

# CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

## APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

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**SPRING BREAK** - Spring Break for Custer School will be April 3-6. School will resume Tuesday, April 7 and we will be in session Friday, April 10.

### **FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Rita Knerr, Carsyn Burnside, Darci Dooley and Daniel Dooley.

### **PROM 2026**

Prom is set for **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, at the Moose Lodge in Billings, MT. This year's theme is Vegas Casino, promising a fun and glamorous night for students!

**Time:** 9:00 PM – Midnight

**Grand March:** 9:30 PM

**Ticket Prices:** \$10 single | \$15 couple

Get ready to dress up, enjoy the excitement, and celebrate an unforgettable evening with friends. We look forward to a great night!

### **MUSIC NEWS**

District Festival Large Group (MSU Billings) - April 7

District Festival Solo/Ensemble - April 13

Tri-County Honor Band Mini-Tour- April 15

Honor Band Tour in Salt Lake City - April 22-26

State Music Festival - May 1

Spring Concert - May 12 at 6:30 pm

Graduation – May 16

### **ELEMENTARY SWIM DAYS IN FORSYTH**

Students are required to bring swimming suits and their own towels. If they have goggles, they may bring them. The bus will leave a little before 12:00 p.m. and return no later than 3:20 p.m.

Students may bring books, hand held video games, or other small items to use during the bus trip. This year's swim day will be: **APRIL 9 - APRIL 23 -APRIL 30**

Should these dates change, we will notify you immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

### **ALL CONFERENCE BASKETBALL**

Congratulations to our Rebel players for getting all conference basketball. Hugh Gasvoda, Reagan Fink, Teagen Ruff, Cora Weinmeister, Blair Keller and Bess Gasvoda! Great season Rebels!

### **HIGH SCHOOL TRACK**

Our HS track practice began Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Our head track coach will be Andi Keith.

### **HIGH SCHOOL GOLF**

Our HS golf practice began Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Keller will be our golf coach.

### **JUNIOR HIGH TRACK**

JH track practice begins Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Coaches are Boe Meredith and Darryl Dooley.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Our BPA have the Custer community calendar finished. You may purchase one for \$12.00 at Custer School.

## **CIVICS BEE FINALISTS**

In January the 8th grade students submitted community improvement proposals to the National Civics Bee contest. Based on their essays, three students--Ainsley Abel, Quade Duncan, and Julia Meredith--were selected to compete in the regional civics bee in Miles City. The regional bee requires them to answer 20 multiple choice civics questions and to present their proposal to a panel of judges for questions.

Each student proposed a way to make his or her community better: Quade focused on community clean-up opportunities, Ainsley centered on ways to provide more activities for senior citizens, and Julia proposed building a local swimming pool. Each proposal had to display understanding of the principles of civic duty. Congratulations to these future community leaders! Ms. Ickes

## **You're invited to a night of food, fun, and theater!**

### **Passing Periods: A Theatrical Sampler**

Join us on **April 24 at 6:30 PM** for the Theater Club's performance of *Passing Periods: A Theatrical Sampler*, taking place right on the school stage. This entertaining and relatable production is a comical collection of scenes that capture the everyday experiences of being a student—something audiences of all ages will enjoy.

Come early and enjoy a meal beginning at 5:15 PM for \$10 per plate before the show. It's a great opportunity to gather with friends, family, and community members for an evening out.

Our students have worked incredibly hard to prepare their performances and are excited to share their talents with you. Proceeds from the evening will support the Theater Club, helping fund important updates and repairs to the stage, as well as the purchase of microphones for future performances.

We truly appreciate your support of the arts and look forward to seeing you there for a fun and memorable night!

## **PTO NEWS**

The PTO is holding a Rebel Run on May 3. Registrations will open in April. If you are interested in participating, call Lauren Sian.

Family Neon Glow Party light up the night with electric neon fun! All families of K-8 students are invited! Dance – Fun – Games April 10 from 6-8 pm in Custer's Old Gym. Pizza and Popcorn \$2.00 a slice. No entry fee and please supervise your children.

## **MAST Window 3 Testing**

Students in grades 3–8 will begin Window 3 of the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) assessment between March 31st-May 22nd. During this window, students will complete short Math and ELA testlets aligned to what they are currently learning. Each testlet takes about 15–30 minutes, and results will be shared with families via the parent portal as they are released.

MAST provides timely information that supports classroom instruction and helps track student progress throughout the year. All student data remains confidential, and accommodations are provided for those with IEPs, 504 plans, or English Learner plans.

Families can support students by encouraging their best effort, ensuring good rest, and helping them arrive ready for the day.

## **MAST Testing Parent Portal**

Families can now access their child's individual testlet score reports through the Kite Parent Portal.

**Parent Portal Login:** <https://parentportal-testlet.kiteaai.org/login>

Parents log in using the email address already on file with the school. If you have not received your login information or cannot access your account, please contact the office so we can assist.

## **FIELD TRIP FOR GRADES K-2**

Our field trip for grades K-2 will be Wednesday, May 6 to the Wise Wonders in Billings.



## **FIELD TRIP FOR GRADES 3 & 4**

Our field trip for grades 3&4 will be Thursday, May 7. They will be traveling to the Fish Hatchery and the Museum in Miles City.

## **ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Custer School is putting on an elementary academic awards assembly for grades K-6 in the old gym on Wednesday, May 13 at 2:00 pm. This assembly will be to recognize students who have excelled in academic areas throughout the school year. Parents, family members and the community are invited to attend this event.

## **ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY**

Our annual elementary field day will be held on Tuesday, May 19, beginning at 12:30 pm. Please watch the weather so your child will be dressed appropriately for the day. Sunscreen, water bottles, and dressing in layers are a few suggestions to help your child have an enjoyable Field Day!

Ribbons and Prizes will be awarded Thursday, May 21, beginning at 9:00 am in the old gym.

## **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

Please look in the lost and found bin located by the office. At the end of May, we will take the remaining items to Good Will if items are not claimed.

## **6 MAN ALL STARS**

Custer will be hosting the 6 Man All Star football game Friday, June 5 at 7:00 pm.

Players will arrive Monday, June 1 for practices during the week.

## **CUSTER FFA NEWS**

Our FFA students will be traveling to Great Falls for the State FFA Convention from April 1 - 4. We wish them the best of luck as they represent our chapter!

Our FFA Coffee Shop fundraisers will take place on April 9, April 23, May 14, May 19, and May 20. Please remember that all orders must be turned in by the Tuesday prior to each date. Community members can turn in order forms to Kyra at the gas station, while staff and students can submit their forms to Bess, Hannah, Aubrey, or Mrs. Samuelson.

On May 2, we will be hosting a co-ed volleyball tournament as a fundraiser for our chapter. Be sure to scan the QR code on the flyer to register your team, we hope to see you there!

Our FFA Awards Ceremony will take place on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Gym. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our members

FFA members will also be selling tickets for our annual banquet soon. Please keep an eye out for additional details. We look forward to celebrating with you!

## **THANK YOU**

We would like to say thank you to the Stieg's for donating the beef to the school and also to the Peg-A-Way 4H club for their donation of \$1000 for beef processing costs. Students and staff really appreciate the quality meals that are made with our local beef!!! The attached menu has been updated to show which meals are using local beef.

## 2026 HS Track Schedule

Date:	Meet Name:	Location:	Time:
Fri Mar 27	MC Invite	MC	10:00/10:30
Tue Mar 31	Lockwood Icebreaker	Lockwood	3:30/4:30
Fri Apr 10	Joliet/Park City Invite	Laurel	10:00/10:30
Fri, Apr 17	Red Lodge Invite	Laurel	9:30/10:00
Tues Apr 21	Red Lodge Invite	Red Lodge	3:30
Sat May 2	Harlo/Park City Invite	Laurel	9:30/10:00
Tue May 5	Top 10	Laurel	TBD
Wed May 6	Tri-Valley	Laurel	TBD
Fri May 15	5C/6C District Meet	Laurel	8:30/9:00
Thur May 21	Southern BC Divisional	Laurel	9:30/9:30
Fri/Sat May 28-30	State A/C Meet	Laurel	TBD

## 2026 JH Track Schedule

Date:	Meet Name:	Location:	Time:
Mon Apr 13	Absarokee/Park City	Laurel	10:00/10:00
Sat Apr 18	Rebel JH Meet	Custer	9:15/9:30
Thur Apr 23	Lockwood Meet	Lockwood	9:00/9:00
Fri May 1	Park City Meet	Laurel	10:00/10:00
Wed May 6	Tri-Valley Meet	Laurel	8:30/8:30
Fri May 15	JH District Meet	Laurel	8:30/9:00

Sports Schedules are always  
subject to change.

## Golf Schedule 2026

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, March 31st	Forsyth Absarokee/Park City JV	TBA
Friday, April 3, 2026	Broadus Invite #1 - V	TBD
Tuesday, April 7, 2026	Absarokee/Park City V	TBD
Friday, April 10, 2026	Forsyth V	TBD
Monday, April 13th	St. Patricks - @Meadowlark	TBD
Thursday, April 16	Gardiner at Livingston- V	9:30
Saturday April 25th	Harlowton Varsity	TBD
Wednesday April 29th	WSS Varsity	TBA
Friday, May, 1st or 8th	Hobson-Winifred @ Pine Meadows	TBA
Mon, May 11, 2026	Eastern C Divisionals- Sidney	
Tue, May 19, 2026	Class C State @ MVGCC- Shelby - 1st Round	<b>Shotgun-Times TBD</b>
Wed, May 20, 2026	Class C State @ MVGCC- Shelby - 2nd Round	<b>Tee Times-Times TBD</b>

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**Hall of Fame Nomination Form**

Please complete the following form to nominate an individual for the Hall of Fame

Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Accomplishments/Contributions (Please provide a brief overview):

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Nominator's Contact Information:

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Reason for Nomination (Please provide detailed information about why the nominee deserves to be inducted into the Hall of Fame):

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Nomination Acknowledgement: By submitting this nomination form, I affirm that all information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the selection process for induction into the Hall of Fame is at the discretion of the organizing committee and that not all nominees may be selected for induction.

Signature:

Date:

**Please submit completed nomination forms to Shari Prokop by April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

CUSTER PTO PRESENTS:

# FAMILY NEON GLOW Party!

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT WITH ELECTRIC NEON FUN! ALL FAMILIES OF K-8 STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

DANCE-FUN-GAMES

**APRIL 10TH 6:00-8:00 PM**  
**CUSTER OLD GYM**

PIZZA AND POPCORN \$2/SLICE

NO ENTRY FEE-PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN

# COLOR, FIRE, AND FLIGHT

BILLINGS COMMUNITY BAND  
 featuring the TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**3:00 PM**

ALBERTA BAIR THEATER  
 Billings, Montana

Featuring Music From:

- How to Train Your Dragon
- I Dreamed a Dream
- Rippling Watercolors
- Action Brass
- Fuego del Alma
- Strike Up the Band
- Sky is Waiting
- Barnum and Bailey's Favorite

TICKETS: Adults \$8 • Students \$5

*Let your imagination take flight!*

# BPA Clean Up

**We will do your chores!!**

We are looking to raise money for BPA Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee

Contact Charlene Heil at (406) 856-4117 or (406) 855-9751  
 Examples: Wash Windows, Paint, Move Garbage, Yard Work

# CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**\$200 per team entry**

Payment Methods: Venmo & checks beforehand, cash upfront

Email completed registration forms to  
 Nicole Samuelson  
 - nsamuelson@custerschools.org

**ALL proceeds go to Custer FFA**

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND AT  
 CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL  
 IN CUSTER, MONTANA