

THE MORNING STAR

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Principal's Place

Our Fun Run took place under sunny skies with enthusiasm and energy from students, staff and volunteers alike. Thank you to Colleen O'Quinn for her work as our DJ, Kama Werner and Stacy Lunden for organizing the event and the many volunteers who dedicated their time to help raise \$53,000 for enrichment activities, equipment, field trips and much more!

Feedback from Student Leaders

As part of our commitment to engage students in problem solving and providing feedback, Mr. Starkey and I meet with our student leaders each month during lunch. We ask them what is going well that we can celebrate and what can we continue to work on/improve?

~In meetings with student leaders this week the kids shared the following concerns:

SPORTSMANSHIP: Football continues to be a problem sharing as a few kids want to limit who plays with them and celebrating in inappropriate ways; some girls are bringing makeup and nail polish to school; the Castle continues to be a problem with kids not following rules; some kids are kicking/throwing balls over the fence or into the parking lot on purpose and we are losing equipment that no one gets back

....**And these successes:** There is no/little bullying going on; people are getting along better - especially girls and boys welcoming each other to play together; most kids have a good friend at school - compared to last year when some kids didn't have friends to play with, especially younger kids; people are including others in play during recess; kids are getting better at staying behind the yellow line during pick up/drop off; kids are getting good at waiting for the bus to stop completely before moving to the doors; we like the new system for pick up/drop off - it gives more space for cars; lunch monitors are not rushing us, but are reminding us to finish up and go play; going outside for HE is fun; we like Fit Kids!

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.

Skill Builder of the Month:

Take Responsibility

Our MTSS (Multi Tiered System of Support) team has been hard at work to support student growth in both academics and behavior. We have started a Skill Builder of the Month, which will be our focus in class meetings, STAR slips and learning to be great learners.

November's focus on Responsibility includes - Bully Prevention and Bystander roles as well as Organization.

Spotlight on 5th Grade

Fifth grade is such an important transition year for middle school and beyond! We are emphasizing responsibility, organization, and independence throughout each day. We enjoy seeing students daily as they rotate to our classrooms for math, writing, & science/social studies. This year we are teaching science and social studies in 6-week blocks and our "CCC" content (culture, creativity, and computers) in rotating 4-week blocks. Ask your 5th grader about Sumdog Math!

FEATURED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Fall Conferences

Join us November 10-11 for parent conferences. Nov. 10 @ 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Nov. 11 @ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The focus of conferences will be on goal setting based on each student's progress. We look forward to seeing you!

Veteran's Day Assembly

Our annual Veteran's Day assembly will be held November 7 in the Morning Star gym. We encourage Veterans and their families to join us in honoring current and past members of our armed forces. See page 3 for more information.

Recycling

Thank you to Jennifer Pawlak for coordinating our recycling program. We are now recycling drink pouches, glue sticks, pens, markers and highlighters. Drop them in the box on the

PAC SNACK

Cinnamon Maple
Pumpkin Seeds

By Kristen OBrien

Preheat oven 300 degrees
Pumpkin seeds from your pumpkin!!

wash clean and dry seeds
About 2cups

Mix well:
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1tablespoon real maple syrup
1/4 teaspoon vanilla

Pour over seeds and coat well.
Spread on baking and bake for 20
minutes until golden brown.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION CLUB (<http://www.destinationimagination.org/about-us/stem-skills>)

"Destination Imagination (DI) believes in the importance of play, learning by doing and inspiring more students to get involved with STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Our Challenge Program allows students to learn STEM concepts through self-directed, maker-style experiences and provides them with an enriching space for them to discover, explore, take risks and ignite their passions in areas they may not otherwise be exposed."

~Morning Star is forming one-two DI teams and we welcome any K-3 students interested in exploring the challenges on **Fridays from 2:10-3:30 in the Morning Star music room.**

~If you are interested in the possibility of helping with a team for grades 3-5 please contact Robin Arnold.

~For more information, videos and testimonials about the power of DI, click on the title as a live link

Can the Griz and Morning Star Holiday Food/Clothing Drive

From November 8-22 Morning Star will participate in the annual Can the Griz (or Can the Cats if you're one of the others) Food Drive. From November 24-December 18 we will hold our annual Holiday Food/Clothing Drive. Drop off non-perishable food and gently used warm winter clothing in the Morning Star foyer.

Calendar of Events

October 30 - Girls on the Run 5K practice

October 31 - Walk/Wheel to School, Black and Orange/Crazy Hair

November 7 - Veteran's Day Assembly, Family and Community Members Welcome

November 8-22 - Can the Griz (or Cats) Food Drive

November 10-11 - No School, Parent Conferences

November 18 - Morning Star lunch presentation to the School Board

November 26-28 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

CELEBRATIONS & Reminders

CARNIVAL – Fun Wanted!

We are still seeking a Carnival Committee to work with Morning Star staff & provide a family friendly evening of fun in the winter or spring! If you have a group of friends that would like to conquer this challenge together or have questions about this volunteer opportunity contact Erica Renslow, the PAC Volunteer Coordinator, or Robin Arnold for more information @ 522-6500.

Veteran's Day Assembly Cont'd

~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 you would like to share with us please e-mail an attached photo with name, rank, and branch of the military and their relationship to a specific student or students 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 me 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 Monday November 3, 2014.

~We also invite all Veterans to be our guest to allow our students to honor them.

Indian Heritage Day, a statewide observance honoring the rich cultures in Montana featured Cheryl Birdhat Polacek during our Fun Run Kickoff Assembly. She shared her experiences as a Crow Ultimate Warrior and distance athlete. Students learned about Crow culture and games such as "Run and Scream," a traditional game designed to build endurance and breath control.

Walk/Wheel Days have begun! September's kickoff was a great success with over 300 students walking, riding bikes and scooters to school. The next opportunity is on Halloween, October 31. We look forward to seeing the many varieties of orange and black clothing again this year. Crazy hair is welcome, but please no face paint or masks.

World Language Explorers has launched with almost twice as many kids as originally proposed. Thank you Mollie Pugh and Lana Peace for working through our strong partnership with Gallatin Valley United Way!

We love the Bozeman Fire Department! Thanks to our partnership, our first graders learned about fire safety, third graders experienced the smoke trailer and fifth graders learned Hands Only CPR – great skills for all!

Pick Up/Drop Off Safety

- ❖ If you are dropping off/picking up on the south side of the school please be considerate to our neighbors, drive safely and watch for the many walkers and wheelers.
- ❖ Student leaders report they like the new pick up/drop off system along the front curb as there is more room for cars at the curb and less time waiting.
- ❖ Our average time for all students to either walk/wheel or be picked up from school is now only 7 minutes – a great improvement over the average of 15-20 minutes last year. Please make sure you...
 - Pull to the curb and as far forward as possible before allowing your child to exit the passenger side of your vehicle.
 - Pull into the parking lot using the western-most entrance and park your vehicle if you are entering the building, even for a minute. This ensures traffic flow may continue.
 - Use the crosswalks whenever possible and be cognizant of the drivers around you – we have had some close calls in the parking lot and need your help keeping everyone out of harm's way.
 - Avoid parking in the bus loop as our buses need the clearance to turn around and exit.
 - THANK YOU to everyone who is exercising patience and care!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S FUN RUN PRIZE WINNERS!

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

1 ST PLACE	Giant Revel 20" Bike	Thomas Moran \$2,805
2 ND PLACE	Micro Maxi Scooter	Hannah Gibson \$902.25
3 RD PLACE	Spire Family Climbing Pass	Alyvia Leipheimer \$715
	4 TH & 5 TH PLACE (TIE)	Slack Line or Ice Skates
	Kevin Whaley \$700 & Cooper White \$700	

GRADE LEVEL PIZZA PARTY WINNERS

Kindergarten - Mrs. Hall \$2657.90	3rd GRADE - Close \$3415.35
1st GRADE - McCullough \$5093.50	4th GRADE - Burgard \$3283.25
2nd GRADE - Rein \$1980.25	5th GRADE - Fabian \$2606.50

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