EAGLE CLIFFS ELEMENTARY

Mission: To foster Successful Open-Minded Achieving Respectful learners
Vision: Soar With Us Towards Lifelong Learning

PARENT NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMER 2023

August

17th	Kindergarten Screening 11:00-12:00 at EC
	New Student Tour (1st-5th) 3:15-4:15 pm
17th	Class Lists on PowerSchool
17th Supply	**Back to School Night/ Drop Off 4:00-5:30 pm**
22nd	**1st Day of School!**
23rd	Early Dismissal
30th	Early Dismissal

September

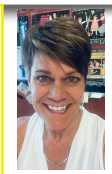
4th	Labor Day-No School
6th	Early Dismissal
8th	PTA Sucker Sales $1.00
10th	Grandparents Day
13th	Early Dismissal
16th	PTA Family Fun Day
17th	Constitution Day
20th	Early Dismissal PTA Food Night
27th	Early Dismissal

School Magnet

You will be receiving a magnet with important school information. Keep it posted in a place you can reference often. Also, access the school calendar online as well as the monthly newsletter. Everything you need to know is available.

Back-to-School Tips

With summer coming to an end and school just a few days away, it's important to start implementing the things that allow a child to be most successful at school each day.
*Start working towards an earlier bed time and awake time.
*Get necessary school supplies.
*Talk about school and what to expect.
*Provide a quiet, well lit place for homework.
*Read every day!
*Plan healthy, well balanced meals.
*Limit tv and/or screen time.
*Send a water bottle to school!
***Attend the B2SN/Supply Drop Off on Thur., Aug. 17th from 4:00-5:30**



A Note from the Principal

Welcome to Eagle Cliffs and the 2023-2024 school year! Many of you know me from the past few years, but for those that are new to our school, my name is Julie Hornby, and I am honored to say I am the principal at Eagle Cliffs Elementary.

It is important you know that I am here to ensure your child receives the best education in a safe environment while in our care at Eagle Cliffs. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. Together we are better, and my goal is to team with the staff and families to best meet the needs of each child.

Kindergarten parents, I ask for your patience as we start the school year! When little ones start, they often have big emotions with lack of words to express how they are feeling. They use hands (pushing, hitting, pinching) to communicate. A parent may quickly call to say their child is being "bullied" by a student with big emotions, but typically this student just needs more support managing emotions and learning how to use his/her words. The teachers are on this right from the beginning. Please do let the teachers know of concerns, but also give those students who struggle some time to figure school out. With our constant coaching and support, this undesired behavior often turns around quickly.

Year after year, before school drop off and after school pick up is a big issue. Though it is a challenge for working parents, we need you to look at option for childcare before and after school. Unfortunately, we do not have staff available to supervise students at this time. However, we have great daycares that provide transportation to and from school: Cornerstone Kids, Kids Castle, Little Rascals, Kid College and YMCA (after) are just a few. You need to be on time for after school as this is teacher meeting time and Ms. Lindsay's work time. When you are late, this impacts the teacher and Ms. Lindsay.

Enjoy the rest of summer. I look forward to seeing you on August 17th from 4:00-5:30 pm at Back to School Night/Supply Drop Off. ***School starts on August 22nd!*** Please stop by and say "Hi!" My goal every year is to know the names of all 440 students while attempting to match each to their parent/guardian, but my memory might need a little reminder! I am excited for another incredible year with you and your child!

Mrs. Julie Hornby

Attendance and Early Pick Up

Strong school attendance each day is imperative to academic success. However, if your child does need to be out, please call the office.
Also, if you need to pick your child up from school early, prearrange this in advance when possible. Otherwise, call Ms. Lindsay in a timely manner so she is able to efficiently assist you. The office can get a bit hectic at times, so last minute changes or pick ups are not always easy to accommodate!

Parents in the Building

We value our relationship with parents and we also value safety and uninterrupted learning time! Unless you are scheduled to volunteer in the classroom, parents or visitors **are not permitted** in the hallways or classrooms during school hours. Upon entering the school, stop by the Main Office and Ms. Lindsay will take care of your needs.

Cell Phones/Watches

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office or communicate with the classroom teacher (Seesaw, Remind, Blooms). Calling or texting your child during the school day on a cell or watch is not an option. Students are permitted to use the school phone if a call home is needed.

Eagle Cliffs Elementary 1201 Kootenai Ave Billings, MT 59105 406.281.6210
Principal: Mrs. Julie Hornby Secretary: Ms. Lindsay Blackburn

Start and End Times

Drop Off and/or Breakfast 8:00am
Morning Choice 8:00am- 8:15am
First Bell 8:15 am
Tardy Bell 8:20 am
Dismissal Bell K-3rd-2:15 pm and 4th-5th-3:00 pm
*Every Wednesday! Early Dismissal *K-3rd; 1:15 pm 2:00 4th-5th-2:00 pm*

Facebook

Eagle Cliffs PTA

Seesaw

Sign up for Seesaw with your child's teacher so you can get all communication. Look for the invite!

School Website and Parent Calendar

House of Friendship Amistad

House of Courage Isibindi

House of Dreaming Reveur

House of Giving Altruismo

Eagle Cliffs Staff

Kinder-Kailey Truscott, Rebecca Petersen & Lauren Highfill
1st-Rebecca Rickett, Kandi Munger & Shauna Rademaker
2nd-Kally Miller, Tonya Scheafer, Brooke Young and Angel Yu
3rd-Courtney Niemeyer, Lynette Swanson & Holly Ness
4th-Kayla Bacon, Hannah Rader & Abby Mulvaney
5th-K Lynette Brug, Dale Corcoran & Darla Williams
Interventionist-Misty Larsen
Resource-McKinsey Loran
K-5th Life Skills-Lorri Gregor
Intensive Life Skills-Vanessa Bailey
Music-Erin Small PE-Alexis Buss Library-Lynn Silbernagel Art-Amber Dimich Counselor-Nikki Salazar Reading Coach-Janelle Clark
Speech/Language-Marianne Mattson
Secretary-Lindsay Blackburn
SNAs-Makayla Bongofsky, Megan Jacobson Julia Remp, Tracey Urlacher, Katie Dunham, & Madison Larson
IPPs-Kristen Engebretson, Robin Hamm & Connie Job
GDAs Tana Ready and Kayla Young
Crosswalk-Shannon Braun
Custodians-Heather Chambers and Sara Schaeffer
Foster Grandparent-Audrey Kemp & Bobbie Williams
Tech-Austin Carter

Birthdays

August-Jack, Lily, Jackson, Henry, Lane, Killian, Lorelei, Milania, JJ, Charlie, Ellie, Harper, Allison, Matthan, Braxton, Leighton, Anastasia, Charodyn, Collin, Jamie, Brody, Bobby, Kadence, John, Toston, Landon, Zoe, Rhylii, Cohen, Paisley, Oliver, Adalyn, Mika, Dillon, Max, Mrs. Mulvaney, Mrs. Silbernagel, Mrs. Hamm, Mrs. Dimich, Mrs. Brug, Mrs. Job



Parking Pick-Up/Drop Off

When dropping off or picking up your child, please use the semi-circular drive located off Marias or Kootenai. These areas are designated for quick exit/entry from the vehicle. If you need to leave your vehicle to enter the school, use the visitor's parking lot. Your kindness, patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated during drop off and pick up as things can get hectic. It takes all of us doing it right to make it a successful process!

Morning Drop Off

Between **8:00 and 8:15 am**, students need to enter the building using Main Entrance or 2 or 3. ***Students may not be dropped off in the middle of the road at Entrance 3!*** Upon arrival, students will head to the classroom for Morning Choice or to the cafeteria for breakfast.

On the first day of school, however, all students will meet their classroom teacher on the playground. Parents may stand with his/her child on the playground the first day of school!
After that, **parents** may enter the building using the **main entrance** only. The main entrance is also for any student arriving after 8:15 am. Thank you for adhering to this expectation!

After School Pick Up

K-3rd grade students dismiss at 2:15 pm (Wednesdays @ 1:15 pm). A parent/guardian/care giver needs to be on time to allow teachers the opportunity to release the student in a timely manner.

K are dismissed at the Main Entrance (1)
1st and 2nd at Entrance 2
2nd and 3rd at Entrance 3.
Since school is still in session until 3:00 pm, K-3 students and parents need to leave the school grounds immediately after dismissal. ***Playgrounds and school grounds are closed until 3:00 pm.***

4th-5th grade students will be dismissed by Entrance 3 @ 3:00 pm (Wednesdays @ 2:00 pm).

Crosswalk

Students, parents and staff need to use the crosswalk when crossing the street at all times. Crosswalk guards are present to assist with the safe crossing of every individual.
Vehicles need to give the right of way to all those crossing and should never be parked in a crosswalk. Appropriate modeling from the adults is the best way for students to learn how to use the crosswalk correctly. Kindness towards crosswalk guards and one another is greatly appreciated during drop off and pick up.

Wheeled Items

If your child is riding a bike, scooter or anything else with wheels, at the crosswalk, he/she needs to walk the wheeled item across the crosswalk, onto the sidewalk then park/lock it at the bike rack.
Bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. may not be used on school grounds.

Free and Reduced Meals

If you need assistance with this, please complete the Free and Reduced Form on the district website.
https://www.mymealtime.com/Apps/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fapps
Click – Parent
"In This Section" Click – MealTime Online
Click – Yellow Box "MealTime Apply Online"
Create User Name and Password
**You must have your Student ID Number in order to complete Online Application. Call Ms.Lindsay at the school if you need your* child's Student ID for the F/R app or to add money to your child's account.

When paying for your child's meal's, you can send money to the school or pay online. Please keep a positive balance on the account at all times!