

CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

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Mr. Mike Flamm

My name is Mike Flamm, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new superintendent of Custer Schools. This year marks my 30th year in education. I spent the first 25 years of my career in the classroom, teaching mostly science along with a little bit of P.E. For the past five years, I transitioned into administration at Hardin Middle School, starting as the assistant principal before serving as the principal for the last three years.

On a personal note, my wife Devon and I have been married for 29 years. Devon is the curriculum director for the Hardin School District. We have two wonderful daughters: Maddie (27), who works as a digital marketer for a realty company in Missoula and is getting married this June, and Macie (23), who is a 4th-grade teacher at Hardin Intermediate School.

I have always loved small towns, and over the years, I have thoroughly enjoyed officiating your athletes in basketball and football. As I step into this new role, I want you to know that I do not view this position as a stepping stone; I am well into my career and am fully committed to being here. I greatly appreciate the warm support I've already received from the staff, and I absolutely love how respectful the students are. I look forward to meeting more community members and working hard to serve this district the best I can.

NOTE: Parents, please be aware that due to us not having music classes this year we aligned with Montana Digital Academy to find courses for our students to take. If your student is enrolled in a class, you should have received an email. Most of the classes will not begin until Sept 8th so we want to make sure that everyone understands how these classes will be assessed and the expectations of the students. Please reach out to Mr. Flamm, supt@usterschools.org, or Mrs. Torralba, couns@usterschools.org if you have any questions. Thank you

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures for the 2026-2027 school year have been scheduled for Monday, September 14 beginning at 8:00 am.

SAY CHEESE!



STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT CUSTER SCHOOL

Currently in grades K-12 we have a total of 86 students attending school. We welcome all of you to Custer School!

Grades K-6 has 44 students / Grades 7-8 has 17 students / Grades 9-12 has 25 students.

ACTIVITY TICKETS

Activity Tickets are available at the school. The purchase prices for tickets are:

Grades K-8 are \$35.00 – Grades 9-12 are \$45.00

Students must have these if they are playing football, volleyball or basketball. Activity tickets must be purchased in Custer or in Hysham before the first home game of the school year. Adult tickets are \$75.00 and senior citizens (60 years of age) is \$25.00.

COWPIE BINGO

The Class of 2028 will be selling cowpie bingo tickets in September for \$10 each. There will only be 100 squares sold and the winner will get \$100! Please contact a junior or Miss Ickes to buy your square. We will announce the winner at the homecoming football game in October.

GO REBELS!

The Class of 2028 still has nine Go Rebels yard signs available. They are \$20 each. Contact a junior or Miss Ickes to get one.

ELEMENTARY SWIM DAYS IN FORSYTH

Swimming starts early this school year. The first day will be Thursday, September 10 in Forsyth. The bus will leave before 11:50 am and return no later than 3:20 pm.

Students are required to bring swimming suits and their own towels. If they have goggles, they may bring them.

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:

SEPT. 10 & 24 - OCTOBER 8 & 23 – MARCH 11 & 25 – APRIL 8 & 22



REBEL GAME SCHEDULES

Please check our website to check on events and game changes daily. This will be our way to communicate to you what is happening at our school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please call the school by 8:15 am if your child will not be in school for the day. Also, remember that if your child leaves school early, she/he must be checked out at the office. This rule applies for children in all grades. If a student is leaving without a parent present, they must have a note signed by the parent.

SPORTS PARENTS

If you have a student playing sports, please be sure to be on time picking them up from practice. There is no supervision once practice is over. Thank you for your help with this.

NEWSLETTERS

The school newsletter will be sent free by e-mail to the parents of students attending Custer School or to anyone in our community. Please contact the office if you would like an e-mail sent to you or anyone wishing to receive the newsletter in print may purchase a subscription for \$12.00 a year.

The newsletter is also available on our website at www.custerschools.org

2025-2026 Yearbooks on Sale

The 2025-2026 yearbooks are on sale for \$30.00 each. We have a limited supply. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, contact the school.

SENIOR CLASS ITALIAN SODAS

The Senior Class is selling Italian Sodas again this year! Sodas will be delivered on every other Wednesday.

First Semester Dates:

Sept. 2, 16, 30 • Oct. 14, 28 • Nov. 11 • Dec. 2, 16

Orders & money are due by 3:30 p.m. Tuesday before each soda day. First-period teachers will collect orders and payment.

Prices:

- Without cream/whipped cream: \$4.50
- With cream: \$5.00

Punch Cards: Available in the office for 11 drinks!

- No cream: \$45/With cream: \$50

Thank you for supporting the Senior Class!

Senior Class of 2027

Seniors & Senior Parents — A Few Important Reminders!

As we move through the school year, please keep these upcoming senior responsibilities and opportunities in mind:

- **Jostens:** Cap, gown, and memorabilia orders will be available in September.
- **Graduation Slideshow:** Each senior needs photos from babyhood through senior year. Students are responsible for putting together the slideshow.
- **Senior Picture:** Please submit a high-quality senior picture and photographer release by March 31 for use on graduation posters. Mrs. Heil also needs one for the yearbook.
- **Commencement Speaker:** Seniors should consider potential speakers and send invitation letters.
- **Senior Trip:** The Senior Trip is planned for late April. More information will be shared as plans are finalized.
- **Scholarships & Opportunities:** Check the Google Classroom Advisory regularly for scholarship, college, career, and job opportunities.
- **College Visits:** Interested in visiting a Montana college or university? Let Mrs. Torralba know so we can help arrange a campus visit.

Thank you for helping our seniors stay on top of these important deadlines and opportunities!

MIDTERM GRADES

Midterm grades will not be mailed out this school year. The school encourages parents to log into Infinite Campus to check your child's grades often. Students also have access to Infinite Camus to view grades. If you are unsure how to log in or do not have a username and password, please see Shari Prokop or Jasmine Torralba for assistance.

MEAL PROGRAM

(LUNCH) Hot lunch is served each and every school day. Cost of lunch is \$2.70 for students in grades K – 6, \$3.10 for students in grades 7 – 12 and \$4.00 for adults/general public. Individual milk (extra) prices will be .40 per container. If you qualify under the reduced meals the cost for lunch is .40. Forms to apply for free or reduced are at the office.

(BREAKFAST) We have a breakfast program in the mornings before classes begin. Cost of breakfast for K-12 grades is \$1.45. Extra juice prices will be .25 per container. If you qualify for reduced the cost will be .30. Students can grab and go with their breakfast to their first period class. We ask that students get breakfast 10 minutes before the 8:00 bell rings.

Meal bills are mailed home at the end of each month if you owe money. Parents may send money in advance and your account will be credited. **PLEASE KEEP LUNCH MONEY PAYMENTS SEPARATE FROM OTHER SCHOOL PAYMENTS!**

Our auditors have informed us we need to keep the lunch account separate from other accounts and there has to be a very clear accounting of all funds received into this account. Thank you for your cooperation.

When a family's lunch bill exceeds more than \$50.00 per student, we will notify you that your bill is overdue and that the bill must be paid within 30 days, or you must have established a plan to pay with the superintendent.

SCHOOL BILLS

We are asking all parents/guardians to make sure your child's bills are kept up to date. The district does not have the option of carrying past due bills. Our hot lunch program is not intended to make a profit and we have made every effort to keep the lunch and milk prices as affordable as possible. As a government agency we do not have the capacity to operate in the red. When unpaid bills become delinquent, we need to make efforts to collect on them. If parents/guardians refuse to pay the bills we have to balance funds by taking money from the General fund. This is essentially taking money from every student in the district to pay for someone else's obligation.

Parents that have not paid your activity accounts in full, please note that this year we will be requiring payment prior to allowing your students to participate in activities or prior to you receiving any orders through the school. This includes payments for band instrument rentals, goods ordered through our school groups, and any other fees associated with school activities. Please get these paid up by the start of school so that your students are able to participate in all activities.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council is going to run a hat day fundraiser each day we have Friday school and a few random days if the month doesn't have a Friday school.

It's a dollar donation for students and staff to wear a hat for the day during school if they want. Teachers should collect money from your class at the start of the day. Hats should be school appropriate. NO drugs, alcohol, derogatory/defamatory statements.

SCHOOL CONCERTS

Custer School will not be having a Fall Concert this year. We may be putting on a Christmas & Spring Concert in the near future for our students.

PRE SCHOOL SCREENING

Eastern Yellowstone Special Services Cooperative Child Development Clinic will be held in Custer Tuesday, September 29 from 12:30 to 2:30.

This is a free screening for children 3 to 5 years of age, not yet in school. Screening includes motor skills, cognitive development, vision, speech/language and hearing. This is provided by trained professionals and screening may take up to one hour.

Appointments are necessary. Please call Shari at Custer School for an appointment.

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Earn Cash for our School! No more clipping! All you need is your smartphone. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your store receipt, find participation products add instantly and Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

In the past our school has earned approximately \$100-\$200 each year. This money is put into the Elementary Fund and is used for field trips and our annual Field Day. Please download your Box Tops app today and help us earn money for our school!

BUS STUDENTS

Parents, just a reminder to be sure your students riding the bus are ready and at their stop on time. We suggest a few minutes before the scheduled pickup time.

HOMECOMING

Custer/Hysham Rebels Homecoming for the 2026 school year will be October 9th & 10th. There will be a dance to follow in Hysham.

ITALIAN SODAS

Flavors

- Strawberry
- Grape
- Red Raspberry
- Blue Raspberry
- Orange
- Peach
- Kiwi *
- Peppermint *
- Butterscotch *
- Marshmallow *
- Cherry
- Watermelon
- Coconut
- Root Beer
- Carmel
- Vanilla
- Banana
- Pumpkin Spice
- Pomegranate
- White Chocolate

* - limited quantity

Prices

No cream or whip cream	Cream and/or whip cream
Single Drink - \$4.50	Single drink - \$5.00
Punch Card - \$45.00	Punch Card - \$50.00

Mix 2 flavors for free, each additional flavor is \$0.50

Dates

Every other Wednesday.

Orders and payment due Tuesday at 3:30.