



## Morning Star School Newsletter September 6, 2013

### OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, September 10

Plan now to attend our Open House, **Tuesday, September 10**. This evening is intended for PARENTS ONLY at parent request! Teachers will present information concerning their classroom. Depending on the number of children you have, you may need to prioritize which presentations you want to attend. PLEASE HELP US BY BEING ON TIME!

- ☆ 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 & 6:30 Thriving Kinders on the Stage
- ☆ 5:00 – 6:30 Teacher Librarians, Mrs. DeWolf or Mrs. Jesness visit and answer questions about our Library curriculum and book checkout in the library.
- ☆ 5:00 – 6:30 Mrs. Dover or Mr. Curtice available to help you understand more about our Health and Physical Education curriculum.
- ☆ 5:00 – 6:30 Mrs. Reynolds or Ms. Daum in the Music room to visit and answer questions about our music curriculum and before school choir.
- ☆ 5:00 – 5:30 1st grade presentations in classrooms
- ☆ 5:00 – 5:55 2<sup>nd</sup> grade presentation, begin in north gym
- ☆ 5:00 – 5:55 3<sup>rd</sup> grade presentation, begin in south gym
- ☆ 6:05 – 7:00 4<sup>th</sup> grade presentation, begin in south gym
- ☆ 6:05 – 6:35 5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation in classrooms

#### NOTE:

- ☆ This is a night for PARENTS ONLY!
- ☆ Libby Michaud, our Parent Liaison, will be available to meet you and answer any questions.
- ☆ There will be a table set up in the foyer with parent information regarding our MTSS Program.



### Girls on the Run

Morning Star Elementary School and Thrive have partnered to bring the program Girls on the Run to our school! Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique. The program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 10-November 26, from 3:30-4:45. Girls will participate in a community service project and the Huffing for Stuffing run on Thanksgiving Day to wrap up the program. Spots are available for 15 girls on a first come first serve basis with limited scholarships available. The program costs \$100 per participant and includes coaching, t-shirt and 5K entry fees. Applications were sent home with all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls September 3. Contact Heidi Makoutz at [406.587.3840](tel:406.587.3840) or [hmakoutz@allthrive.org](mailto:hmakoutz@allthrive.org) for more information.

### Join the Morning Star Children's Choir!

Morning Star School 3-5 Choir will now be held on Thursday mornings in the music room from 8:00-8:30. Choir is broken into two sessions each school year and the students perform twice during each session. The dates of the sessions will be on Thursdays Sept. 19-Dec. 19 and Jan. 16-April 10. The fee for choir will be \$35 dollars this year and enrollment will be capped at 50 members each session. Sign up forms will be sent home the week of Sept. 3-6.

### Parent Liaison

Hi, my name is Libby Michaud and I am your Parent Liaison. I will be posting monthly information for you as parents. As your Parent Liaison one of my responsibilities is to teach Love and Logic Classes. This is a free six week course designed by the Love and Logic Institute, Inc. that will help you find specific answers and strategies for some of the difficult moments in parenting. The techniques in this class will be geared towards children in elementary school. For more information or to register, call Thrive at [587-3840](tel:587-3840) or log onto our website [www.allthrive.org](http://www.allthrive.org). The class will start September 24th and go until October 29th, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Cost is only \$10 for a work book. Childcare will be provided, but please register so we know how many children will need it. Questions? Please call Libby Michaud at 922-4237, or email at [Libby.michaud@bsd7.org](mailto:Libby.michaud@bsd7.org).

☆ I will also be facilitating a "Thriving Kinders" class for parents of incoming kindergarten students. You will learn tips for partnering with the school, develop ideas for a positive home learning environment, meet & get to know other kindergarten parents, talk about the normal range of development for your five year old, and discuss expectations for the kindergarten year. We'll meet Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at your choice of 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 or 6:30. I hope to see you all there!

### WeTip

The Bozeman Police Department and the Bozeman Public Schools partner to provide the WeTip hotline to students and their families. The WeTip hotline at **1-800-78-CRIME** may be used by anyone to anonymously report crimes that have been committed at any of our schools or in our community.

While students are always encouraged to talk with an adult at the school, students are sometimes reluctant to report crime information. WeTip provides an alternative for students and families who wish to give information and remain anonymous.

WeTip hotlines are answered by tip operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken on all crimes affecting schools and the surrounding communities. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential. The operator asks a series of questions, designed by law enforcement, to obtain the maximum amount of information about the reported crime. After the information is taken, a code name and number are assigned to the informant. The WeTip operator takes the information and passes it on to Bozeman's School Resource Officers who will conduct their own investigation. Additional information is available on WeTip's website: [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com)

Anyone who has information about illegal activity at a Bozeman school can call *WeTip* at **1-800-78-CRIME** or submit a tip at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com). For emergencies and in-progress crimes call 911.

## Information from Marilyn King, Deputy Superintendent

The Bozeman Public Schools and the Bozeman Police Department have a long-standing, successful, collaborative relationship. Our growing enrollment and new needs in the areas of prevention and community policing have provided both organizations an opportunity to update the School Resource Officer model to best support students and the work of the District. The District will now have four School Resource Officers who will deliver prevention curriculum instruction as well as provide community policing. It is our pleasure to introduce Officer Richardson, who will be specifically assigned to Morning Star, Sacajawea, Irving and Longfellow. Please look for Officer Richardson at the many school activities as well as on the playground. All of our officers look forward to meeting and working with our students. If you visit our school, don't be surprised to see him eating lunch with students, interacting with children on the playground, or teaching in class!



## Reverse 911

Bozeman School District #7 has an agreement with the Gallatin County 911 Center to use their Reverse 911 system for parent and staff notifications in the case of an emergency. Because of this it is extremely important that telephone information be up to date for your student. If you change phone numbers for any of the numbers listed below, please notify your school with the new information immediately.

Up to two parent phone numbers will be called. If you have more than one student in the school district, the emergency system will automatically remove any duplicate calls. The phone numbers are selected from our Student Information database in the following order:

1. Custodial Mother/Guardian's cell phone
2. Custodial Father/Guardian's cell phone
3. Custodial Step-Mother cell phone
4. Custodial Step-Father cell phone
5. Other Guardian cell phone
6. Home Phone
7. Custodial Parent Work Phone.

For Example, if both custodial parents have a cell phone, their cell phones will be listed for the emergency notification calls. Another Example, If the student lives with a Custodial Mother and Custodial Step-Father, and there is a cell phone in our records for the Mother, no cell phone listed for the Step Father, and no home phone, and a work phone number for the Step Father, the emergency notification calls will go to the Custodial Mother's cell phone and the Custodial Step-Father's work phone.

## Emergency Evacuation Procedures

In the event of an evacuation at Morning Star School, students and staff will walk to Sacajawea Middle School. Please refer

to the Student/Parent handbook for more information about our emergency drills.

## News from the Lunch Room

Lunch Prices for this year are the same as last year. Lunches this year are \$2.50 for lunch, 45 cents for snack milk or lunch milk, and an adult meal is \$3.55. The 2nd entree or double costs \$2.00. If your student gets a lunch with a 2nd entree the price is \$4.50 a day. Parents are invited to join their child for lunch, just call the office prior to 9:00 am to place your order. A student has to have money in their account in order to get a snack milk. Please make sure your student has enough money in their account. Mrs. Mooney will be stamping their hand when their balance is \$5.00, which will give them time to get more money into their account. Please send checks versus cash, makes it easier to track if there are any issues.

## Birthday Treats & Invitations

TREATS: For those parents wishing to send birthday treats, please:

- (1) Send individual, healthy treats that can be eaten with little mess and without utensils. Be sure to check with the teacher to determine whether any food allergies exist.
- (2) Send healthy treats that contribute to each student's learning.
- (3) Notify the teacher at least a day in advance so that he/she can coordinate the number of treats brought on any one school day.

INVITATIONS: Please mail invitations to children your child wishes to invite rather than sending them to school for distribution. Your sensitivity and cooperation in finding other avenues for delivery of invitations is greatly appreciated and will help us avoid any hurt feelings. Feel free to use the school directory to obtain student address/phone numbers. Addresses not listed in our school directory cannot be given out.

## Calendar of Events

- ☆ Tuesday, September 10 – Open House for grades 1-5 starting at 5:00 p.m. and Thriving Kinders for kindergarten parents.
- ☆ Friday, October 4 – Fun Run
- ☆ Friday, October 11 – Individual and Class Pictures...more information will follow.
- ☆ Wednesday, September 25 – No School – Student Achievement Day

## Coming Home with the Newsletter

2012-13 Bozeman Public Schools Parent Permission Form for K-5 Elementary Students (one per student)



The next Morning Star Newsletter will be sent via email on Friday, September 20. Please make sure we have your current email address!