



SUNNYSIDE SCOOP

OCTOBER 2026



AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

To help ensure a smooth and safe dismissal process, please review your child's after-school plans with them **BEFORE** they leave for school each morning.

Recently, we have seen an increase in calls, emails, and notes received near the end of the school day asking us to remind students where they should go after school. While we understand that unexpected situations and emergencies can arise, routine after-school arrangements should be discussed at home whenever possible.

If a dismissal change is necessary, please notify the school at least 30 minutes before dismissal so we have adequate time to ensure the message reaches your child. Last-minute messages can be difficult to deliver as classrooms are preparing for dismissal and students may already be transitioning to buses, pick-up areas, or after-school activities.

Dismissal is one of the busiest times of the school day, and reducing last-minute messages allows staff to focus on safely dismissing all students.

Thank you for your help in making sure your child knows their after-school plans before arriving at school. Your cooperation helps keep our dismissal process safe, efficient, and stress-free for everyone.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Registration for Community Education begins on October 12, 2026. The session runs from October 26th through January 29th so you have plenty of time to find something that interests you! Register through www.blueponykl2.com under the Community Education tab found in District Programs. Come enjoy learning new hobbies, staying healthy, and meeting new friends!

CUSTODIAL STAFF DAY

Oct 2nd is custodial staff appreciation day. **THANK YOU** Jamie and Cheryl for keeping our building clean and for taking care of all of the many issues that pop up!

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Club will be **CLOSED** on October 14-16th. Please plan on alternate after school arrangements, keeping in mind that the bus garage will not change bus routes for students for only one day.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST

- Breakfast is served from 7:35-7:55 am.
- The first breakfast and lunch are **FREE** for all students
- Please note that the cost of an adult lunch is now \$5.75. Thank you!

CONTACT ME

Principal: Mrs. Johnson

Counselor: Miss. Monson

Secretary: Mrs. Gum

School Nurse: Mrs. Finneman

406-395-8553





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• STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council meetings will be held after school and will end at 4:30 p.m. Please note that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to arrange for and provide transportation home promptly at the conclusion of each meeting. Thank you for helping ensure students are picked up on time.

Meeting Dates:

- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- December 1
- January 12

Meeting dates for the remainder of the school year will be determined and sent home following the November 3rd meeting.

STUDENT IN ATTENDANCE

September Attendance: 91.73 %

Thank you Parents and Guardians for helping set examples of responsibility and punctuality!

School hours are:

7:55 am - 3:45 pm Monday - Thursday.

7:55 am - 12:00 pm on Support Friday

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- Isaiah Vaughn
- Arabelle Blanchard
- Kane Brothers
- Audrina Baugh

PTO

PTO meets the first Tuesday of the month at Highland Park. If you would like to know more about us, there is a Facebook page named Havre Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, or please call any of the officers listed below. You do not have to come to the meetings to be involved. New members are always welcome!

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Treasurer: Travis Marsh 450-0528

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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled by the teachers either Thursday, October 8th from 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm or Friday, October 9th from 7:30 am - 12:00 pm.. Notes from the teacher with individual conference times will be sent home with students. This is an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress. Your attendance at conferences is greatly appreciated. You can prepare for conferences by doing the following things:

- Review assignments: Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.
- Be on time: The conference schedule is tight. Teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it is a telephone conference.
- Remember that conferences are brief: A typical parent-teacher conference lasts about 15 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.

We look forward to seeing you at the fall Parent -Teacher conferences!

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

SS School Picture day is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th.

Picture Retake day will be on October 22nd

Picture ordering information: October 12th you will receive an email with a link and access code to preview and purchase photo.

Note: The access code will be sent to parents via the email address the school has on file

If you have any questions, please contact: hollypattisonphotography@gmail.com

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 26-30

Join us as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week and make healthy choices together! Students are encouraged to participate in our fun dress-up days:

- 🔴 Monday, October 26 – Wear Red
- 👕 Tuesday, October 27 – Wear your favorite Sweats
- 🧢 Wednesday, October 28 – Hat Day
- 🐎 Thursday, October 29 – Wear Blue Pony Pride gear

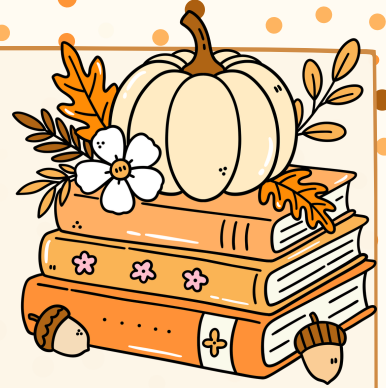
Let's show our school spirit and commitment to making positive, healthy choices all week long





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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DEAR SUNNYSIDE FAMILIES,

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT START, AND WE ARE THRILLED TO SEE HOW HARD OUR STUDENTS ARE WORKING EACH DAY! THEIR ENTHUSIASM, EFFORT, AND DEDICATION HAVE MADE FOR A FANTASTIC BEGINNING TO THE YEAR, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS POSITIVE MOMENTUM THROUGHOUT THE FALL.

AS COOLER WEATHER ARRIVES AND FALL QUICKLY APPROACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR OUTDOOR RECESS. JACKETS, HATS, AND GLOVES WILL HELP ENSURE THAT STUDENTS STAY WARM AND COMFORTABLE WHILE ENJOYING THEIR TIME OUTSIDE.

WE ALSO HAVE MANY STUDENTS WHO BIKE TO AND FROM SCHOOL EACH DAY. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO REMIND YOUR CHILD ABOUT IMPORTANT BIKE SAFETY RULES AND EXPECTATIONS. WITH THE DAYS BECOMING COOLER AND DARKER, BEING ALERT, FOLLOWING TRAFFIC RULES, AND PRACTICING SAFE RIDING HABITS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US ENSURE SAFE TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 14-16. FAMILIES WHO UTILIZE THE CLUB FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SHOULD PLAN FOR ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS ON THESE DAYS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT WAY YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS AT SCHOOL IS BY HELPING THEM GET PLENTY OF SLEEP AND MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT ROUTINE AT HOME. A GOOD NIGHT'S REST AND PREDICTABLE ROUTINES HELP STUDENTS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND CONTRIBUTE TO MORE FOCUSED, PRODUCTIVE, AND SUCCESSFUL DAYS.

OCTOBER WILL BE A BUSY AND EXCITING MONTH AT SUNNYSIDE! PLEASE BE SURE TO REFER TO THE CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION. WE HAVE SEVERAL FAMILY EVENTS, PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, AND FUN DRESS-UP DAYS PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES PARTICIPATE.

LASTLY, AS HALLOWEEN APPROACHES, WE WANT TO REMIND FAMILIES THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO WEAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES TO SCHOOL THIS YEAR. YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WILL SEND OUT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR CLASSROOM HALLOWEEN PARTY, INCLUDING ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS OR EXPECTATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT IN KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE, PREPARED, AND ENGAGED. WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THAT OUR SUNNYSIDE FAMILIES DO TO HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL A POSITIVE PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN AND GROW.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT AT ANY TIME WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

SINCERELY,

KASSIE JOHNSON

PRINCIPAL

SUNNYSIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 OTIS SPUNKMEYER DUE	2 CUSTODIAL/ MAINTENANCE DAY NO SCHOOL	3
4 BOOK FAIR	5	6 BINGO LITERACY STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING	7	8 SCHOOL PICTURES P/T CONFERENCE 4:15-7:15	9 P/T CONFERENCE 7:30-12:00	10
11 SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK	12	13	14 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CLOSED	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL	17
18 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK	19	20 STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING	21	22 SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES	23 SUPPORT FRIDAY	24
25	26 RED RIBBON WEEK WEAR RED	27 RED RIBBON WEEK WEAR SWEATS	28 RED RIBBON WEEK WEAR HATS	29 RED RIBBON WEEK WEAR BLUE PONY	30 NO SCHOOL	31



HOLLY PATTISON PHOTOGRAPHY

School Picture Day

Havre High School

SEPTEMBER 1ST

Havre Middle School

SEPTEMBER 3RD

Sunnyside

OCTOBER 8TH

Lincoln-McKinley

OCTOBER 7TH

Highland Park

OCTOBER 6TH

-ORDER PHOTOS ONLINE
-PREVIEW BEFORE ORDERING
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Havre Public Schools

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Havre, MT59501

October 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Havre Public Schools is preparing for the *Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST)* assessment through the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Students in Grades 3-8 will take Math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessments in three administration windows as indicated below.

	Window 1	Window 2	Window 3	
	October 19 – December 11 (8 weeks)	January 11 – March 5 (8 weeks)	March 29 – May 21 (8 weeks)	
Math	3-5 Testlets	3-5 Testlets	3-5 Testlets	1 Math OR ELA Anchor Test
ELA	2 BOY Testlets	2 MOY Testlet 1 Performance Task Testlet	2 EOY Testlets	

**The actual number of testlets your child(ren) takes each testing window will be contingent on your district's local curriculum sequence.*

What is the purpose of the MAST assessment?

The Montana OPI in partnership with New Meridian has developed an improved assessment system that will reflect the needs of our students, teachers, and administrators, while providing useful flexibility in terms of test administration. The MAST Assessment implements “through-year” assessments across the state that satisfy federal testing requirements and better aligns assessment with instruction.

The ultimate goal with the “through-year” model is to support the formative instructional process that is closest to the local decisions required to support teaching and learning needs.

Rather than a single end-of-year assessment, the MAST assessment is broken into smaller testlets over the course of the academic year. The “Through-Year Assessment” design benefits students, teachers, parents, and administrators by closely aligning assessment with instruction while providing actionable data throughout the school year.

It is important to remember that statewide assessments provide only one measure of student learning, but when combined with grades, classroom activities, unit quizzes and tests, and district-level assessments, statewide assessments can complete the picture of a child's abilities and help him/her down a path toward academic success in reaching Montana's Content Standards.

Details about MAST Administration:

- **Participants:** 3-8 Grades Math and ELA
- **Administrations:** 3 administration windows throughout the year
- **Total Estimated Testing Time:** 15-30 minutes per testlet
- **Technology:** Computer-based test delivery via secure site
- **Reports:** Student reports will be available weekly after completion of each testlet. Individual student reports will provide results from each testlet.

Areas to Note about the MAST Test:

- Your child's privacy will be protected. State and federal laws, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), ensure this data remains confidential.
- Students with Individual Educational Plans (IEPs), Section 504 plans, or English Learner plans will be assessed based on individual student needs, consistent with all state and federal laws and regulations.

Ways You Can Help:

- Encourage your child to do their best on everything they do in school, including the MAST assessment.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test and has a healthy breakfast.
- Support your child by explaining the purpose of the tests and helping with homework and test reviews.

To learn more about MAST development follow this [link](#) to the Montana OPI MAST webpage. New Meridian is a non-profit organization that creates high-quality, innovative assessment solutions that focus on the skills that matter most for success in school and in life. You can learn more about New Meridian [here](#). Parent MAST resources can be found on the [MAST Portal](#) under *Resources for Parents*.

We appreciate your partnership in helping Havre Public Schools fulfill this state and federal requirement for statewide assessments and supporting your child to do their best.

Sincerely,

Lisa Passon

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MTSS Director/District Testing Coordinator

Robins Administration Building

OCTOBER 2026 ~ LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In accordance with federal civil rights law & US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations & policies, this program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity & sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity				
5 Creamy Chicken w/ Biscuit Salad Mand. Oranges / Milk	6 Soft Flour Taco Corn Peaches Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Dinner Roll Applesauce / Milk	8 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Pineapple / Brownie Milk	9 K-5 - P / T Conf. 6-12 - Support Friday Grab & Go Lunch
12 Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Breadstick Mand. Oranges / Milk	13 Burrito Chips & Cheese Salad Frt. Cocktail / Milk	14 Hot Ham & Cheese Green Beans Pickle Spear Applesauce / Milk	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
19 Beef Finger Steaks Au Gratin Potatoes Salad Mand. Oranges / Milk	20 Chicken Fajita Corn Peaches Milk	21 Sloppy Joe Potato Smiles Salad Rosy Applesauce/ Milk	22 Cheese Pizza Peas & Carrots Salad Pineapple / Milk	23 Support Friday Grab & Go Lunch
26 Chicken Pot Pie Pasta Breadstick Salad Mand. Oranges / Milk	27 Quesadilla Rice Salad Fruit Cocktail / Milk	28 Chickenwich Broccoli w/ Cheese Applesauce Milk	29 Chili Bosco Stick Salad Pineapple / Milk	30 NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2026 ~ BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In accordance with fed., all civil rights law & US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations & policies, this breakfast program is provided on a non-discriminatory basis to all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, gender, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity & sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity				
5 Pancakes Sausage Links Pears Milk	6 Strawberry Bagel Yogurt Pineapple Milk	7 Sausage Egg Muffin w/ Cheese Peaches Milk	1 Cereal Breakfast Bar Applesauce Milk	2 NO SCHOOL
12 French Toast Sausage Links Pears Milk	13 Pumpkin Bread Yogurt Pineapple Milk	14 Cereal Breakfast Bar Peaches Milk	8 Cheese Omelet Donut Holes Applesauce Milk	9 K-5 - P / T Conf. 6-12 - Support Friday Cereal / Breakfast Bar Fruit Cocktail / Milk
19 Cereal Breakfast Bar Pears Milk	20 Muffin Yogurt Pineapple Milk	21 Sausage Egg Muffin w/ Cheese Peaches Milk	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
26 Pancakes Sausage Links Pears Milk	27 Honey Bun Yogurt Pineapple Milk	28 Pancake Sausage Wrap / Hashbrown Peaches Milk	22 Waffle Cheese Stick Applesauce Milk	23 Support Friday Cereal Breakfast Bar Fruit Cocktail Milk
			29 Cereal Breakfast Bar Applesauce Milk	30 NO SCHOOL

The **BOOK FAIR** IS COMING SOON!

Dear Sunnyside Families,
Get ready! Our **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is almost here! We're so excited to bring a fantastic selection of books to our school and can't wait to see the joy, curiosity, and excitement it brings to our students, staff, family, and community. The Book Fair is a great opportunity to fill your home library with new, engaging titles that will spark imagination, encourage a love of reading, and also earn funds for our school.

BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE

MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH	Staff & Class Previews throughout the day Early Bird Shopping 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
TUESDAY OCTOBER 6TH	7:30 AM - 7:00 PM Literacy Bingo 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH	7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
THURSDAY OCTOBER 8TH	7:30 AM - 7:00 PM Parent Teacher Conferences
FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH	7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Parent Teacher Conferences

JOIN US FOR
BINGO!

**TUESDAY OCT.
6TH 5:30
SUNNYSIDE
GYMNASIUM
DOORS OPEN AT
5:00**

To receive your booklet of 5 BINGO cards, players must bring either a donation of new or gently used books or a monetary donation for the Scholastic Book Fair Share the Fair Fund, which allows every student to receive a book from our fair. Players can bring any amount of books - no donation is too small!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY! WE WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL ARRAY OF PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF ALL AGES!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL TAKE PLACE THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 8TH AND MORNING OF OCTOBER 9TH, BUT WE ENCOURAGE SHOPPERS TO COME **EARLY** FOR THE BEST SELECTION!

DON'T FORGET TO SET UP YOUR eWALLET!

An eWallet is a safe, easy, and cash-free way to shop the fair! Families can set up an eWallet online, add funds, and students can use their balance to purchase books at school—no cash to lose or remember! Friends and family can even contribute funds to help build your reader's bookshelf.

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 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



 GET READY FOR A PAW-SOME PREORDER! 

The newest **DOG MAN** adventure is coming—and you can preorder your copy right here at our Scholastic Book Fair!

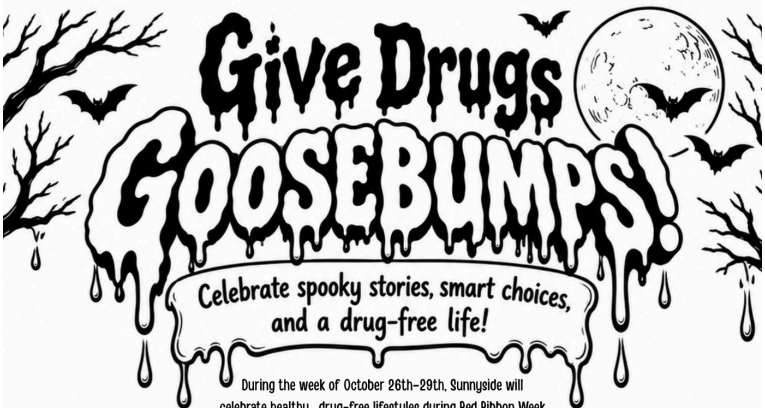
Preorder the newest Dog Man book at our Book Fair register and choose a FREE drawstring bag!

Your book will ship directly to our school on November 3rd, and we'll get it into your hands as soon as it arrives!

The book is also available to purchase online and can ship directly to your home, but the FREE Dog Man or Petey drawstring bag is only available with preorders placed through our in-person Book Fair register. Bags are only available through the Sunnyside Book Fair and while supplies last!

New book + FREE bag = one pretty doggone good deal!





Give Drugs GOOSEBUMPS!

Celebrate spooky stories, smart choices,
and a drug-free life!

During the week of October 26th–29th, Sunnyside will
celebrate healthy, drug-free lifestyles during Red Ribbon Week

while also diving into the spooky world of R.L. Stine! Throughout the week, students will explore the life and works of this beloved author
as we gear up for a virtual author talk with R.L. Stine on October 29th!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Havre Masonic Lodge #55, every Sunnyside student will receive their very own copy of Who Is R.L.
Stine?—a biography that will help us learn more about the man behind Goosebumps and the stories that have given generations of readers
goosebumps!

Get ready for a week of spooky stories, smart choices, and plenty of **GOOSEBUMPS!**

Monday — “RED-y for a Scare!”

Wear RED! Kick off Red Ribbon Week and show that you’re RED-y to make healthy,
drug-free choices!

Tuesday — “Don’t Let Drugs Be Your Nightmare!”

Wear SWEATS or PJs! Get comfy with a creepy story while reminding everyone
that your dreams are too important for drugs!

Wednesday — “Use Your Head — Say BOO to Drugs!”

Wear a HAT! Put on your creepiest, craziest, funniest, or
favorite hat and use your head to make healthy choices!

Thursday — “Goosebumps Are Temporary.
Pony Pride Is Forever!”

Wear BLUE & WHITE / Blue Pony gear!

Show your Pony Pride as we
celebrate our virtual visit with R.L. Stine
and show that Blue Ponies stick
together, make healthy choices,
and say BOO to drugs!

