



Mountains Connect us; Passion Ignites us; Innovation Drive Us

# Three Stripes

February 10th, 2023



## SkillsUSA

On Monday, February 6th 2023, Governor Greg Gianforte signed a proclamation declaring that February will be Career and Technical Education(CTE) month. The Darby SkillsUSA team went to Helena and advocated for CTE programming and SkillsUSA. The Darby School District is proud of its CTE courses that it can offer the students of Darby. We offer a wide range of CTE courses ranging from Construction Trades to Principles of Engineering. Darby High School is the first school in the valley to begin a Pre-Apprenticeship program that is registered with MT's Registered Apprenticeship Program. We are also the only school in the valley that offers a SkillsUSA program. Last year seven students qualified for Nationals in Atlanta Georgia.

## National School Counselor Week

February 6th through February 10th is National School Counselors Week. We are very fortunate to have Kurt Kohn(8-12) and Alex Brown (TK-7) on our Tiger Team. Mr. Kohn has worn the tiger stripes for 30 plus years and has had a positive impact on so many Tigers. His passion for positivity is evident everyday as he is actively in the halls greeting staff and students. Alex Brown is the district's K-7 counselor and is in her third year with the district. The district was able to hire Alex using Federal Covid Relief Funds and her addition has not only made the district better but also enhanced the lives of so many students. Alex is also a proud Darby High School graduate. Our district and our community are both fortunate to have these two terrific counselors a part of them.



## Project Lead The Way(PLTW)

This week the district received notification that we have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from PLTW on behalf of Lockheed Martin to be used towards the district's PLTW curriculum. Darby is the only school in the valley certified to implement the PLTW engineering curriculum. To be recognized by a global security and aerospace company is an honor in itself, but the \$10,000 is nice too:) The funds are to be used for program equipment, supplies, PLTW Core Training and computers. The district is a believer that our students need to be creators of content and not consumers. These funds will assist our students in developing problem-solving skills, applying mathematics, challenging their imagination, engineering and tinkering and in scientific terms they are doing a lot of cool stuff!



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