

THE MORNING STAR

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Principal's Place

What a wonderful and energizing start to a new school year with 80 new kindergarten students and 33 students coming to us from various other locations! Our beginning of the year assembly was filled with fun skits by our staff and the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge which raised the awareness of our students and \$415.00 to support important research!

On September 8 we held school-wide Expectations Stations with every student and staff member participating. During this time we reviewed how to ride the bus safely, playground rules and zones of play to keep everyone safe and having fun, appropriate use of the bathrooms, how to move through the lunch line and our district's bully prevention and reporting guidelines. This was a great opportunity for everyone to practice how to be a positive member of the Morning Star community.

We will hold our annual Indian Heritage Day celebration in conjunction with our Fun Run assembly on September 25 @ 2:00 in the Morning Star gym. Cheryl Birdhat Polacek, a Crow Ultimate Warrior and MSU doctoral student will be our keynote speaker. Join us!

Open House was well attended with 85% of our parent community joining us for informational sessions on classroom culture, curriculum and Q&A. Thank you for partnering in the important work of educating children!

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.

Handbook Highlights Parking Lot Safety

Please note the change to our parking lot. The front curb area is no longer available for parking – it is for loading/unloading only. Please pull all the way forward before dropping off/picking up and use a parking space if you are coming into the building – we appreciate your help as we continue to implement recommendations from our Safety Committee.

Spotlight on our Library

Our teacher librarians, Nancy DeWolf and Renee Jesness have worked diligently to create a relaxing space for students to learn. Whether your child is seeking district endorsed sites for keyboarding practice, books to read, exploring the web for resources or learning about digital citizenship, our library has what you need!

Check out the many links and resources on our library page available at <http://library.bsd7.org/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home>

FEATURED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Marin Coletta

Marin Coletta, a cross country skier with BSF, will present to all 4th grade students about her passion for cross country skiing, the community program as well as the lifelong physical opportunity the sport represents. This presentation is a collaboration between our Health Enhancement program and 4th grade teachers.

Love and Logic

A great way to learn new parenting strategies! Thrive is partnering with Morning Star to offer a free six week Love and Logic Class taught by our Parent Liaison, Libby Michaud. The course runs September 30th- November 4th. 6-8 pm in the Morning Star library. Childcare is available. Please register online at allthrive.org, or call Libby at 922-4237.

Morning Star Fit Kids

Fit Kids for grades 3, 4, and 5, will be starting up again October 6, 2014. Fit Kids will meet in the gym on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8:00 and 8:30. This program is designed to improve fitness, get the brain ready for a day of academics and have fun. A cardio and strengthening workout will be followed by an active game. Space is limited and students must sign up and commit to attending each day. Registration information will be available from your child's classroom teacher, Mrs. Dover or by the office in the activity information cubbies. Registration must be completed by Friday October 3rd. Class size is limited to 30 students. Questions or concerns contact Mrs. Dover @ chris.dover@bsd7.org

PAC SNACK

Sweet Bagel Chips

You'll need:

Cinnamon-raisin bagels
Butter
Cinnamon sugar

Slice a cinnamon-raisin bagel
crosswise into thin rounds
Brush the tops with melted
butter
Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar
Bake 10 min @ 325°
Flip, brush with more butter
Sprinkle with more cinnamon
sugar
Bake 10 more minutes

For more tasty treats visit
<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/articles/50-after-school-snacks.html?oc=linkback>

Calendar of Events

September 22	Walk/Wheel to School; School Pictures
September 25	Fun Run Assembly/Indian Heritage Day Celebration (2:00)
September 29	PIR Day, no school for students
October 3	Fun Run (all day); 5 th grade to Intermountain Opera
October 20	PIR Day, no school for students
October 22	Great Montana Shakeout (earthquake drill)

CELEBRATIONS & Reminders

Our **Student Leadership Team** has been busy helping with New Student Orientation/Mentoring, Sneak Peek and our upcoming Fun Run on October 3. At our first meeting this week students provided some very helpful suggestions for improving our playground as well as ideas for inside recess days. Their suggestions will be reviewed by the Staff Leadership Team next week. Each of these students is playing an important role in making Morning Star a welcoming and effective place for all children.

Your PAC officers have been busy and our first meeting this week was well attended. Thank you to the many parents who have signed up to volunteer at one of many school-wide activities/ If you haven't taken a moment to sign up for one of the volunteer opportunities, please visit Sign Up Genius to do so. We are still seeking a Carnival Chair (or several) in order to hold a school carnival this winter or spring. If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity contact Erica Renslow, our Volunteer Coordinator.

School Messenger

Want email or text updates from our school and the district? Text the word "subscribe" to 64583 to receive automated updates from the district and from Morning Star.

PowerSchool Parent Portal and Parent Permission Form

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the new Google Permission form to ensure your child may attend walking field trips and utilize our school's technology. If you haven't had yet done so, we would appreciate your prompt attention. If you need assistance please contact the Morning Star office. Another big thanks to everyone who has updated contact information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. We have been told that the Firefox and Chrome browsers work best, but if you need assistance, we'd be happy to help!

Parking Lot Safety

Last year we formed a new Safety Committee comprised of our school resource officer, several parents and staff. As a result of the committee's recommendations we have revised our drop off and pick up procedures.

- ❖ Morning drop off is along the curb directly in front of Morning Star. An adult will supervise the sidewalk during drop off.
 - Enter the parking lot via the western most entrance.
 - Please pull up to the curb as far to the east as possible and allow your child to exit your vehicle from the curb-side door.
 - Students will follow the sidewalk around the building to the playground (supervised beginning at 8:00 a.m.).
- ❖ Afternoon pick up will begin at 3:30. An adult will supervise the sidewalk during pick up.
 - If you arrive early, please park on the north side of Arnold and turn off your vehicle as all Bozeman Schools are no-idle zones.
 - When you see your child, proceed slowly into the western most entrance and pull up along the curb as far east as possible. Your child will enter your vehicle by the curb-side door.
- ❖ There is no parking along the curb to allow for safe and timely loading and unloading of students. There is space for approximately 10 vehicles along the curb ensuring all student are picked up within 7-8 minutes of the dismissal bell.
- ❖ If you are dropping off an instrument or visiting/volunteering, please park in one of the spaces provided for our visitors.

How to Help @ Home

10 Great Ted Talks for Parents

http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/05/10-great-ted-talks-for-parents.html?utm_content=buffer37750&utm_medium=social&utm_source=linkedin.com&utm_campaign=buffer

The Montana PTA has many great resources for parents. Check out their services at <http://www.montanapta.org/pages/programs.htm>
