Wednesday, November 25

Thankful & Grateful

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Dear families and the Helena community,



Thank you to our dedicated staff—from teachers, paraprofessionals, and counselors to bus drivers, custodians, nurses, and administrators. Your daily patience and care keep our schools running. I am also thankful for our Board of Trustees for their steady leadership and unwavering commitment to our schools and students.

Above all, I am grateful for our students. They are the reason we are all here, and each day they remind us why this work matters so much.

Finally, thank you to our community partners and the entire Helena community. The partnerships, support, and generosity proves time and again that it truly takes a village.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and restful holiday weekend!

Respectfully,
Rex M. Weltz, Superintendent
Helena Public Schools

COMMUNITY CORNER

HPS Community Support Resources

As we head into this week's holiday break, we want to remind you that the holiday season isn't always a happy or easy time for everyone. Please remember to show kindness and a welcoming spirit to all you come across!

We also want to remind you about our Community Corner webpage that serves as a resource and communication center for those looking for support or for those looking to give support. **You'll find information on donations/fundraisers, services, and mental health support:**

VIEW WEBPAGE

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR THE DISTRICT?

November 28, 2026 - December 12, 2026

Saturday, November 28:
Sunday, November 29:

Monday, November 30:
- Start of Trimester 2 (Grades K-5)
- Grades 4/5 and PAL to Nutcracker on the Rocks

Tuesday, December 1:
- HEF Spark Grant Applications Due
- Freshman Winter Orchestra, 6:00 p.m. – CHS Auditorium
- HHS Winter Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. – HMS Auditorium

Wednesday, December 2:

Thursday, December 3:
- Upper Class Orchestra Concert, 12:30 p.m. – Capitol Rotunda
- PAL Info Night
- Central Christmas Market, 6:00 p.m. – Central Gym
- Rossiter Parent Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Rossiter Library

Friday, December 4:
** K-5 Staff Records Day - Grades K-5 Noon Dismissal, Grades 6-12 Full School Day
- 2nd Quarter Midterm
- Broadwater Winter Performance
- Valley of Gold Speech and Debate Tournament – Speech at CRA, Debate at HHS

Saturday, December 5:
- Valley of Gold Speech and Debate Tournament – Speech at CRA, Debate at HHS
- HHS Winter Formal, 7:00 p.m. – HHS Gym

Sunday, December 6:

Monday, December 7:

Tuesday, December 8:
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – Lincoln Center

Wednesday, December 9:

Thursday, December 10:
- Kessler Winter Program – HMS Auditorium
- Premier Dance Assembly at Broadwater, 9:00 p.m. - Broadwater
- HFS Kid Pack Packing, 1:00 p.m. (INTERNAL)
- 4Gs Cocoa and Caroling Night
- CRA 8th Grade/Jazz/Concert Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. – HMS Auditorium

Friday, December 11:
- Central Winter Performance, 9:30 a.m. - Central
- Kessler Winter Program, 9:45 a.m. – HMS Auditorium
- VOT – Capitol Rotunda

Saturday, December 12:
- HMS/HHS/CRA/CHS Choir Concert – Capitol Rotunda

If we missed something, please let us know –

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SACC WINTER FUN & ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 21-23 & 28-30

Join us for winter fun and activities for current Helena School District children K-5!

Bryant Elementary School, Entry #5
8am-4pm
$60 per child per day

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 16.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.HELENASCHOOLS.ORG AND CLICK ON SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (SACC). TO REGISTER EMAIL JAMIE AT JMERRILL@HELENASCHOOLS.ORG.

More Information

JUDGES NEEDED

HEAR ME ROAR

HELENA HIGH SCHOOL
Speech and Debate



Speech & Debate CHS

VALLEY OF GOLD SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT

4 & 5 DECEMBER 2026

INTERESTED IN JUDGING? SIGN UP ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2026VOGJUDGES

HOT TOPICS


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