EAGLE CLIFFS ELEMENTARY

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

PARENT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

April

1st	April Fool's Day
3rd	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Dismissal
5th	House Pics-wear your House shirt or color
6th	*Nurse's Day *Paraprofessional Day *Montana Day-wear your Montana attire!
8th	**PIR Day-No School**
10th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Dismissal
12th	Popcorn Day (presale on Thursday!) House Spirit Day
17th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Dismissal
19th	House Spirit Day
24th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Dismissal Secretary's Day
26th	Hat Day $1

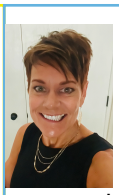


May

2nd-3rd	**No School-Vacation**
6th-10th	Teacher Appreciation Week
23rd	Kindergarten Celebration 1:30
27th	No School-Memorial Day
31st	Last Day of School



A Note from the Principal



Welcome to the already beautiful month of April. So many great things coming our way. Once Spring Break is over, we always seem to go into panic mode, worrying we do not have enough time to teach everything we want kids to know!

It is district and state assessment season. The data gathered from these assessments allow teachers to reflect on the impact their instruction has had on student learning. This data also allows us to determine how to more effectively meet student needs. Watch for information coming from your child's classroom teacher about specific testing dates as well as other happenings throughout the month.

As we continue our journey through the school year, we want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of your child being prepared to give their best, especially on assessment days. Research consistently shows that a well-rested, well-fed child with a positive attitude is poised for success in the classroom. That's why we encourage you to ensure your child starts their day off right with a healthy breakfast that's low in sugar. While the appeal of pop tarts, donuts, and sugary cereals may be tempting, these foods can have detrimental effects on your child's body and brain. They cause blood sugar levels to spike rapidly, followed by a crash, leaving your child feeling hungry, sleepy, or moody just an hour later. We challenge you to a one-week experiment: reduce the amount of sugar your child consumes and observe the difference it makes in their behavior, energy levels, and overall attitude. You may be surprised by the positive impact it has on their performance at school and their well-being.

Thank you for your partnership in creating a supportive environment where our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Lost and Found

Stop by the office or have your child check the Lost and Found at the school. It is full! Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

April Birthdays!

David Eloise Gia Makenzie Dom Alyvia Leigha Dani Scarlett Dyanne Leon Eli Charlie Calvin Benji Kaydence Letty Ellie Ryleigh Evelyn Sadie Braden Grant Lexus Mercedes Sophia Ava Thaliah Christian Carter Payton Grayson Georgia James Emma Tori Reed Adeline JJ Lilly Sonny Katana TimberLee Ms. Mattson Ms. Swanson Ms. Young and Ms. Larson

Readathon Information

Total Amount Raised: $21,544.14

Total Minutes Read: 155,166

Top Readers
K-Aurelia
1st-Vivian
2nd-Grayson
3rd-Wesley
4th-Sawyer
5th-Shay

Top Fundraisers
Rynn
Vivian
Toston

Most Minutes Read
Sawyer
Vivian
Piper

Classes Earning a Pizza Party
K-Petersen
1st-Munger
2nd-Miller
3rd-Niemeyer
4th-Bacon
5th-Brug

Congrats to Rynn for having the most donations and to Sawyer, Vivian and Piper for most minutes read!





PTA Update

April 3rd - PTA Meeting at 6:30
April 11th & 12th - Popcorn Sale
April Food Night - TBD
You can always reach out the PTA and/or learn what is going on by visiting the FaceBook page @ **eaglecliffspta**

Did You Know?

There are some good things about the use of technology at a young age, however, there are many concerns associated with it as well. Peruse this article on the effects of technology on children. You might be surprised by what you learn!

Dress Code

Just a reminder as the warm weather comes our way, students are reminded to wear school appropriate clothing. Short-shorts, spaghetti strap shirts (can be worn with a jacket or sweater), tube-tops or low-cut shirts are not permitted. ***Contrary to today's fashion, bellies and bottoms need to be covered at school for all students.*** Also, students need quality shoes for PE, so if sandals are worn, send extra shoes on PE days. In the meantime, keep dressing appropriately for the cold weather!

Message from the Library

Please return all library books by May 1st. This is also the last day to check out books to take home, but students will still have library during the month of May.

Parent Survey Data

Thank you for your response to the parent survey. We had 59 responses and we appreciate your feedback and questions. Overall, parents are pleased with communication; newsletter, Seesaw, website. Majority of you know about Soaring Eagle, Houses and PAX, yet would like more information. (House points, Kid of Character, safety at front door, Granny's Wacky prize, how to support PAX at home.) We definitely need to do a better job of communicating our expectations/consequences for behavior, so we are working on that.

Here are a few things can be answered quickly:

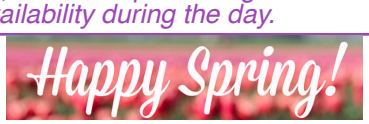
Can I get reminders about theme days, popcorn sales, etc.?
Check the website! There is a parent calendar that has all of our events listed. These events also are listed in the calendar section of the monthly newsletter and often PTA puts information on their FaceBook page.

Why do we not have PT Conferences 2nd or 3rd Trimester?
Per BEA contract, PT Conferences are officially scheduled during 1st Trimester. However, you are always welcome, and strongly encouraged, to contact your child's teacher at any time to set up a conference!

How do we know the amount of funds were raised for fundraisers? *The PTA has a monthly meeting that all parents are welcome to attend. This information is in the meeting minutes. You can also reach out to PTA President Jenna Rae. For the school fundraisers such as caramel apple sales it was listed in the November newsletter ($5,142.80), and the Readathon is listed on page 1! This information is usually on Seesaw as well. Feel free to ask at any time.*

I would like my child to have more homework so I can provide support at home. *Reach out to your child's teacher! I am sure he/she would be able to accommodate this need.*

I would like to know if the teacher received my Seesaw message if they do not respond. *From the parent side, there is a way to show that a message was read or received by the teacher. Teachers are asked to respond to messages outside of instructional time, so the response might take a few hours within depending on availability during the day.*



Summer Music Institute

Hello from Mrs. Small and the music room!
I am once again thrilled to announce our upcoming summer music camp for students in 2nd-9th grades! Here is a short youtube video from last year's highlights! Please let me know if you have any questions about the information below! I would LOVE to see our amazing and talented Eagle Cliffs students participate! - Mrs. Small





REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2024
WELCOME TO BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

We are excited to help you register your new Kindergartener for school.
This process is completed fully online.

Locate the enrollment page by logging onto www.billingsschools.org. Choose **ENROLL TODAY!** at the top of the homepage, then click on the teal box **"Click Here for Pre-Registering grades K-5"**

The information you fill out is an enrollment request. **Please be sure to select the 2024-2025 school year.** After you submit this brief form, you will receive an email that contains instructions on how to set up a PowerSchool for Parents account and then proceed with the online enrollment forms.

Next, you will need to provide the school office with the following prior to the first day of school:

- A copy of your child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- Your child's **IMMUNIZATION RECORDS** from a healthcare provider
- A **PROOF OF ADDRESS** for your residence, where you and your child reside (A utility bill dated within the last 30 days or a rental/lease/purchase agreement in a parent or guardian's name only)
- If applicable, any pertinent legal documents re: parenting plans

Eagle Cliffs Elementary School office hours:
Monday-Friday 7:30 am-3:30 pm through June 5, 2024.
The office is closed for the summer and reopens in mid-August.
2024-2025 school year: September 3-June 13

