

CONSTELLATIONS

MORNING STAR PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

Ready, Set, Grow!

Morning Star Families,

I am so excited to gear up for another great school year at Morning Star. If you've driven by the school this summer, you probably noticed a lot of activity happening. Besides the usual deep clean that our custodial team: Lee, Noah, and Brian have been working through at a heroic pace, we have also done quite a bit of electrical, plumbing, and work on the sidewalks to keep the school in tip top shape.

Francine and I have also been working to ensure a smooth start to the school year. In the next several pages I hope to include everything you need to know as parents and students to launch the best possible year at our school.

We are EXTREMELY lucky to have a large and growing staff. That said, we are looking at large class sizes district-wide. We are looking to fill one instructional paraprofessional position in K-5 and one in a PK room. This is a great way to share in the joy and learning that goes on here. Please click on the link or have anyone who is interested reach out to me.

Please take a quick moment to review the information in this newsletter. In the coming weeks you will start receiving a steady stream of information. In early September I will be sending a newsletter focused on all of the events and volunteer opportunities available for the 2024-25 school-year.

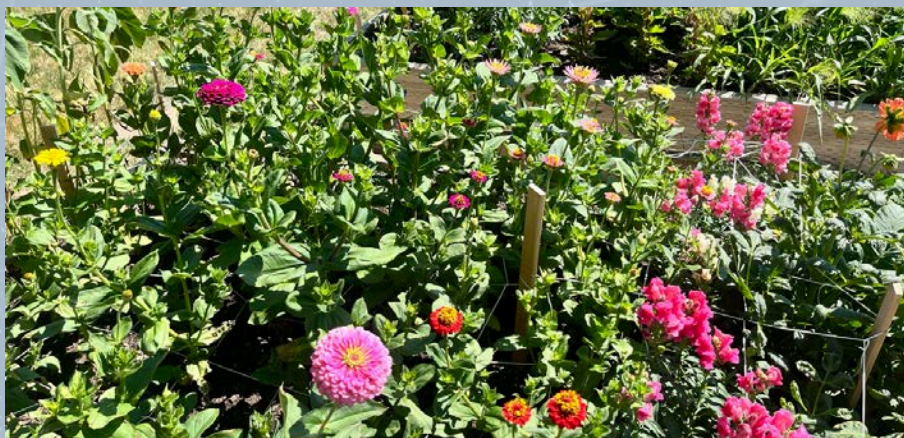
In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions as we head into the first week of a new academic year.

Enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer break.

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LOOKING FORWARD

- **8/26 6:00-7:00 PM Early Learning Center Kickoff**
 - **8/26 K-5th Grade Classroom Assignments Shared w/ Families**
 - **8/28 1st PAC Meeting 6:00 PM**
 - **8/29- Sneak Peek (New Families 2:00-2:30, Classrooms open up 2:30-3:30)**
 - **9/3 FIRST DAY 1st-5th grades!**
 - **9/5 1st Full day of PK and Kindergarten!**
 - **9/17 Open House 5:30-6:30**
 - **9/13 Student Pictures**
 - **9/20 Fun Run Kick Off Assembly**
 - **10/11 FUN RUN!**
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Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes

I know there are a lot of questions about teacher assignments, schedules, and the addition of 6 classrooms of Early Childhood Education to Morning Star. Here is a quick update grade-by grade:

Pre K: We are welcoming a cohort of pre kindergarten students to Morning Star as part of the Bozeman Reads Early Literacy initiative. If you want to get excited, talk to me about it! If you want more details [CLICK HERE](#). Catherine Matthews, Lisa Yeatts, Dani Lee, Maddi Manelski, Jana Cashman, and Hannah Gullickson are our new classroom teachers. Additionally, we have Megan Roth, the Bozeman Reads Coordinator, in-house as well. There are quite a few specialized and supporting staff joining the crew. If you see a new face with a badge, please welcome them to Morning Star! Families: [click here for your welcome letter](#).

K: Jackie Walthall is returning to Kindergarten as Lauryn Mills's partner in our 2 sections. Their rooms have moved slightly down the hall. Kinder Families: [click here for your welcome letter](#).

1st: Kelly Mollgaard and Tori Dean-Atkins will be assisting me in a late-summer hire to temporarily replace Elizabeth Spartas who is taking a leave for the year. We will have that position hired by early next week.

2nd: Sally Johnson joins Hannah Sharp and Cheri Jakovac in 2nd grade this year. They are now in the same hall as 3rd grade.

3rd: The only major change to Mrs. Moller and Mrs. Todd's day is lunch moving to 11:15. The students will probably appreciate the shift, as will your snack cupboards.

4th: Tayler Bertelsen is returning to teach fourth grade with Jack Jochum. Mr. Jochum's room has moved down the hall. 4th grade will be starting with recess and coming in to eat at 12:10. We will be sending more information on our recess first shift to 4th grade families soon.

5th: Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Babcock, and Mrs. Dore have the least changes to navigate. 5th grade will be starting with recess and coming in to eat at 11:35. We will be sending more information on our recess first shift to 5th grade families soon.

Special Education: Leah Primerano is taking over from Mrs. Braaksma who is enjoying a hard earned retirement. Mrs. Primerano is an experienced teacher with a wealth of skills and will be a huge asset to the team.

Things to do before the first day...

- If you have not already done so, please login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal
 - <https://bsd7.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
 - Once logged in, click on Forms on the left hand side of your students page and complete all forms under Annual Student Forms (under the General Forms Tab).
 - Complete the following forms:
 - 1. Contacts and Legal Guardians
 - 2. Health
 - 3. Permissions
 - 4. Responsible Use of Technology
 - 5. Review, Acknowledgement, and Consent
 - 6. Title I Compact (Title I Schools Only)
- Make sure to plan for lunch. Everything you need to know about meals can be found [HERE](#)
- Make sure to plan for transportation. Everything you need to know about transportation is [HERE](#) or you can contact [Doug Kellie](#) directly with questions.
- School Starts at 8:15 am for 1st-5th grade on Tuesday, September 3rd and ends at 3:15 pm. **We will begin playground supervision at 7:50 am every day to allow earlier arrival with the addition of Bozeman Reads Early Learning Center Families.** Please review the map below if you are picking up or dropping off. We rely on your ability to unload/load quickly to start the day on time.

!! Yellow Arrows indicate Bus Traffic

!! Blue Arrows Indicate Parent Traffic

!! Please Do Not Block Bus Flow !!

Our Parents and Crossing Guards Are The Best!





SNEAK PEEK

Thursday August 29th

2:00-2:30

Mr. Dickerson, PAC, and our Thrive Liaison
Welcoming families who are brand new to
Morning Star.

2:30-3:30

Classrooms open for families to briefly
meet teachers and drop off supplies.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
THESE HALLS FULL OF
STUDENTS AGAIN!