

# Lincoln-McKinley Primary School

## September 2024 Newsletter

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*School starts at 8:00 am.*  
*School ends at 3:00 pm Mon.-Thurs.*  
*and at 12:00 pm on Support Fridays..*

*Mission Statement: Lincoln-McKinley will respectfully prepare every student academically, socially, and emotionally to be the citizens of tomorrow.*

HELLO!

My name is Erika Brekhus, the new principal at Lincoln-McKinley Elementary School. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, the Lincoln-McKinley Family!



I am a lifelong resident of Havre, MT having graduated from HHS in 2004! I attended MSU where I studied Chemistry and Secondary Education earning my first degree in 2008. I have since added mathematics, physics, traffic education and K-12 principal endorsements to my license. I started my teaching career at MSU-Northern as a temporary adjunct chemistry teacher. When this assignment was complete, I took a job at Box Elder High School as a math teacher for two and a half years, then moved to Havre Middle School as a sixth and seventh grade math teacher for two years, before settling into Havre High School for ten years as a science teacher. While I have enjoyed my time in the classroom, I am excited to make the next step in my career.

I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute I have been able to spend with your children and the Lincoln-McKinley team. We are dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally and academically this year. While I look forward to a great year, I would like you to know that we value your support and consider you as part of our team in doing what is needed for your child to succeed. It is my goal to establish a sense of community within our building, and for each child to succeed in their reading and math scores as the year progresses.

I love open lines of communication, so if you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at (406)395-8554 or [brekhuse@blueponyk12.com](mailto:brekhuse@blueponyk12.com)!

**We appreciate seeing families at the Back-to-School orientation. If you have further questions, please call the school at any time: 406-395-8554. Thanks again!**

**Thank  
You!**

# IMPORTANT

## Registration Forms Online in Parent Portal

Please complete the Online Registration forms in Parent Portal. In Parent Portal, scroll down on the menu on the left to the “Documents” tab. Click on the “All Student Forms in One” tab. Read through the forms, indicate your selections and e-sign the forms.

If you have any questions please call Kelly Veis at 406-395-8550, ext. 6719.

# Reminder

## Parents & Students, information is at your fingertips.



### Access on the Web Campus Student and Campus Parent

Campus Student and Campus Parent are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

- » Announcements
- » Assignments
- » Attendance
- » Grades
- » Schedules

AND



### Download the Mobile App Campus Student and Campus Parent

**Announcements**  
Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

**Assignments**  
Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

**Attendance**  
Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

**Grades**  
Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

**Schedule**  
Review schedule from anywhere, at any time.



Learn more at  
[infinitecampus.com/parents-students](https://infinitecampus.com/parents-students)

We want to start the school year off right by reminding our students of our policy regarding toys and personal items, which can be found on page 13 of the Lincoln-McKinley Student/Parent Handbook: TOYS/PERSONAL ITEMS: Students are not to bring toys or trading cards to school. Expensive toys and any electronic devices are not allowed at school at any time. Cell phone usage will not be allowed during the school day. If your child should bring a cell phone to school, it must remain in his or her backpack during the school day. The School District is not responsible for theft or damage of private property.

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY: iPads, tablets, Kindles, and similar devices may be allowed by the classroom teacher for educational applications, but the parent/student accepts the risk of damage or theft. Cell phones, tablets, laptop computers, laser pens, and other electronic devices that distract from the educational process will not be allowed during the school day. Cell phones, smart watches, Gizmos and/or other electronic devices must be put away and turned to quiet mode during the school day which runs from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. At no time will any student operate a cell phone or other electronic device with video capabilities in the bathroom, or other location where such operation may violate the privacy rights of another person. Unauthorized use is grounds for confiscation by school personnel.

# Support Fridays

Lincoln-McKinley Support Fridays, though optional, are academic based. We will be teaching reading, math, and STEM along with rotations of PE, music, library and counseling. These Fridays, from 8 AM-12 PM, are a wonderful opportunity for students to continue learning and building foundation skills. If students are signed up for busing for the 24-25 school year, the buses will pick them up at their regularly scheduled time and place and return them to their drop off location after school is dismissed. Breakfast and lunch will be provided during these Support Fridays. Attendance on Support Fridays will not impact their daily attendance record.

## After-School Change of Plans

If you need to change your child's afterschool plans, we prefer you send a note to school with your child. If for some reason there is a last-minute change, please call the school office before 2:00 PM.

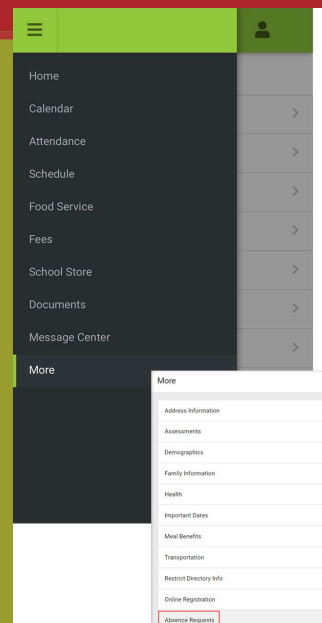


Your child's safety is most important. Please use the crosswalks when dropping off and picking up.



## Absence Requests


Parents and guardians can use the Absence Request tool in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to submit a request that informs the office in advance when their student is not going to be in school. After logging into Parent Portal, open the menu, select "More" from the bottom of the menu list, then select "Absence Request" and fill in the information needed.





# Lincoln-McKinley

## SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 No School	03 HEPTO Mtg 4:30 PM Sunnyside	04	05	06 Full School Day	07
08	09	10 School Board 5:30-6:30 HMS Auditorium	11	12	13 No School	14
15	16	17 National IT Professionals Day	18	19 Literacy Under the Lights 6-7 PM Blue Pony Stadium	20 Support Friday	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 No School Boys & Girls Club Closed	28
29 	30	01 Custodial Maintenance Staff Day	02	03	04 No School	05



Celebrate  
your Pony  
Pride during  
Homecoming,  
Sept. 27 &  
28



The Club will be closed  
Monday, September 2nd  
and  
Friday, September 27th

### Upcoming Events

- Literacy Under the Lights: Sept. 19th  
6-7 PM Blue Pony Stadium
- Support Fridays: Sept 20th, Oct. 11th,  
Oct. 25th, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Dec. 13
- No School: September 13th & 27th
- Boy and Girls Club CLOSED: Friday,  
September 27th.
- HEPTO Meeting: Oct. 1st 4:30PM at  
Sunnyside



# Havre Public Schools

## Presents Literacy Under the Lights

Join us for an evening of reading, books, and other treats! Bring a blanket and your favorite story to share as a family!

Blue Pony Stadium  
September 19th 6:00-7:00 PM

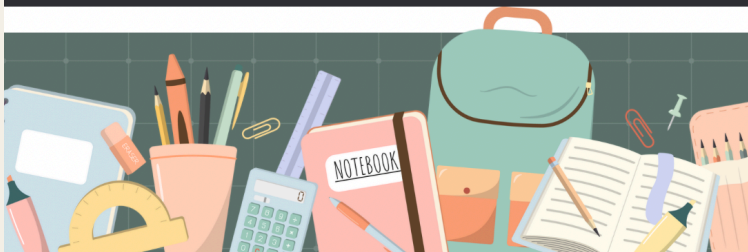
Questions? Please call Highland Park at 406-395-8555

\*In case of inclement weather this event may be relocated to Highland Park. A message will be sent via Infinite Campus if this is necessary



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH  
OR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH



## School Picture Day

Havre High School

SEPTEMBER 4TH

Havre Middle School

SEPTEMBER 5TH

Sunnyside

OCTOBER 10TH

Lincoln-McKinley

OCTOBER 9TH

Highland Park

OCTOBER 8TH

## Havre Elementary PTO

Havre Elementary PTO is busy supporting our schools with many projects that enhance student learning and the love of school. Our fundraisers support classroom materials, student snacks, reading program incentives, field trips, classroom equipment and many other expenses that are not supported by the school's operating budget.

We hope you'll consider joining us. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM at Sunnyside. Please contact any of the officers.

President: Christina Marsh  
406-845-2749

Vice President: Kassie Johnson  
406-395-8553

Secretary: Hayley Criner  
406-395-8555

Treasurer: Kassie Johnson  
406-395-8553



# A Note from Our Counselors

Dear Families,

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. We will be using the Second Step program in your child's classroom to teach these critical skills. The Second Step program teaches skills in the following four areas:

1. **Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
2. **Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
3. **Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
4. **Problem-Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child will be learning a lot this year and he or she will need your help! Throughout the year your child will be bringing home Home Links that go with several of the Second Step lessons. Home Links are simple, fun activities for you and your child to complete together. They are a great way for you to understand what your child is learning and for you to show you what he or she knows. If you have any questions about the Second Step program, please don't hesitate to contact Melissa Stokes or Alyssa Jensen for more information. We appreciate your support in teaching your child the skills that lead success in school and in life.



SECOND STEP® ELEMENTARY

**Safe, Supported,  
and Ready to  
Learn**



We encourage you to watch videos about the Second Step program and get information about what your child is learning.

Join at [www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org) by using the activation keys:

2nd Grade: SSP3 FAMI LY72

3rd Grade: SSP2 FAMI LY73