

BLUE HAWK NEWS

NO SCHOOL

There will not be school on **Thursday, October 17th** and **Friday, October 18th**. These days are designated days for the Montana Educator Conference. Enjoy your 4 day break!

School Pictures

School pictures were taken by Legacy Photography today. Kindergarten through 8th grade students should have each received a strip of paper with their unique QR code on it, giving parents/guardians access to their photograph. Those should be in backpacks and Thursday folders today. Photos will be available to view and purchase at Legacyschoolphotos.com on Saturday, October 12th. There are many background options and packages to choose from. Photos purchased by Friday, October 18th may be shipped to the school, free of charge. We will send them home with your student when they arrive.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is beyond capacity, to where we cannot even hang up all the jackets, sweatshirts, etc. that have been left behind. **We will be emptying out all lost and found items on Wednesday, October 16th** in preparation for late fall and winter weather. Some items will stay at school to be used as extra clothes for students, while most items will be donated locally. We encourage all students and parents to take a look for lost items before they all find a new home.

STUDENT COUNCIL NAMED

Our Student Council has been chosen. Fourth grade will be represented by Reagan Kenney and Elora Moore. Representing fifth grade will be Quinn Nichols and McKenzie Torti. Damon Traver and Lily Fitchett will represent sixth grade. Students followed an application process, which included collecting recommendations. Congratulations to the 2024-25 Student Council! They have already been busy. They have chosen the following Fun Friday themes for October:

- Friday, October 11th - PJ and Stuffy Day - wear your PJ's and bring a stuffy
- Friday, October 18th - No School
- Friday, October 25th - Red Ribbon Day - wear red

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 21st through October 25th. Student Council has chosen the following themes for those days:

- Monday, October 21st - Blue Hawks Against Drugs - wear Blue Hawk gear and colors
- Tuesday, October 22nd - Peace Out to Drugs - wear tie dye
- Wednesday, October 23rd - Team Up Against Drugs - wear favorite team gear
- Thursday, October 24th - Cap it! - wear a hat or cap
- Friday, October 25th - Red Ribbon Day - wear red

Evacuation Drill

All K-8 students and staff will be performing our annual campus evacuation and parent reunification drill **tomorrow Friday, October 11th**. Check backpacks and Thursday folders for maps and information!

Important Happenings

- 10/10 K-8 Fall Picture Day by Legacy Photography
- 10/10 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/11 Campus Evacuation / Reunification Drill
- 10/11 FUN FRIDAY- PJ and Stuffy Day
- 10/11 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 10/13 Elk's School Hoop Shoot—2:00PM Elem Gym
- 10/14 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/15 Flu Vaccines available from County Health
- 10/16 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/17-10/18 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher PIR—MEA**
- 10/21-10/25 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/21 Blue Hawks Against Drugs - wear gear or colors
- 10/21 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/22 Peace Out to Drugs - wear tie dye
- 10/23 Team Up Against Drugs - wear team gear
- 10/23 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/23 PTO Meeting - 4:30PM - Elementary
- 10/24 Cap It! - wear a hat
- 10/24 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/25 Red Ribbon Day - wear red
- 10/25 Lion's Vision Screening permission forms due
- 10/25 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 10/25 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/28 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/29 Lion's Vision Screenings conducted
- 10/30 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/30 JH/HS Fall Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
- 10/31 Classroom Harvest Parties in afternoon
- 10/31 NO REACH
- 11/1 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher Development Day**
- 11/4-11/8 Scholastic Book Fair

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Are You Talking Too Much?

I used to be a parenting expert. That is, until I had kids.

The other day I caught myself giving a lengthy speech about the importance of kids doing their chores, getting their homework done, and respecting their parents. Unfortunately, the speech was not to a group of parents or teachers. It was to my fourteen-year-old son in response to his eye-rolling and huffing about having to do his physics homework.

Because we are spending more time at home with our kids than ever before, we might think it to be a great opportunity to start a lecture series on chores, good behavior, respect, responsibility, homework, etc. In reality, this might be exactly what we should not do.

Parenting is tough because we love our children. Highly effective teachers also love their students and they struggle with the same temptations. We want the best for them. We worry that they'll become irresponsible. We sometimes feel panicked because they don't seem to be turning out the way we hoped. As educators we mourn when we aren't reaching a child in the way we hoped.

Lots of intense feelings can muddy our minds and leave us forgetting that we can't talk tykes, or our teenagers, into being respectful, responsible, and self-controlled. In fact, the more extensive our vocabularies become, the less effective we become.

The more words we use when things are going poorly, the less effective we become.

Many excellent and loving parents and educators are faltering. Not because they lack skills. No, it's because they talk too much while they're using their good skills.

Run an experiment: when things are going poorly, see what happens if you simply use fewer words. The odds are high that you'll be glad you did.

Each week we will share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.

Contact our school counselor, Ms. Taylour Freed, for more info.