from the Office

~Dress Code – please review page 10 in the Student/Parent Handbook. We have many students dressing in clothing that is too short or with very skinny straps. We appreciate your help.

~Substitute Noon Supervisors and Crossing Guards. If you are interested in being a sub, please contact the office. This substitute position pays \$9.85 an hour.

~Laminating Parent Needed – You pick the day of the week. Laminating is collected at the office and you pick up, laminate at our print shop, and return it to school. If you are interested, please contact the office. This is a volunteer position.

~Frozen Treats – Our freezer space is very, very limited. If you are bringing frozen treats, please contact the office in advance to see if we have space available.

~Deliveries to Classrooms – We have begun a new procedure to minimize interruptions in the classroom. Just drop off the item at the office and we will deliver to the classroom for you.

~Check out our beautiful new website at a new location <http://ms.bsd7.org/>. Thank you to our amazing technology department who launched the sites last Friday!

### Walk & Wheel to School

International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 9, is Morning Star's first Walk & Wheel to school day for 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 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!

### Parking in the Neighborhood; 15 MPH on Arnold!

Usually there is enough parking for everyone on campus. Sometimes, however, Morning Star parents and staff need to park on the streets around our school. When doing so, please consider the following:

~It is illegal to block the mail carrier's access to a resident's mailbox. It is very important that we maintain good relationships with our neighbors, so always obey parking regulations when parking on city streets.

~Never park in the intersection of Westridge and Arnold.

~Always observe the 15 mph speed limit on the last block of Arnold. Many people are traveling substantially faster than the speed limit and this is very unsafe for kids. The Bozeman Police Department has been monitoring our street and will again park their speed indicator sign on Arnold to show everyone their speed. Thanks for helping to keep everyone at Morning Star safe.

### Open House Parent Attendance

Thank you very much for taking time to attend the Open House on September 10 and the Kindergarten Open House in August. 84% of our students were represented by at least one family member. This is an important time to share key initiatives, procedures and events happening in our school. We appreciate your support!

### 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.

### 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 or students to [chris.dover@bsd7.org](mailto: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 out there and how they impact so many of our lives.

☆ Please don't delay getting photos to me. Editing the slide show takes time and every year I have someone who would like to include a relative but wait until the day before the assembly. **Deadline for photos will be Friday November 1, 2013.**

## Lifetouch Picture Day

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

**You must pay for this on picture day.**

**Make checks payable to LIFETOUCH OR GO ONLINE.**

Watch for packet information coming home soon!!!

## P.L.A.Y. (Practice, Learn, Activity, Your Choice)

As part of our focus on a healthy school environment, an anti-bullying philosophy supported by Olweus and Project REAL (Responsive Education for All Learners) we have implemented a structured recess philosophy for our Morning Star Students. This structure includes a "Leveled" system during lunch recess with a variety of activities for student participation. Here is a quick model breakdown with the goal for all students to get to the "Your Choice" option. "P and L" features focused outdoor recess with an adult and includes social support for problem solving; "A" features a broader choice of activity including some ball games on the blacktop, monitored play in the bark chip area and running/walking on the track; "Y" level allows students to choose any area of the playground open for play. This approach is part of Morning Star's Action Plan 4.01 - Create safe, supportive, engaging and healthy school environments.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday evening November 20, Thursday evening November 21, and all day Friday, November 22 (no school for students), are three days that are set aside for parents to visit with their child's teacher one on one. Watch for information coming home next month.

## Morning Star Student Directory

Student directories are coming on Oct. 4. 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.

## 2013-Fall Tennis Intramurals @ Willson Gym

Fall tennis will be offered to fourth and fifth graders. We will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Willson School gym. Tennis practice will start between 3:45 and 4:00 and ends at 5:00 pm. Students must have their own transportation to Willson gym. Make sure you arrange for your child to be picked up at 5:00 pm. Also, you must have your own insurance coverage for your child. Equipment will be provided for the participants.

STARTING DATE FOR TENNIS IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. LAST DAY OF TENNIS IS WEDNESDAY, NOV.20. COST: \$30.00 PER STUDENT

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Don Curtice, Intramural Tennis Director

E-mail, [don.curtice@bsd7.com](mailto:don.curtice@bsd7.com) or call

522-4866 (school #) 587-4825 (home #)

## Thriving Kids Start with You!

### Be a CAP Mentor

Help us celebrate 25 years of CAP Mentoring by getting involved in our program! Do you know someone who would like to get involved and help a student in our local schools? CAP needs motivated individuals to serve as mentors to Bozeman students for the 2013-14 school year. Find out what an impact can be made in just an hour a week, and how much fun can be had! Call 585-7929 or go to [www.allthrive.org](http://www.allthrive.org) for more info.

## Mark Your Calendars

- ☆ **Wednesday, September 25** – No School – Student Achievement Day
- ☆ **Thursday, September 26** – Fun Run kickoff for students and staff; look for fundraising paperwork that afternoon in your child's backpack
- ☆ **Friday, October 4** – Fun Run
- ☆ **Friday, October 11** – Individual and Class Pictures ...more information will follow.
- ☆ **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, 11/19** – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
- ☆ **Thursday, 11/20** - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
- ☆ **Friday, 11/21** – Parent/Teacher Conference – No school for students



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