

# B L U E H A W K N E W S

## Staff Appreciation

May 6 - 10 is Staff Appreciation Week at school. We'd like to thank all the school staff who work with our kids including teachers, paraprofessionals, kitchen and custodial staff, our school nurse, school secretaries, and substitutes. It truly takes a village to educate our students. Our village happens to be filled with some incredible people who give a great deal of themselves to make sure school is a safe, welcoming place. That dedication goes outside of the normal school day and the walls of our school buildings when staff members are seen supporting students at baseball and softball games, concerts, MCT, and any number of other activities. If you feel so inclined, thank a school staff member next week or any time. What they do is truly a labor of love. Thank you staff for all you do and all the care you put into your school family.

## Summer School

We are excited to offer Summer School again this summer! There will be 2 sessions, each 8 days long. Sessions will run **Monday-Thursday from 8:00AM until 12:00PM**. The theme for **Session 1**, which will run from **June 10th - June 20th**, is Camp S'more Learning. Campers will be inspired by the outdoors. Visitors to that session will include Bear Aware and Montana Raptors. Blast Off With Learning is the theme of **Session 2**, which will feature space and culminate with a field trip to the University of Montana's Star Gazing Room. **Session 2** will run **July 8th—July 18th**. Currently enrolled kindergarten through 5th grade students may join us for either or both sessions. We will only be accepting a limited number of students. Permission slips are being sent home today. Students will be enrolled in the order in which their permission slips are received in the office.

## Celebration

The Running Start Challenge ends tomorrow, May 3rd. Parents, siblings and community members are invited to attend the celebration on **Wednesday, May 8th at 2:30PM** in the Elementary Gym. The celebration will include a drawing for prizes, provided by the Masons and ice cream for all students, courtesy of Valley Bank. Thank you to the Woman's Club, the Masons, First Security Bank, Valley Bank and all the guest readers for your support of reading!

## SPRING CONCERT

The upcoming Kindergarten through 8th Grade Spring Music Concert, directed by Mrs. Lisa Mickelson, our music teacher, is sure to have you 'rockin' out' to some oldies, as our music students share a blast from the past in song. The concert will be held in the Elementary Gym on **Thursday, May 9th beginning at 6:30PM**. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Kudos to Mrs. Nichols, our band teacher, and her 5th through 12th grade band students on the stellar performance at last night's Spring Band Concert! Well done!

## Audition Time

Auditions appointment are now available for Kindergarten through 8th grade students who would like to be part of the 2024 Variety Show to be held on Wednesday, May 29th. Auditions will be held Tuesday, **May 14th**, Wednesday, **May 15th** and Thursday, **May 16th**. Stop by the Office to schedule yours. Students who will be auditioning will need to bring all costumes and props to the audition. If you plan to perform as a group, please bring all members of your group to sign up for an audition time.

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Calling all 4th through 8th grade girls! A mini Volleyball Camp will be held **Monday, May 13th through Thursday, May 16th**, from **3:30PM to 5:15PM** in the **High School Gym**. Girls participating in the camp may ride the bus to the High School each day after school. Permission forms, with more information, are being sent home today.

## Important Happenings

- 5/3 FUN FRIDAY - Star Wars Day
- 5/3 Running Start Reading logs are due
- 5/3 School Lunch Heroes Day
- 5/3 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 5/6-5/10 Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8 School Nurse Day
- 5/8 Running Start Celebration - 2:30 PM - EL Gym
- 5/9 K-6 Spring Music Concert - 6:30PM - EL Gym
- 5/10 FUN FRIDAY - Hat Day
- 5/10 5th-6th Gr Egg Cart Races
- 5/10 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 5/13-5/16 4th-8th Gr Girls Volleyball Camp - 3:30-5:15 - HS
- 5/14 3rd Gr Field Trip - T Falls Dam
- 5/14 Variety Show Auditions
- 5/15 4th Gr Field Trip - Cabinet Gorge Hatchery
- 5/15 PTO Meeting—4:30PM—Rm 1 in Elementary
- 5/15 Variety Show Auditions
- 5/16 6th Gr Field Trip - Fort Missoula
- 5/16 2nd Gr Field Trip—Three Chiefs Center
- 5/16 Variety Show Auditions
- 5/17 NO SCHOOL**
- 5/18 FWP Kids Fishing Day - Triangle Pond - Noxon-8:30AM
- 5/20-5/24 Penny War - PTO Fish Tank Fundraiser
- 5/21 3rd Gr Field Trip - Noxon Dam
- 5/21 1st Gr Field Trip - T Falls Airport
- 5/21 Kinder Field Trip - Naegeli Ranch
- 5/21 JH/HS Pops Concert—6:30PM—Rex Theater
- 5/22-5/24 Early Childhood Screening - by appointment
- 5/22 6th Gr Tdaps given
- 5/23 Circus Clown Presentation - 2:30-3:00PM - Gym
- 5/24 3rd Gr Virtual Field Trip - Butterfly House
- 5/24 PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Blakney Family

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**Raising Teenagers Takes Courage**

Parents who are raising teenagers today face many challenges. Teaching teenagers how to act responsibly during this time is one of the greatest of those challenges. When parents call us and ask if Love and Logic can help them with their teenagers, we tell them we know it can because thousands of parents who used Love and Logic have raised teenagers who grew into responsible, respectful adults.

Some time ago, a parent called about her teenager who was skipping classes. Toby had admitted to his mom that he had skipped one of his classes six times. She was greatly distressed by this behavior—here is how her initial conversation with her son went:

“Oh, no,” responded Mom. “You’re going to fail that class.”

“No, Mom. I’m not going to fail. You worry about everything. It’s no big deal.”

“Wait a minute,” she answered. “Don’t the school rules say that if you have more than five unexcused absences, you automatically fail the class?”

“Don’t worry, Mom! I’m covered.”

“Wait a minute. You didn’t forge excuses, did you?”

“Yeah, but it’s no big deal. Everybody does it.”

If I were to ask you about this, you’d probably tell me that Toby needs to face the music. He needs to confess and learn from the situation. And you would be right. Toby’s mother can either stand between his bad decision and the consequences, or she can stand beside him, supporting him as he learns from it. She can’t do both.

I’d suggest that she say to Toby, “What a sad situation, Toby. How do you want to confess? Do you want to do it in person, in writing, or would you rather have me help you by going with you to the principal’s office? I bet you might like a hug right now. I know that I do.”

It takes courage to raise teenagers. Teens must own their own problems. Love and Logic parents can help them in this learning process by offering choices and sharing control, but ultimately, they must let teens own their problems and face the consequences of their decisions.

In our audio, [Four Steps to Responsibility](#), we describe Love and Logic’s four-step process for teaching kids of all ages to learn how to take responsibility for their decisions.

***Each week we will share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.***

***Contact our school counselor, Ms. Taylour Freed, for more info.***