

AGENDA
Board of Trustees
School District Six and Columbia Falls High School District
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.
School District Six Board Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of May meeting minutes – Pgs. 1-7
 - b. Approval of September bills
 - c. Approval of Investment Reports
- 5. Public Participation**
 - a. Student Body Representative
- 6. Reports**
 - a. K-8 Facility Bond Project – Dave Jolly – Pg. 8
 - b. Elementary Report – Pgs. 9-13
 - c. High School Principal – Pgs. 14-17
 - d. Clerk / Business Manager – Pgs. 18-19
 - e. Curriculum Director Report – Pg. 20
 - f. MTSBA Board Report – Trustee Riley
 - g. Superintendent – Dave Wick
 - h. Board Chair
- 7. Action/Discussion Items:**
 - a. Presentation/discussion of Rotary sponsored trip to Guatemala March 24-April 4, 2023 – Paula Koch, Mary Ellen Getts, and Dave Renfrow. – Pgs. 21-22
 - b. Consideration of an International Student trip to France and Spain during the Spring Break of 2024 – Jeanette Price and Zulma Fernandez. – Pgs. 23-25
 - c. Review of the Inclement Weather Procedure Guidelines. – Pg. 26
 - d. Consideration of the Health Insurance Committee recommendations:
 - Flex Plan year 10/1/22 to 6/30/22;
 - Health promotion program – annual screening – enhanced plus reflexive blood testing
- 8. Personnel**
 - a. The superintendent has accepted the following resignations:**

Robin Cael Fourth Grade Teacher – Glacier Gateway – October 31, 2022
Sonja Applebaker Hot Lunch Helper/Floater – end of SY 21-22
Lyle Sheets Bus Driver – October 28, 2022
 - b. Consideration of the following hiring recommendations:**

Elizabeth Raymond Part-time JH Special Education Para
Jennifer Hylton-Lewis GG Title I Para
Cassi Banning Youth Rec Director
Aven Middlesworth HS Assistant Swim Coach – SY 22-23

Personnel (Continued)

c. **Consideration of the following substitute hires: - Pg. 27**

9. Consideration of the following travel requests:

NCTE - National Council of Teachers of English
Anaheim, CA
November 17-20, 2022
JH – Leslie DiMaio, Jen Robbins, Kim Gange
Elementary - Mary Burns, Sherri Nissen
SD6 Professional Development Grant

Paula Koch ACTFLL Convention
Zulma Fernandez Boston, MA
Jeanette Price November 18-20, 2022
SD6 Professional Development Grant

Trisha Hall Get Your Teach On
Callie Moore Las Vegas, NV
January 15-16, 2023
SD6 Professional Development Grant

Kathy Wetsch National K-8 Literacy and Reading Recovery Conference
January 28-31, 2023
Columbus, OH
SD6 Professional Development Grant

Diane Marsh NCCE: Northwest Council for Computer Education Conference 2023
Jenny Lovering Presenters at the conference
March 20-24, 2023
Tacoma, WA
Carl Perkins, Professional Development

10. Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

- a. Health Insurance Committee Meeting – October 13, 2022 – 4:00 PM
- b. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting
- c. Schedule a Finance Committee Meeting

11. Adjournment

**The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.,
Monday, November 14, 2022, in the School District Six Board Room**

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
MAY 9, 2022

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, May 9, 2022, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund	Board Chair	via Zoom
Dean Chisholm	Vice Chair	
Gail Pauley	Trustee	
Heather Mumby	Trustee	
Barbara Riley	Trustee	
Keri Hill	Trustee	
Larry Wilson	Trustee	
Wayne Jacobsmeyer	Trustee	
Dave Wick	Superintendent of Schools	
Dustin Zuffelato	Business Manager/Clerk	

ABSENT:

Vice Chair Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 8-0.

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

-Approve April bills.

-Approve investment reports.

Passed 8-0

Business Manager/Clerk Dustin Zuffelato noted that the board minutes for the April meetings have not been completed and will be included for consideration next month.

Public Participation:

Vice Chair Chisholm requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items.

Approximately five (5) members of the public attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

There was no public participation.

Reports:

District Superintendent Dave Wick provided an update (in the absence of Owners Representative Dave Jolly) regarding the K-8 Facility Bond Project. Mr. Wick also noted that Jackola Engineering has completed some site visits and meetings with staff to compile information and will be presenting preliminary ideas/options in an effort to hone-in on a specific strategy guiding their work forward.

Written reports from each Principal were submitted to the Board detailing the activities within the various schools of the Elementary District. The schools are currently facilitating SBAC testing.

Scott Gaiser, High School Principal, submitted a written report to the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS:

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Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk, submitted a written report to the Board. Mr. Zuffelato provided an update regarding the election. Ballots cast for the zip codes affected by the bulk mailing oversight was higher than in previous years. As such, there appears to have been no impact from the mail ballot delay.

Trustee Barbara Riley provided an update concerning the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Trustee Riley discussed training opportunities for both new and current Trustees.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report. Mr. McCord provided an update regarding the work conducted by the Technology Committee.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with an enrollment update.

Board Chair Rocksund presented a thank you note from the Columbia Falls Swim Team Board President expressing appreciation for the District to fully fund this program during the upcoming school year.

**ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Action/Discussed Items:

The Board considered disposing obsolete property.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 400-Disposition of Abandoned, Obsolete and Undesirable Property. Passed 8-0

**MOTION TO APPROVE
THE INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR AGREEMENTS
FOR SY22-23**

The Board considered renewing the independent contractor agreements for school year 2022/23.

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreements with Leslie Hayden-Physical Therapist Services and Rita Haskins-Occupational Therapy Services for school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0

**MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH INTERQUEST
DETECTION CANINES
FOR SY 22-23**

The Board considered renewing the agreement for utilizing dogs to conduct inspections for contraband and weapons during the school year 2022/23.

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to renew the service agreement with Interquest Detection Canines for school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0

**MOTION TO REJECT
THE OFFER TO
PURCHASE A PORTION
OF THE CANYON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PROPERTY**

The Board considered an offer to purchase a parcel of property within the Canyon Elementary School campus. The District was recently aware that an adjacent neighbor had been occupying district-owned property by infringing on the boundary lines of their property. A survey of the property was completed indicating approximately .25 acres was impeded upon for the past few years. The neighbor has offered to purchase the property for \$5,000. Board consensus was the District is not interested in selling the property. Trustee Riley recommended filing an encroachment lien to cover related survey and attorney fees incurred by the District.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to reject the offer to purchase a portion of the Canyon Elementary School property. Passed 7-0

The Board considered the covenants associated with the property slated to be conveyed to Ruis Holdings upon the completion of the new Glacier Gateway Elementary building. Mr. Ruis is open to helping the District overcome the housing challenges for current and prospective staff members/teachers.

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Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to revise the covenants previously adopted related to the sale of the Old Junior High/Glacier Gateway Elementary property to Ruis Holdings LLC to expand use of the property to include housing for District employees. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION TO THE COVENANTS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RELATED TO THE SALE OF THE OLD JH

The Board considered the Transportation Committee recommendations. The Committee conducted a meeting on April 25, 2022. The Transportation Department conveyed challenges related to staffing as well as difficulty procuring bus parts/supplies. The Committee devised some unique/different strategies in an effort to overcome these hardships. The Committee recommended purchasing a 23 passenger Microbus to service special education routes and replace bus #8. The Committee recommended purchasing a 14 passenger Microbus for activity trips to replace the 2008 activity bus. Bus routes for the 2022/23 school year will be revised in an effort to reduce the number of routes with more details to be determined in July for the County Transportation Committee. The Committee recommended renewing the propane contract with City Service Valcon for June 2022-May 2023. The price increased \$.27 or 15% to \$1.96 per gallon.

Motion by Pauley, second by Riley, to approve the Transportation Committee recommendations to purchase two Microbuses using the 2023 bus depreciation funds, revise bus routes for the 2022/23 school year, and renew the fuel contract with City Service Valcon. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO MICROBUSES AND THE BUS ROUTE REVISIONS FOR THE 22-23 SY

The Board considered the Health Insurance Committee recommendations as a result of the meeting conducted on April 28, 2022. Business Manager Dustin Zuffelato summarized the recommendations. The Committee recommended increasing the specific stop loss insurance threshold from \$120,000 to \$135,000 including increasing the aggregate deductible from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in an effort to reduce fixed costs and expose more reserves as plan reserves are deemed very healthy. For Plan Year 2023, the aggregate stop loss insurance attachment point decreased \$172 per employee per month representing a 11.20% decrease. Funding from plan reserves was decreased to zero. The retiree rates remain unchanged. The life insurance premiums remain unchanged. The voluntary dental and vision insurance plans remain unchanged with no changes to premiums. The plan administration renewal from EBMS increased 6.59% to \$37.68 per employee per month. The Committee recommended renewing the Employee Assistance Program with no changes. The Committee recommended a revised prescription drug benefit contract with Magellan representing an administration fee decrease.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the Health Insurance Committee

recommendations for Plan Year 2023 renewal. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLAN YR 2023

The Board considered renewing the facility use agreements for Canyon Elementary. The Canyon Baptist Church discontinued use of this building. The other three lessees would like to renew with no changes. The All Saints Episcopal Church would like to utilize the building once per month to conduct a community dinner. The Department of Corrections-probation and parole will utilize the building once per week. The Greater Valley Health Center will utilize the building three times per week. Vice Chair Chisholm requested the agreement with Greater Valley Health Center be considered separately as he has a conflict of interest associated with this entity.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Canyon Elementary facility use agreement with Greater Valley Health Center for the period July 1 2022 to June 30 2023. Passed 7-0.

Chisholm abstained.

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby, to approve the Canyon Elementary facility use agreements with All Saints Episcopal Church and the State of Montana-Department of Corrections for the period July 1 2022 to June 30 2023. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CANYON ELEM. FACILITY USE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF 7-1-22 TO 6-30-23

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Business Manager/Clerk Dustin Zuffelato expressed concern with the maintenance/operational costs of the new multi-use fields and noted that the District may want to consider allowing advertising for revenue.

Business Manager/Clerk Dustin Zuffelato informed the Board that state statute authorizes the School District to request the County to conduct the elections. The County is not required to accept this request but a formal request made by all the School Districts within the County may place some pressure on the County to at least help conduct the elections to ensure integrity and accuracy.

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 398
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 398 – Calling for the Flathead County to administer the Elementary District 2023 annual school election. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 399
HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to approve Resolution 399 – Calling for the Flathead County to administer the High School District 2023 annual school election. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO CANVASS
VOTES OF THE
RESULTS OF
MAY 3, 2022 ELECTION

The Board considered the results of the 2022 Trustee Election conducted May 3, 2022.

Motion by Rocksund, second by Riley, to canvass the number of votes cast and declaration of results of the May 3, 2022 Trustee Election. Passed 7-0

The Board acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the leadership of departing Trustees Wilson (36 years of School Board service) and Pauley (24 years of School Board service).

PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the Superintendent’s acceptance of the following resignations: Abigail Brandeberry-Teacher, Samantha Steiner – Teacher, Shannon Sommers-Teacher, Makenna Avila-Para-educator, Dave Ritter-Teacher, Wendy Barton-Para-educator, Amanda King-Bus Driver, Terry Baker-Custodian/Bus Driver, Bob Rupp – Facilities and Transportation Director, Karen Kyger-Custodian, Kate Daniels – High School Annual Sponsor, and Hayden Pierce-Swim Coach.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the following High School/District-wide hiring recommendations: Geoff Melton-IT Support, Sonja Applebaker-Hot Lunch Helper, Cydney Finberg-Roberts-Long-term Substitute Teacher, Hannah Riley-Annual Sponsor, and Austin Green-Teacher. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ELEMENTARY
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Holly McDonald-Speech-Language Pathologist, Crystal Fisher-Behavioral Specialist, Morgan Christanson-Teacher, Robin Cael-Teacher, Kelsey McFadden-Teacher, Ellie Green-Teacher, Peyton Kehr-Teacher, Jacy Wilson-Teacher, Peregrine Frissel-Teacher, Demi Sullivan-Teacher, and Jennifer Greenburg-Teacher. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE TERMINATION OF
THE COVID SANITA-
TION CUSTODIANS

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the termination (reduction in force) of temporary COVID Sanitation Custodians Sharon Dunigan and Mark Gilham effective June 10, 2022. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Wilson, second by Pauley, to approve the Substitute hiring recommendations. Passed 8-0

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Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Health Insurance Committee Meeting	May 23, 2022	4:00 P.M.
High School Graduation Ceremony	June 4, 2022	11:00 A.M.
Regular Board Meeting	June 13, 2022	6:00 P.M.

MISC / FUTURE
PLANNING

A retirement recognition reception was scheduled for May 24, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Chisholm adjourned the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED:

Board Chair

Business Manager/Clerk

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
MAY 9, 2022

Unofficial

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 9, 2022, in the Board Room of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund Board Chair via Zoom
Dean Chisholm Vice Chair
Casey Heupel Trustee
Barbara Riley Trustee
Keri Hill Trustee
Justin Cheff Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk
Dave Wick Superintendent of Schools

ABSENT:

Board Vice Chair Chisholm called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Flathead County Superintendent of School Jack Eggenesperger administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustees Casey Heupel, Heather Mumby, and Justin Cheff.

District Clerk Dustin Zuffelato requested nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to nominate Jill Rocksund to serve as Board Chair. There were no further nominations. Passed 8-0

Board Chair Rocksund requested nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to nominate Dean Chisholm to serve as Board Vice Chair. There were no further nominations. Passed 8-0

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to appoint Dustin Zuffelato to serve as District Clerk. Passed 8-0

Public Participation:

Vice Chair Chisholm requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items.

There was no public participation.

Future Planning:

Board Chair Rocksund requested the Board members to consider the Committee assignments and e-mail their preferred assignments prior to the regular June Board meeting.

June 13, 2022 6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Chisholm adjourned the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

OATH OF OFFICES FOR
HEUPEL, MUMBY AND
CHEFF

MOTION TO APPROVE
ROCKSUND AS BOARD
CHAIR

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHISHOLM AS BOARD
VICE CHAIR

MOTION TO APPROVE
ZUFFELATO AS
DISTRICT CLERK

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Board Chair

Business Manager/Clerk

Columbia Falls K-8 Construction Project
Project Budget
September 30, 2022

Revenue:	Budget	Revenue	Revenue	Budget
		Month-to-Date	Project-to-Date	Balance
Par Amount Bond Sale	37,072,000		37,072,000	-
Premium on bonds	5,339,746		5,339,746	(0)
Bond Premium used to Debt Service	(649,991)		(649,991)	-
Underwriters Discount	(230,040)		(230,040)	-
Interest on bond proceeds	400,000		368,218	(31,782)
	41,931,715	-	41,899,932	(31,783)

Expenses:	Budget	Expenses	Expenses	Budget	YTD Spent
		Month-to-Date	Project-to-Date	Balance	% of Budget
Owner's Rep	336,948	9,400	304,891	32,057	90.49%
Architect & Engineering Ruder	883,622		885,903	(2,281)	100.26%
Architect & Engineering Glacier Gateway Elementary	1,767,240	12,908	1,666,035	101,205	94.27%
Architect & Engineering Multi Use Sports Fields	29,500		29,500	-	100.00%
Architect & Engineering Junior High Safety and Security	18,500		18,500	-	100.00%
Architect & Engineering-Reimburseables	10,000	40	7,327	2,673	73.27%
Architect & Engineering-Additional Services	257,342	446	223,706	33,637	86.93%
Construction - Multi-Use Sports Fields	1,002,009		985,606	16,403	98.36%
Construction - Ruder Addition and Remodel Phase One	3,777,040		3,767,822	9,218	99.76%
Construction - Ruder Addition and Remodel Phase Two	7,086,350	101,035	7,036,705	49,645	99.30%
Construction - Glacier Gateway Elementary	21,970,000	1,142,196	16,365,267	5,604,733	74.49%
Construction - Glacier Gateway Elementary Change Orders to D	569,989	139,020	369,860	200,129	64.89%
Construction - Jr. High Safety and Security	185,263		187,547	(2,284)	101.23%
Playground equipment-Ruder	180,000	5,842	181,832	(1,832)	101.02%
Playground equipment-Glacier Gateway	223,069	112,827	112,827	110,242	50.58%
Technology (classroom technology)	500,000	44,578	442,269	57,731	88.45%
Furnishings & Equipment - Multi Use Fields	110,000		107,227	2,773	97.48%
Furnishings & Equipment - Ruder	365,220	50,695	363,017	2,203	99.40%
Furnishings & Equipment - Glacier Gateway	790,457	97,702	194,512	595,945	24.61%
Soils & Geotech	40,000		37,930	2,070	94.83%
Hazardous Material Assessment	10,000		10,015	(15)	100.15%
Hazardous Material Abatement	100,000		-	100,000	0.00%
Building Permits	128,000		127,500	500	99.61%
Impact Fees	1,000		586	414	58.60%
Utilities	115,000		113,326	1,674	98.54%
Site Surveys-LPW	19,200		20,300	(1,100)	105.73%
Materials Testing	60,000	810	35,254	24,746	58.76%
Moving Costs	75,000	12,752	29,213	45,787	38.95%
Commissioning	125,617		45,648	79,969	36.34%
Election Costs/Legal Fees	30,000		30,655	(655)	102.18%
Bond Issuance Costs	125,000		121,868	3,132	97.49%
	41,929,866	1,730,251	33,822,647	8,107,218	80.66%
Budget Balance	1,849				

October Ruder Board Report

Enrollment: 568

Attendance:94.07%

- We finished our STAR assessments at the end of September. When comparing our scores to the fall benchmark last year, scores are slightly higher at most grade levels for both reading and math.
- Our PTO has been busy planning upcoming events for the year. They plan on bringing back Turkey Bingo in November which is the beginning of our holiday food drive. They will once again have a Christmas store for students to buy gifts for their family. They are also going to have an after school event where families can make crafts, play games, and get their picture taken with Santa for December. Long range planning includes another carnival in May. Last year's carnival profited approximately \$7,000. That money is being put towards filling our Maker Space lab with tables, storage, and supplies.
- Our first grade has planted pumpkin seeds and are learning about the growth cycle. They also have an upcoming field trip to the Pumpkin Patch where they will get to participate in all the activities and bring home their own pumpkin.
- Our fourth grade students will once again participate in the Hooked on Fishing program. Each month a representative from the program will come and teach the students on various topics.

Following is our schedule:

- Friday, Oct 7th- Fish ID
 - Friday, Nov 4th- Rules and Regulations
 - Friday, Dec 2nd- Lures/Knot tying
 - Friday, Feb 3rd- Ice fishing at 9:30 am
 - Friday, Mar 3rd- Jeopardy
 - Friday, April 7th- Fish Dissection
 - Friday, June 2nd- Spring Fishing at 9:30
- Our teachers who received the new Newline boards are really enjoying them. They are anti-glare and larger which makes it much easier to see. Teachers also just received their docking stations, laptops, and wireless keyboard/mouse. We will be getting these set up and eventually remove the PC's from the classrooms. When a PC is attached to a new board it runs via VGA. The boards do not run as efficiently with VGA and are not capable of producing sound through it. The new docking stations and laptops will be able to run off of HDMI and will solve those problems.
 - Ruder is the site for Girls on The Run this fall. Amy Squires is the lead instructor of 7 girls. Girl Scouts also meets every other week at Ruder.
 - With the nice fall weather, teachers and students are enjoying the lessons at the Wildcat Garden. It is a great break in a day to walk over, enjoy the sunshine, and learn about the garden.



School Board Report for October 2022
Glacier Gateway Elementary School

September has been an extremely busy month at Glacier Gateway. Students and staff are excited to be back at school establishing a consistent routine.

Homecoming Spirit Week was a fun week filled with dress up days, parades, and the Wildcat. The Wildcat expressed his spirit throughout the school each day in his costumes.



October is Fire Prevention Month. Students are participating in a poster contest with the theme emphasizing the importance of planning for emergencies. On October 11th, we will have a fire drill with the help of the Columbia Falls Fire Department. Students will meet firefighters in full gear during our assembly. We have practiced our evacuation plan for fire drills and are ready to show Sparky how safe we can evacuate. At Glacier Gateway this year we will have our annual Fire Safety poster contest for grades K-4.

Attendance Matters campaign at GG is starting to take shape with activities in the classroom. Team building activities to show the importance of attendance. Attendance awards at all school assemblies and goal setting with our family advocate for students that are struggling to attend school consistently.

September's beautiful weather has been wonderful for fall field trips. We have enjoyed the Wildcat Garden opportunities. Our first grade traveled for a fall field trip to the Pumpkin Patch and our fourth grade will visit the Conrad Mansion later in the month.



Even with a late start on STAR assessments we continue to gather baseline information on student achievement for the full implementation of English Language arts intervention programs. STAR is a starting point for identifying skills on which a student might need additional support and is an important assessment tool for monitoring growth.

We are looking forward to a month of fall activities which include PTO Trunk or Treat, "Hall"oween parade, and Bus Safety activities.



COLUMBIA FALLS JUNIOR HIGH

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John Cooper - Assistant Principal x 4008
Dave Wick - Superintendent
(406) 892-6550 x 1422

cfjuniorhigh.org (406) 892-6530 Fax: (406) 892-6528

CFJH October Board Report Monday, October 10th, 6:00 pm

- We had a great time participating in the Homecoming festivities this week! Our students and staff went all out this year on dress up days! The dress up day themes was the great outdoors, neon/futuristic, color wars, and Wildcat Spirit. Also, the jazz band and 7th/8th grade choir joined the Homecoming Parade. They rocked it! The band played "Ghostbusters" and the choir sang along. They sounded great and had a lot of fun! The kids represented the junior high very well. Also, a shout out to our teachers who spent their own time creating the float and joining the students during the parade. Well done teachers! Go Wildcats! Go CFJH! Row the boat!



- We are past the 1st midterm already. The year is flying by! Report cards went home on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. All students are required to have their parents/guardians sign it and return it to their teacher. We are focused this year on communicating with families and providing updates on academic progress and behavior. This is only one way of communicating, but it is helpful. We use email a lot and also phone calls. Families seem to prefer email as they can respond when they get a chance and keep the dialogue going.
- Our Professional Development Early Releases have been planned. The committee sent out a Google Form for staff feedback regarding our PD focus. We are going to conduct some breakout learning sessions, group book study, and team planning to work on common assessments and data-driven instruction. The 6 PD sessions will be very valuable.
- We have been focused on Professional Learning Communities during Early Releases this year. These sessions are department driven based on the goals they set. Some examples of things being worked on are scope and sequence, standards review, planning common units for the year, and needs assessments.
- Students have been learning a lot about bullying. We are using the Olweus program quite a bit this year. Hopefully, this will help students work together to stand up against bullying. We are also updating our posters and table tents to keep the issue in the forefront so students are constantly reminded.
- There was a safety "audit" of our building. It went really well. The company told us we have a lot of the main areas addressed and need to adjust little things to make sure our processes and procedures run smoothly. Like, placing emergency folders in the same place in every classroom for consistency, creating more user-friendly flipcharts of procedures, lockdown terminology, and door magnets to easily lock a door in an emergency. It was very informative and we are glad we have so many things in place already.

Student Enrollment

Enrollment 535: 6th- 180, 7th- 183, 8th- 172

September Attendance Rates

6th - 92.90%

7th - 91.34%

8th - 92.22%

Overall - 92.15%



CFHS Board Report: October 10, 2022

Columbia Falls High School
610 13th St W
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
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Principal - Jon Konen
Asst. Principal - John Thompson
Athletic Director - Troy Bowman

Submitted by Jon Konen, CFHS Principal

Strategic Goal #1: Challenging, Diverse, and Supportive Learning Environment

I wanted to give the board and community a little background about our unique partnership with Glacier Park. School to Park is an ongoing partnership between Glacier National Park and Columbia Falls High School Building Trades students, now in its fourth year. The park provides funding for materials, plans and allows us to have one employee to help with labor, Bob Jellison. Students have completed six structures: three employee housing cabins, one entrance station, a storage shed for the soccer teams, and another for Glacier Park. We have another cabin and shed being built this year. This year's cabin is the first of four cabins for the Many Glacier area.

Mr. Jellison secures and prepares materials, guides the construction process ensuring the buildings are completed to applicable codes, develops and shares best construction practices, and coordinates installation of buildings within Glacier Park. He also acts as a building superintendent for the purpose of the simulated work environment while assisting Mr. Remiker with teaching. He states his favorite role is helping Mr. Remiker in creating a working crew within the classroom. Their primary focus is on carpentry skills but the students do all of the work on the cabins and have an opportunity to learn some plumbing and electrical skills as well. The soft skills learned during the builds have a significant impact on the students and in many ways are just as important as any of the specific trades skills. It is fun and exciting to watch the students as they take ownership of the build and become increasingly engaged in the process.

Similar to Mr. Schaefer's advanced metals kids, and other classes here, our students are dual enrolled in FVCC's Running Start Program. Our students are also enrolled in the state of Montana's pre-apprenticeship program. This enables them to begin earning apprenticeship hours towards a trade while in the classroom. The state and FVCC have partnered with several local construction companies in the past couple of years to create apprenticeships that are particularly suited to our students, and a couple graduates have chosen that path.

Swank has created a commercial construction apprenticeship program and Denman Construction has created a residential construction apprenticeship program. Pay is often tied to steps in these companies' programs and our students have started at a slightly higher pay or completed their first step sooner. We also have graduates apprenticing locally in electrical or plumbing jobs that have benefited from hours earned in our classroom.

Other notable accomplishments:

- "In search of professional development and growth three teachers from the Foreign Language Department; Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Price, and Mrs. Fernandez, will be attending the



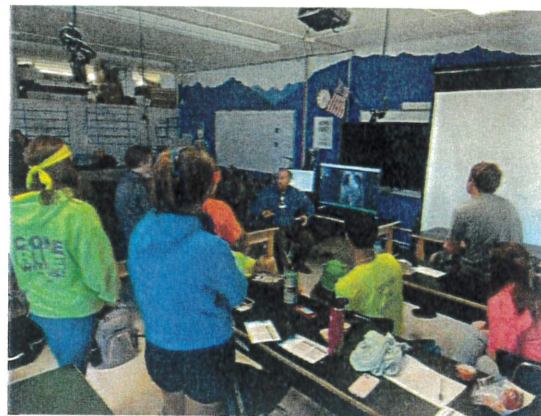
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American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference and Expo in Boston this November. The focus of this conference is to gain exposure to the timeliest topics, the latest research, and the most current trends in language education today. These teachers are excited and very thankful for the opportunity the District has provided to attend this language conference. "

- The CFHS HOSA (Future Health Professionals) club recently enjoyed a visit by Jason Barrett RRA, the Director of Imaging and Cardiac Services at Logan Health Medical Center. Jason spoke to the students about different careers in the radiology field. Jason put the student's anatomy and physiology knowledge to the test by walking them through a series of educational training images.



Strategic Goal #2: High Performing Workplace

As a new principal, some of my goals have been to get into classrooms and observe instruction, create relationships with staff, and give feedback. As of September 30, I have conducted over 130 observations of classrooms with feedback. I have collected data from these observations and tied it back to our school wide goal of engagement. Each quarter I will be collecting data that we can use to drive instruction in our classroom as well as with our professional development as a school. If you are interested in doing some walkthroughs of our high school, please contact me and I will gladly do it with you.

Teachers have been working on writing goals for the year. They were asked to set SMART goals: 1) One goal that supports our school wide engagement initiative, and 2) a personal goal that is specific to each individual teacher's growth. A SMART goal is an acronym for the following: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Bound.

Other notable accomplishments:

- Over 50 SMART Goals Set – Over 50 staff members have set goals for the entire year pertaining to engagement and their own personal/professional growth. Each goal will be tracked with data.

Strategic Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness



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Multiple groups are meeting continuously in our school, both student groups and staff groups. Here is a list of some of the staff meetings and groups that have met so far, as well as their purpose:

- Leadership Team – Provide the vision for the high school.
- Professional Development Team – Help determine the needs of the school for professional learning, as well as helping design what that looks like for the year.
- Intervention Assistance Team – Meets to support students both academically and non academically.
- IEP/504 Meetings – Individual education plans as well as other educational plans for students are devised, and progress is communicated with parents and students.
- Dual Credit Teachers Meeting – Meeting with Flathead Valley Community College representatives and CFHS staff who teach dual credit courses.
- Department Meetings – Eight different departments meet routinely to discuss curriculum, instruction, and assessment, as well as supporting students.
- Technology Team Meeting – Continued discussion and collaboration on technology integration.
- Gifted and Talented Meeting – Meetings to discuss how students identified as Gifted and Talented are having their needs met as well as furthering opportunities for growth.
- Homecoming Committee Meeting – Working with the Student Council and planning the multitude of activities for students during Homecoming week.
- Academic Endowment Meeting – Community members and staff meet to fundraise and support teachers in the Columbia Falls School District through financial means.
- CFCAT Meeting – A mix of staff and community members that meet to problem solve the needs of our students in the district.

Strategic Goal #4: Family & Community Engagement

The first meeting of the Columbia Falls Academic Endowment Board of Directors met the third week of September. This group of community and staff members met to fundraise and support teachers in the Columbia Falls School District. The primary goal of the Academic Endowment is enhancing educational opportunities for the students in the High School. Staff members can submit a proposal for a project, event, or worthwhile learning experience. The endowment then votes to fund the staff proposals. The proposal form has been posted on the district website. The next meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM in the High School Entryway.

The first meeting of CFCAT occurred at the beginning of September. As stated above, the CFCAT team consists of a mix of staff and community members that meet to problem solve the needs of our students in the district. The team's main goal is to serve the homeless and needy youth of our school district. The team understands that many students in the district do not



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meet the definition of being homeless, but several are still in need of the basics: food, clothing, and other supplies, as well as making school-sponsored extracurricular activities accessible.

Strategic Goal #5: District Facilities Support & Enhance Learning

On September 28, John Thompson and I met with a consultant from Secure Education Consultants. This company was started by past United States Secret Service personnel in order to create safer schools across America.

With the consultant, we reviewed our safety and emergency plans, discussed professional development for staff members dealing with safe and secure protocols, as well as touring our school to complete a safety assessment. The conversations provided a lot of feedback and information about our school and the safety procedures we utilize. There will be a report devised by the company to give us guidance on how we can continue to make Columbia Falls High School a safe place to work and learn. Best practices and research will be used to devise this report.

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk
DATE: September 28, 2022
RE: **Business Office Report for the October 12, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Health Insurance Committee

The Health Insurance Committee conducted a meeting September 15, 2022. The Committee discussed the upcoming open enrollment for the Flex Plan and specifically changing the Flex Plan Year to align with the Health Insurance Plan Year. The current Flex Plan Year is October-Sept. In addition to alignment of plan years to simplify administration and limit to just one open enrollment period (that would encompass health and flex at the same time) changing the flex plan will allow the District to maintain compliance with IRS regulations. The District implemented a high deductible plan option a few years ago allowing members to maintain a health savings account (HSA). IRS restricts members from having both a Flex Account and a HSA. The current overlap of plan years inherently risks members from enrolling in an HSA during open enrollment in June while still being covered from a flex plan elected the previous October that runs through September.

The Committee discussed the annual health screening that will be conducted in November. The District Plan covers the cost of each participant's screen (\$125). The Committee considered an added benefit - additional screens and reflexive blood testing that would increase the price to \$145. The District budgets for approximately 200 participant screens whereas this additional \$20 could cost \$4,000. The additional information derived from these tests could mitigate the need for participants to schedule follow-up doctor visits. In addition to reducing absenteeism from classroom, the additional information may help participants identify health concerns. The Committee reviewed the recommended Plan Document Changes for the current plan year. Most of the changes are required to comply with the No Surprises Act-federal legislation. Future Planning – next meeting to be conducted October 13th. Planning to conduct monthly meetings throughout the school year. The Committee will be reviewing plan reserves as well as the tiered rate structure.

School Election Updates

You recall the District passing a resolution in May 2022 calling for the Flathead County to conduct the school election. I recently met (September 1, 2022) with the Clerk and Recorder and Election Manager to get a status update on this request. The County will formally deny our requests to conduct the May 2023 elections citing redistricting and new software and a general inability to have the resources necessary to fulfill these duties. We discussed the likelihood of changes to state law in the upcoming legislative session REQUIRING the County to conduct school elections. The County is preparing to conduct our elections commencing in 2025. In the meantime, the plan is as follows:

- Procure and print envelopes using third party-Executive Services in Bozeman
- Utilize third party - The Mail Room in Kalispell for bulk mailing services.
- Utilize the company that the County uses to print ballots-ESS. These ballots will be able to be automatically counted using the County Tabulator Machines.

Federal Program Grant Updates

Federal Grants for the FY 2023 have been completed thanks to the efforts of Diane Marsh –Carl Perkins Administrator, Mark McCord-ESSA School Wide Coordinator, and Michelle Swank – IDEA Grant.

ANNUAL Appropriation	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Carl Perkins	\$ 61,254	\$ 50,246	\$ 47,543
IDEA	\$ 564,452	\$ 551,237	\$ 566,944
Title School-wide	\$ 984,676	\$ 985,558	\$ 977,599

Other Federal Grants:

	Appropriation	Spent as of June 30, 2022	Remaining Available	Period of Availability
ESSER II Base	\$2,278,686	\$ 2,229,626	\$ 152,989	September 30, 2023
ESSER II Special Needs	\$ 39,220	\$ 36,162	\$ 3,058	September 30, 2023
ESSER III Base	\$ 4,094,083	\$ 78,287	\$ 4,015,796 *	September 30, 2024
ESSER III Learning Loss	\$ 1,023,520	\$ 183,535	\$ 839,985 **	September 30, 2024
ESSER III IDEA	\$140,918	\$ 3,481	\$ 137,437 ***	September 30, 2024

*ESSER III Base funds are budgeted to be used for the HS HVAC Project

** ESSER III Learning Loss Funds are budgeted for summer school, 5.0 FTE-Support Staff (FY23), and the BookMobile Program.

*** ESSER III IDEA is budgeted for 1.0 SPED Para and 1.0 SPED Teacher in FY23 and FY2024.

Monthly Insurance Claim Summary

Paid Claims August 2022

Medical Plan Paid Claims	\$ 232,136
Specific Stop Loss Liability	\$ 0

Monthly medical expected claims based on an enrollment of 217 Plan participants (56 singles/161 families):

\$ 191,671

Plan claim liability as a percentage of expected claims:

121 %

Paid Claim summary plan year-to-date (July 2022 through August 2022):

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Medical Plan Paid Claims	\$ 543,141	\$ 389,951	139.28 %
Specific Stop Loss liability	0		
Total Claims	\$543,141		

Curriculum Director Report October 2022

Over the last month, the committees that support students and staff here in Columbia Falls School District Six met for the first time.

The Website Review Committee met and reviewed the District and Campus websites. Overall, the sites were praised for their professional appearance and ease of navigation. The committee recommended the school homepages focus on student activity photos in their hero sections. We are currently exploring how feedback can be gathered from the public by embedding forms on the main pages.

During our Mentor Leadership Team meeting, we discussed how best to support active mentors across the course of the school year. We established our goals for the school year and determined the focus for the first mentor/mentee meeting on September 14th. We also planned the meeting agenda for the first meeting of all District mentors on the 18th of this month.

The Professional Development Committee reviewed a large number of Professional Development Grant Applications and ultimately approved twelve. The Committee was excited to see CFSD6 teachers from all four campuses stretching to learn more and improve their craft. Representatives from each campus shared their focus for the full-day PIR on 9/26.

- CFHS - Student Engagement
- CFJH - Staff-wide Team Building
- Ruder - RISE Program overview and behavior support
- Glacier Gateway - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

The Technology Committee reflected on some of the struggles experienced at the start of the school year. A survey was created to gather feedback about how we can improve the start of the 2023-2024 school year. The committee discussed the Technology PIR early release on 9/21. The decision was made to offer a variety of open labs and self-directed learning opportunities for staff to engage in based upon their needs.

The ESEA/ESSA Consolidated Grant Application has been submitted and approved. This federal grant allocates over a million dollars to support learning in the 2022-2023 school year. Funds allocated are designated to improve academic achievement of the disadvantaged, support effective instruction, and provide academic enrichment. Additionally, nine teachers and five paraprofessionals are paid through these funds.

Our District TEAMS accreditation reporting process will begin this month. Multiple staff members will input into the platform to ensure that our schools and district receive full accreditation.

Mark McCord

Fire for Water Service Project 2023

Fire for Water is a voluntourism opportunity for high school students supporting NGO Los Buenos Vecinos (LBV), The Good Neighbors, in its mission of **Clean Hands, Clean water in Guatemala**.

The need: Guatemala rates highest in the western hemisphere for malnourished children and hovers at the highest rate in the world for physical and cognitive stunting. Chronic malnutrition and stunting in Guatemala are predominantly due to diarrhea caused by fecal/oral contamination via inadequate hand washing and contaminated drinking water. *Diarrhea leads to malnutrition, which leads to low education levels, which leads to substantially lower wages, which often leads to migration.* Average family income in the region is \$4.50 per day.

Solutions: LBV's focus is on *providing barriers* to the two most *dangerous contamination transmission* routes, via *hand wash fixtures* called tippy taps and *bio-sand water filtration*. Both use *simple* technology, *sustainable* maintenance, and are *scalable* from home to community. Together when coupled with *long term education* of UNICEF Water and Sanitation Hygiene protocols, these devices *reduce common diseases 83-85%*.

This service project **engages Montana students with Guatemalans** in construction of hand-wash fixtures and water filters and receiving related UNICEF Wash, Water and Sanitation Hygiene training. The trip is Rotary led.

Outcome goals: *The outcome goal for Montana students is to engage young people with service and to provide an experience they will be proud to discuss in job interviews and over dinner for the rest of their lives.* For the Guatemalans the project aims to inspire and engage people to improve their own health, education, and subsequently also, their income.

Travel leaders from the USA are **Paula Koch** of Columbia Falls, who 25 years ago volunteered at the orphanage in Santa Apolonia, Guatemala and **Mary Ellen Getts**, also from Columbia Falls, who served a mission in Tegucigalpa, Honduras from 1981-83. Both women teach in Columbia Falls. Each of these educators are seasoned Central American travelers and volunteers. Rotarian **Dave Renfrow**, director of Los Buenos Vecinos USA, having volunteered in Guatemala parts of the past 9 years will accompany the group. Additionally, **Denise LaFontaine** from Seattle is **visitor services coordinator**. Denise began her volunteer life in 1996, at 17 years old, working in an orphanage for Guatemalan war refugees in the Yucatan, Mexico. She currently works with migrants in Seattle at Puget Sound University. **Thomas Henry** will be on the ground as well. For many years, Thomas was director of youth bicycle safety programs for the city of Portland, Oregon, and volunteers in Guatemala over the winters.

Students are responsible for travel costs (\$1550 for flights, transportation in Guatemala, food, housing, and activities, insurance).

US students will be paired with Guatemalan students as "Project Partners" for much of the work and play activities, including the Fire for Water Challenge Volcano Climb. Project Partner's cost is \$500 per US student and \$500 for Guatemalan student. **Project Partners will be funded by corporate and non-profit service club sponsors.**

The **disciplined and sustainable business model of Los Buenos Vecinos** can truly be described as **"helping others help themselves."** The affordable **products** produced by Los Buenos Vecinos, when provided **with long-term continuing education**, are **proven** around the world to reduce diseases nearly 83%.

LBV operates the **W.A.S.H. education center** from its workshop in San Andreas Itzapa from which they taught WASH basics to over 1400 people in the past two years. Water from their home bio-sand filters and community filtration systems consistently tests 98.5% pure.

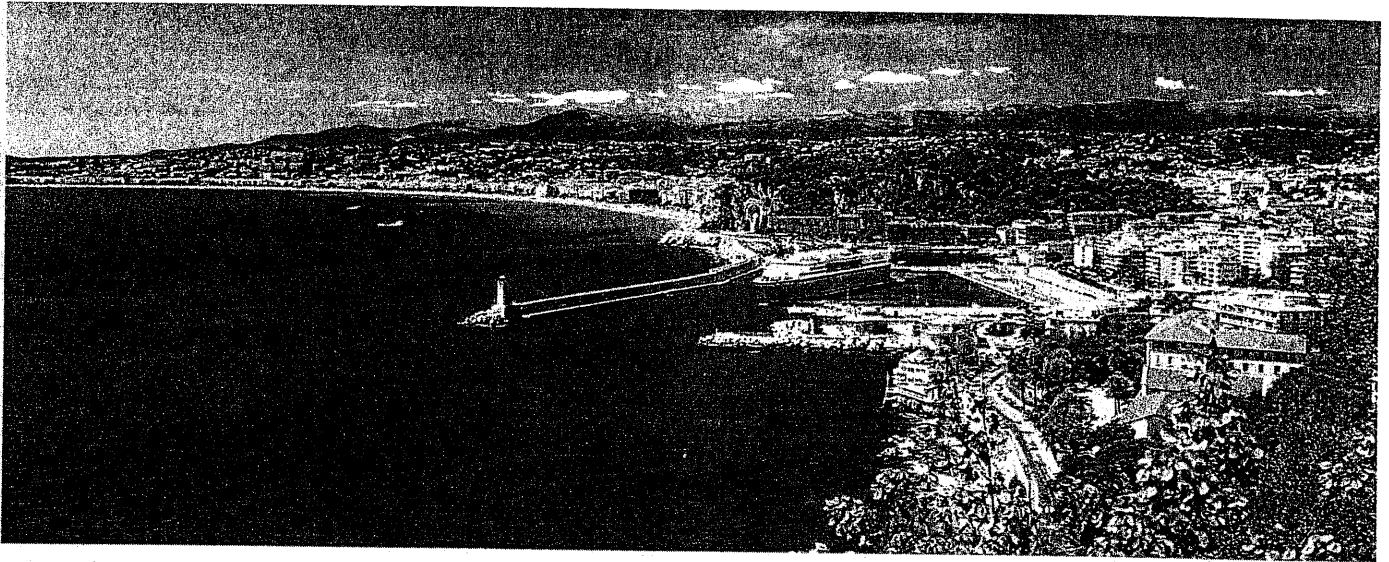
Students applicants can expect hard work and hardy fun side-by-side with local adults and students.

Dates of travel are March 25-April 4 which is dry season, Expect daily high/low temperatures averaging 55 - 77 degrees; warm clothing is necessary for evenings and the Fire for Water Challenge Climb. Successful student applicants will receive detailed pack lists, insurance information, and a daily itinerary. Wi-Fi is readily available and local phone sim cards and data plans are easily obtained for communication to home.

Student applications can be found at fireforwater.org. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2022.

Fire for Water Service Trip Itinerary -11 days total

Sat. March 25	Travel from Montana to Guatemala City; transport to Antigua
Sun. Mar. 26	Antigua walk 2-3 historic sites; chocolate making; chicken bus to Itzapa
Mon. Mar. 27	Itzapa - orient; load up tools and supplies; walk to market; make tortillas and supper together
Tue. Mar. 28	Bio-sand filter and WASH training
Wed. Mar. 29	Wash and sift sand and gravel; glitter games.
Thu. Mar. 30	Pack and take filters and sand/gravel to home, assemble
Fri. Mar. 31	Final filter completion, pm good-byes
Sat. Apr. 1	Fire for Water climb day. Leave Itzapa 8:00am to La Soledad; hike; overnight at basecamp
Sun. Apr. 2	8:30 breakfast and hike down to La Soledad; arrive noon - music, food, ribbon cutting; stay at coffee finca (plantation)
Mon. Apr. 3	Goodbyes at Acatenango; return to Itzapa
Tue. Apr. 4	4:00am transport to Guatemala City and return flight to Montana



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Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Barcelona; Sagrada Família; Madrid

Entrances: Fragonard Parfumerie, Grasse; Calanques cruise; Pont du Gard; Nimes Amphitheatre; Park Güell; Sagrada Família; El Pilar Basilica; Royal Palace, Madrid; Reina Sofia Museum

Overnights: French Riviera (2); Provence (2); Carcassonne region (1); Barcelona (2); Zaragoza region (1); Madrid (2)



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to France

Board your overnight flight to Nice!

Day 2: French Riviera

Arrive in the French Riviera

Welcome to the French Riviera, land of deep blue waters waving palm trees and sun-drenched promenades. Learn why this area of France is a favored resort of the rich and famous, locals and visitors alike.

Walking tour of Nice

Acquaint yourself with the palm trees and promenades of this exclusive seaside resort. Walk in the footsteps of the rich and famous as you stroll through the Vieille Ville, past white-washed villas and down the Promenade des Anglais. Nice's spectacular scenery has inspired such artists as Renoir, Matisse and Toulouse-Lautrec.

Day 3: French Riviera

Walking tour of Monaco

Your Tour Director will introduce you to Monaco. Together, you might see the Casino Monte-Carlo, the Cathédrale de Monaco, or the hairpin turn made famous by the Monaco Grand Prix.

Exploration time in Eze

Take time to make your own explorations of Eze. The town stands at the top of a pyramid-shaped rock, topped by a castle which is linked to the town by labyrinthine streets.

Exploration time in Nice

Enjoy time to explore Nice on your own. You might consider enjoying a café au lait in one of the Old Town's squares or take in breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea as you stroll down the Promenade des Anglais.

Day 4: French Riviera | Provence

Travel via Grasse and Cassis to Provence

Visit the Fragonard Perfumery

Dappled with pink villas and palm trees, Grasse has been home to perfume distilleries since the 16th century. Here, visit a perfume factory to learn how the carefully created essences are extracted and produced.

Enjoy a Calanques cruise

From the seaside village of Cassis, you will embark on a cruise through inlets cradled by jagged limestone cliffs. The Calanques, as these steep-sided fjords are called, create a craggy, white trim along a stretch of France's most beautiful coastline.

Arrive in Provence

Welcome to the Provence region of France, one of the most beautiful and acclaimed parts of the country. In this region, discover a land of stunning architecture with heavy Roman influence, varied local produce and strong artistic links, none more famous than Impressionism.

Day 5: Provence

See the Pont du Gard

See the Pont du Gard, a portion of an aqueduct built by the Emperor Agrippa in AD 19. This spectacular work of Roman engineering is impressive in both form and function—the water conduit, atop the three levels of arches over the River Gard, brought 2,000 gallons of fresh water to the city each day.

Visit the Nîmes Amphitheatre

Also called the Arena of Nîmes, the Nîmes Amphitheatre is a Roman style amphitheater that was built around 70 AD. The structure's original usage, however, has shifted slightly as the Amphitheatre is now used for concerts and public events.

Exploration time in Nîmes

The rest of the afternoon is yours to make your own explorations of Nîmes.

Day 6: Provence | Carcassonne region

Walking tour of Arles

Your Tour Director will introduce you to the city of Arles. Together, you might see the winding streets that once inspired Vincent van Gogh or the ancient Roman amphitheater that was built in 46 B.C.

Travel to the Carcassonne region

Journey to Carcassonne, a town which is divided into two regions, the ville-basse and the Cité. With the appearance of a fairy-tale medieval town, the turrets of the Cité stand proudly over the town below. Within the walls of the Cité lies a charming world of reconstructed housing, cafes and craft-shops.

Walking tour of Carcassonne

Get to know Carcassonne during your Tour Director-led walking tour. Together you might see Europe's largest and most-complete medieval fortress and the city's age-old ramparts.

Day 7: Carcassonne region | Barcelona

Travel via Perpignan to Barcelona

Today, take time to make your own explorations of Perpignan before you continue on to Barcelona.

Arrive in Barcelona

Welcome to Barcelona, an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. As the capital of fiercely nationalistic Cataluña, Barcelona also celebrates unique identity through its language and increasingly influential government.

Day 8: Barcelona

Guided sightseeing of Barcelona

Begin your visit at Gaudí's masterpiece, the fantasyland of Park Güell, complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and the longest bench in the world. Then enjoy a marvelous harbor view from atop Montjuïc Hill, where much of the 1992 Olympics took place.

Guided sightseeing of the Sagrada Família

Enter into this amazing skeleton of a cathedral. Gaudí began this church in 1882, and it remains unfinished. Construction still continues and completion is slated for the mid-21st century, yet no one knows if the finished product will be what Gaudí intended. Take your time to explore this bizarre masterpiece by wandering around the base, marveling at the enormous statues of saints or climbing one of the many towers for a spectacular view of the city. *(Please note that this visit is pending availability due to limited group reservations.)*

Exploration time in Barcelona

Enjoy time to explore Barcelona on your own. You may enjoy a stroll down one of its vibrant avenues like the Passeig de Gràcia or you may wish to visit one of Barcelona's many museums, like the Palace of Catalan Music or the Picasso Museum.

Day 9: Barcelona | Zaragoza region

Travel to the Zaragoza region

Welcome to Zaragoza. Originally a Roman settlement founded by the mighty Caesar Augustus in 19 B.C., it is now the economically vibrant capital of Aragón. Located in the fertile Ebro valley, Zaragoza remains one of the most visited pilgrim sites in Spain with the colossal ten-domed Basilica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar dominating the city center's exceptional square as the focus of pilgrim worship.

Walking tour of Zaragoza

Your Tour Director will introduce you to Zaragoza during your walking tour. Together, you might learn about the city's religious history, or see the building that housed Zaragoza's 16th-century stock exchange. Then, visit the Basilica del Pilar, complete with brightly colored domes and whose central pillar is said to be a gift from the Virgin Mary to St. James.

Exploration time in Zaragoza

The rest of the afternoon is yours to make your own explorations of Zaragoza.

Your Itinerary

Day 10: Zaragoza region | Madrid

Travel to Madrid

Welcome to Madrid! At 2,100 feet, this is Europe's highest capital, a Mecca for art-lovers, and home to one of the world's most famous soccer teams!

Walking tour of Madrid

Your Tour Director will introduce you to Madrid during a walking tour. Together, you might see the impressive Puerta del Sol, stand in Madrid's historic Plaza Mayor or stroll down the chic and trendy Gran Via.

Exploration time in Madrid

The rest of the afternoon is yours to make your own explorations of Madrid.

Day 11: Madrid

Guided sightseeing of Madrid

Your expert local guide will introduce you to Madrid, the capital and largest city in Spain. During your panoramic bus tour, see the Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol. Get a taste of royal Madrid as you visit the extravagant Palacio Real, where you'll wander the fabulous palace interior that has over 2,000 rooms.

Visit the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia

Visit the "MOMA" of Madrid. See the greatest collection of 20th-century art in Spain, including Picasso's famous *Guernica* (1937), in a building that was once designated "the ugliest building in Spain" by architect Oriol Bahigas.

Day 12: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions at www.eftours.com/bc.

Inclement Weather Procedure Guidelines

School Closure Procedure Guidelines

1. The Montana Department of Transportation and Flathead County have discontinued "Emergency Travel Only" declarations. The ETO declaration has been replaced by a "Severe Driving Conditions" declaration. The SDC declaration will not be countywide and will not be accompanied by driving restrictions. Therefore, there will be no countywide road condition declaration that will initiate a countywide school closure. Each county school will make its own closure call based on district-wide road conditions. A closure applies to all but a skeleton crew necessary to be sure that buildings are open.
2. The District will not use late starts.
3. Once students are transported to school by bus, they will remain in school until the end of the school day. The district will not release children early because necessary parent contacts cannot be assured. Parents may pick up their children at any time.
4. If the decision is made that no buses are running, school will be closed. Schools may be kept open if just a few buses cannot run. The number of bus routes not running to influence school closure on a given day is a judgment call related to appropriate variables. The magic number hovers around seven bus routes. If a bus does not run in the morning because of inclement weather, it will not run in the afternoon.
5. If students can be safely transported, water and electricity are flowing, and heating systems are up and running, classes will be held.
6. In the event of school closure or bus route cancellations, the District will use the emergency parent notification system to alert parents and guardians. The District will make every effort to initiate the emergency parent notification system before 7:00 a.m.
7. In addition, The Flathead County Superintendent of Schools will provide school closure information to area radio and TV stations prior to 7:00 a.m. The District, however, does not have control over when and/or how often school closure announcements are made by radio and TV stations. These stations include: KOFI (1180 AM), Monster (103.9 FM), KJJR (880 AM), BEAR (106.3 FM), KBBZ (98.5 FM), KALS (FM 97.1), KHNK (FM 95.9), KRVO (FM 103.1), KWOL (105.1), KECI/KCFW (NBC Montana) and KTMF/KWYB (ABC/FOX). Information will also be listed on the SD #6 website at www.cfmtschoools.net as soon as possible following a closure decision.

**Substitute Hires
Oct 2022**

Teacher

LNAME	FNAME	Teacher
Cleveland	Jessica	Aide
Meyer	Brittany	Aide
Grieb	Ruminta	Teacher or Aide
Tau	Phillip	Teacher or Aide
Heitz	Cassandra	Teacher or Aide
Bahr	Naomi	Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide

Secretary / Nurse

LNAME	FNAME	Other
Middlesworth	Aven	Nurse
		Nurse
		Secretary

Bus Driver

LNAME	FNAME	Other
		Bus Driver
		Bus Driver
		Bus Driver

Hot Lunch

LNAME	FNAME	Other
		Hot Lunch
		Hot Lunch
		Hot Lunch
		Hot Lunch

Custodian

LNAME	FNAME	Other
		Custodian
		Custodian
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10/4/2022