



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Morning Star School! We would like to invite you to a Kindergarten Roundup event to meet the teachers, principal, and other members of our staff and community on **Thursday, May 23rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m., on the blacktop at Morning Star.** Your whole immediate family is invited. We will provide hotdogs and a few simple activities. It will be a great chance to meet and connect with the other Kinder families.

Students will not receive their teacher assignments until late August. **The first official day of Kindergarten is Thursday, September 5th.** We will have quite a few Orientation events before that day:

Thursday, May 23rd, 6:00-7:00: Kindergarten Roundup event to meet the teachers, principal, and other members of our staff and community.

Thursday, August 29th, 2:30-3:30: Morning Star Sneak Peak. Preview the classroom, meet your teacher and drop off school supplies.

Tuesday, September 3rd, 9:00-11:00 or 1:00-3:00: a

Wednesday, September 4th, 9:00-11:00: All Kindergarten students are invited to attend a two hour session at school. Line up on the playground. Parents will pick up their children at 11:00 outside of the front entrance.

Thursday, September 5th: THE FIRST FULL DAY OF KINDERGARTEN WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH FROM 8:15 AM-3:15 PM.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions,

Will Dickerson, Principal and The Morning Star Kindergarten Team

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Thriving Kinders (Parent activity on Tuesday, September 3rd)

A workshop Designed for Parents of Kindergartners during Kindergarten Orientation, either 9-11 or 1-3. This is being presented by our Parent Liaison/CAP Coordinator.

Thrive, a local community organization in collaboration with Bozeman Schools, offers classes that provide information and strategies for parents so they know what they can do to ensure their child's school success. Topics cover age appropriate child development, building a strong learning environment, raising responsible kids, and setting high expectations and clear boundaries.

What to expect from Thriving Kinders:

Learn tips for partnering with the school to help your child succeed.

Develop ideas for a positive home learning environment.

Meet and get to know other kindergarten parents in your school.

Talk about the normal range of development for your 5 year old.

Discuss expectations for the kindergarten year with parents, teachers, the principal, and your Parent Liaison.

[BSD7 Immunization and Vaccine Information](#)

Like all states, Montana has immunization laws that require school age children to have certain immunizations in order to attend school. [A listing of required immunizations can be found at this link.](#)

Before your child attends Bozeman Public Schools, please do the following on or before the first day of their school attendance:

Documentation: Bring one of the following to the school.

- Documentation from a health care provider, health department or official state immunization registry listing the types and full dates of all immunizations your child has received. This should be signed, stamped and dated or otherwise clearly indicate what health care provider it is from.
- A State of Montana Certificate of Immunization (blue form) that has been completed and signed by a health care provider or health department.

The school will review the documentation. If your child is missing any immunizations, they will need to get those immunizations before starting school.

Conditional Attendance: If immunizations had been delayed or gotten off recommended schedules, some children may need more than one vaccine of the same type in order to attend school. However, vaccines also need to meet certain spacing and timing rules. The student may attend school on a "conditional" basis as long as they have received at least one vaccine of each type and will continue to receive the remaining doses. The [Conditional Attendance Form](#) must be completed by a qualifying healthcare provider.

Exemptions: Exemptions are an authorized reason for not being fully immunized but being allowed to attend school as per state law. Montana law does not allow a "personal exemption" but does allow medical and religious exemptions under [MCA 20-5-405](#).

Information on Medical and Religious Exemptions can be found under School Resources on the [MT DPHHS Immunizations website](#).

- [Medical Exemption](#): Must be completed by a qualifying health care provider and done only in cases where there is a medical contraindication. The exemption will specify what vaccine(s) is being exempted and for how long.
- [Religious Exemption](#): The parent must sign and return this form. Use of a Notary is no longer required. The form must indicate which vaccines are being exempted.

All students with exemptions are subject to the Gallatin County Exclusion Notice linked below.

[Immunization Exemption Letter](#)

Please bring your proof of immunizations or exemption documentation to Kindergarten Orientation on or before Tuesday, September 3rd.

KINDERGARTEN Supply List

- * BACKPACK (please label with child's name)
- * GYM SHOES ~~ (please label with child's name)
- 1 BOX WASHABLE MARKERS – CLASSIC SETS
- 4 DRY ERASE MARKERS – Thin black
- CRAYONS – BOX OF 24
- * 15 GLUE STICKS
- 1 BOX OF SNACK CRACKERS-LARGE
- 2 BOXES OF FACIAL TISSUE
- 1 BOX GALLON, QUART OR SANDWICH SIZE ZIPPER LOCK BAGS
- 1 PACKAGE UNSCENTED BABY WIPES
- 1 DOZEN #2 PENCILS (YELLOW) -Sharpened
- *1 PAIR OF HEADPHONES (no earbuds or bluetooth, please label with child's name)

* Items that are the most critical to have

~~Gym shoes must stay at school. They do not have to be new, just clean with non-marking soles that your child can independently fasten or tie. Please label all school materials with the student's name (backpack, coats, lunchboxes, etc.)