

BLUE HAWK NEWS

Concert TONIGHT

You won't want to miss tonight's concert! The theme this year is "Rock & Roll Forever" and you'll find yourself rocking out to hits from years gone by. Students should arrive by **6:00PM**. The concert will begin at 6:30PM in the Elementary / Junior High Gym.

RUNNING START WINNERS

Students watched with anticipation yesterday afternoon, while winners names were drawn. In the end, the Mason's gave away 7 Kindles, one for each grade level, as prizes for the Running Start Reading Challenge. Students were challenged to read 21 books or 21 chapters, and each time they met that challenge their name was entered for a chance in the drawing. Winners are: Emmett Fairbank, Christine Fisher, Delaynee Dean, Tristan Bewick, Elena Buys, Nolan Wilkes, and Noah Scharfe. The celebration finished with all students enjoying ice cream provided by Valley Bank. Thank you to all the organizations and businesses who made this possible! Thompson Falls Woman's Club sponsors Running Start and provided volunteers to read with students. Thanks also to First Security Bank, who provide a free book for each student to kick things off.

Poetry Slam

Our 4th grade students have been studying and writing poetry under the tutelage of Alicia Watkinson, with the Missoula Writer's Collaborative. Alicia has worked with the students weekly for the last several weeks. They will be sharing their end product in a **Poetry Slam** to be held in the **Band Room on Thursday, May 16th at 10:15AM**. Parents and community members are welcome.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Volleyball camp has been expanded and is now open to **3rd grade girls** as well as 4th-8th grade girls. The camp, which will run Monday through Thursday of next week, will be held in the High School Gym from 3:30-5:15 each afternoon. Participating students may ride the bus to the High School, at the end of the day, on those days. Permission slips were sent home, with girls in 4th-8th grade, last week, and are coming home with 3rd grade girls today.

Penny Wars Are Coming

PTO will be sponsoring Penny Wars the week of May 20-May 24. Penny Wars will pit classes against one another in a fun competition to see which class can raise the most money. All proceeds will go to improving our fish tank. Watch for details coming next week. Start gathering those pennies.

No school May 17th

Important Happenings

- 5/6-5/10 Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week
- 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 3rd-8th Gr Girls Volleyball Camp - 3:30-5:15 - HS
- 5/13 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Rm
- 5/14 3rd Gr Field Trip - T Falls Dam
- 5/14 Variety Show Auditions by appointment
- 5/14 3rd-8th Gr Girls Volleyball Camp - 3:30-5:15 - HS
- 5/15 4th Gr Field Trip - Cabinet Gorge Hatchery
- 5/15 3rd-8th Gr Girls Volleyball Camp - 3:30-5:15 - HS
- 5/15 PTO Meeting - 4:30PM - Rm 1 in Elementary
- 5/15 Variety Show Auditions by appointment
- 5/16 6th Gr Field Trip - Fort Missoula
- 5/16 2nd Gr Field Trip - Three Chiefs Center
- 5/16 4th Gr Poetry Slam - 10:15 - Band Room
- 5/16 Variety Show Auditions by appointment
- 5/16 3rd-8th Gr Girls Volleyball Camp - 3:30-5:15 - HS
- 5/17 NO SCHOOL**
- 5/18 FWP Kids Fishing Day - Triangle Pond - Noxon-8:30AM
- 5/20-5/24 Penny Wars - 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
- 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
- 5/24 FUN FRIDAY—Compliment Day

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Happy Mother's Day

Most moms have no idea how amazing they are. Maybe it started with Sigmund Freud, who blamed practically all neuroses, and the ills of society, on moms. Maybe it was the TV advertising where moms were portrayed as lacking if their kids' socks were not pearly white, the house wasn't perfect, makeup was messy, and the coffee was not "good to the last drop." Nowadays, there are plenty of "perfect" Facebook mothers, who seem to keep everything perfectly balanced with the grace and beauty of a swan.

Our mom, Shirley Fay, was perfect... because she wasn't. There were plenty of times when the Spam was burned, our clothes didn't match, and she forgot to use Love and Logic when we were getting on her last nerve. Our mom was perfect because she gave us a great picture of how to live life as an imperfect person in an imperfect world where the best-laid plans don't always work out.

Our mom was perfect because she also showed us what it looks like to make mistakes and to learn from them. We got to see her learn to deal with family conflicts, financial burdens, health issues, mice in the house, a dog who ate the Easter ham, frustration over flat tires and even a wonderfully faithful yet imperfect husband.

Moms... I thank you for all that you do! Here are some things that I hope you will take to heart and remember:

- Parents who try to be perfect often raise kids who struggle with painful levels of perfectionism. Give your kids a gift by making mistakes and being gentle with yourself over them.
- Take care of yourself by letting your kids do most of the housework. This builds their self-esteem and shows that you are someone to be honored rather than taken for granted.
- Become very hard of hearing when your kids get demanding or fail to preface their request with a pleasant "please."
- Ignore the perfect moms on social media.

Everyone else (including me):

- Let the kids know how fortunate they are to have such a wonderful mom.
- Model an attitude of service by helping Mom in front of the kids.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Do this stuff the other 364 days of the year... not just on Mother's Day.

Moms, I hope you know how special you are! Memories of my mother always fill me with comfort.

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.