EAGLE CLIFFS ELEMENTARY

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

PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMER 2024

September

3rd	First Day of School
4th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Out (1:15/2:00)
8th	Grandparents Day
11th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Out (1:15/2:00)
12th	PTA Sucker PreSale $1 (delivered on Friday)
13th	Houses-wear House shirt or color! House assembly for new students!
17th	Tech Prof Day-Yay for Mr. Carter!
18th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Out (1:15/2:00)
19th	Houses-wear House shirt or color!
25th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Out (1:15/2:00)
30th	PTA Family Night at Texas Roadhouse

School Pictures are on October 2nd! More information to come.





A Note from the Principal

Welcome to Eagle Cliffs and the 2024-2025 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.

A little bit about me! This is my 14th year as a principal which is hard to believe. My husband, Kelly and I just celebrated our 34th anniversary! We moved to Billings from Wyoming about six years ago. We have two grown children. Karsyn, her husband, Ethan and their son, Dax, live and work in Billings. Keegan is in the Army and will graduate in a few weeks!

We have a very blessed life with lots of family in Billings including my amazing parents, siblings and 97 year old grandma! In my free time I enjoy golfing and hanging out with family and friends. I especially love time with our grandson. :)





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 school, they often have big emotions and lack words to express how they are feeling. They use hands (pushing, hitting, pinching) to communicate. 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.

One other ask I have is to always treat your child's teacher with respect during any conversation whether it be on the phone, in person or via text. This staff puts their heart and soul into teaching your child each day, and to have an angry parent come at them is frightening and hurtful. None of us were trained how to manage an upset parent, so most often as educators we tend to withdraw. We get you have big emotions when it comes to your child, but you need to remember, we care for them as well. If you have a concern, please address it calmly. Sometimes taking a breath before you react is helpful. And, we always want to be appropriate role models for the kids.

I know this will be a great year at Eagle Cliffs as we have an outstanding staff and you bless us with the most amazing kids each day. Thank you for being part of our educational community.

Mrs. Julie Hornby

Start and End Times

Drop Off and/or Breakfast 8:00am
Morning Choice 8:00am-8:15am
Class Starts 8:15am
Dismissal Bell K-3rd 2:15pm 4th-5th-3:00pm
*Every Wednesday is Early Dismissal
K-3rd 1:15pm
4th-5th-2:00pm

Stay Connected!

***Facebook-Eagle Cliffs PTA**

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

***Parent Square**

***School Website**

***Parent Calendar**



Eagle Cliffs Staff

Kinder-Kailey Truscott, Rebecca Petersen & Lauren Highfill & Rebecca Rickett
1st-Rebecca Rickett, Kandi Munger, Shauna Rademaker & Angel Yu
2nd-Kally Miller, Tonya Scheafer, & Brooke Young
3rd-Courtney Niemeyer, Lynette Swanson & Holly Ness
4th-Kayla Bacon, Johanna Trout & Abby Mulvaney
5th-K Lynette Brug, Blake Finn & Darla Williams
Interventionist-Keyleigh Hennessy
Resource-McKinsey Loran
K-2nd Life Skills-Lorri Gregor
3rd-5th Life Skills-Beth Gregg
Intensive Life Skills-Meggan Hennagin
Music-Erin Small PE-Cody Frenk
Library-Lynn Silbernagel Art-Amber Dimich
Counselor-Nikki Salazar
Reading Coach-Hillary Gnerer
Speech/Language-Helen Chanthongthip
Secretary-Megan Jacobson
SNAs-Makayla Bongofsky, Taylor Larson, Lori Tsatsa, Diane Cathey, Whitney Fraedrich,Katie Dunham, & Maddie Larson
IPPs-Kristen Engebretson, Claire Yennish & Connie Job
GDAs-Pam Rule, Stephanie Combs, Kayla Young, Annette Morgart and Shannon Braun
Crosswalk-Tawny Austin
Custodians-Heather Chambers and Sara Schaeffer
Foster Grandparent-Audrey Kemp

Morning Drop Off

We have a Drop and Go in the lane off Kootenai. This means you pull over curbside and the student(s) exits the vehicle immediately. If you want to assist your child or walk him/her to the door, park on Marias, Kootenai or the parking lot. DO NOT park in the drop off lane in the morning! Also, only park in the handicap spots if you are permitted to do so! We have many students who use adaptive chairs or need assistance while walking, so please leave those spots open.

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. Megan 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!

After School

It is imperative you arrive on time to pick up your child at the end of the school day. Teachers have meetings and/or planning time, so supervising a student is not an option. At the front office, Ms. Megan has a job to do as well! As much as we would like to provide after school care we do not have the staff to manage this.
However, we do have the CARE Academy and they offer before and after school care! Please call the school if you need more information.

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. Megan will take care of your needs. You are always welcome to join us for lunch, just not recess.

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). Calling or texting your child during the school day on a cell or watch is not an option as these items will be stored in the backpack during the day. Students are permitted to use the school phone if a call home is needed.

August Birthdays

Avanna Oliver Zoe Paisley Deekyn Harper Bobby Anastasia Adalyn Talisyn Cohen Mika Charlie Jamie Wyatt Brielle Mathhan Lane Max JJ Lily Braxton Killian Jakub Milonia Henry Rhylii John Landon Dillon Jack Eli Brody Hadley Mrs. Mulvaney, Mrs. Silbernagel, Mr. Finn, Mrs. Hennagin, Mr. Radakovich, Mrs. Dimich, Mrs. Brug and Mrs. Job



September Birthdays

Savannah Liz. Blessed Merida Ryder McKenna Trey Eve Avaah Makylah Walker Devin Raegen Serena Tori Kyler Quinn Zoie Pierce Cochise Jazmin Maddie Brooklyn Greisen Liam Jacob Michael Drew Anastacia Ethan Aspen Ms. Sara Ms. Megan Mrs. Rickett Ms. Shannon