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Morning Star School Newsletter January 24, 2014

FULL COLOR YEARBOOKS- Time to order!

The Morning Star yearbook will be in full color this year and will feature original cover art from some of our 5th graders! Order forms are coming home in the Friday folders on Jan. 24th! Order online or by returning a check made out to Morning Star PAC by **March 7th**! You may also upload your favorite photos to our Community Upload page at <https://community.lifetouch.com/> using site access code XXEMAE.

Chess Club

All Morning Star students are invited to play chess after school for free on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 in the music room. We will be playing chess with a rulebook to ensure everyone learns the strategy. If you don't know how to play chess, you are welcome to come and learn. We will get the rules from the Chess Club Leader, Mr. Boone. We are looking for new or gently used chess boards to support this new opportunity.

We are Morning STARs!

We Solve Problems

Anaphylaxis Emergencies

Bozeman School District will be instituting the new epinephrine law that was passed by the Montana legislature in 2013. This law allows public and nonpublic school districts to maintain a supply of epinephrine for anaphylaxis emergencies. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction. Stock epinephrine will be available in the form of auto-injectors and used for students or staff who may have an allergic reaction at school. This epinephrine is not intended to replace student specific epinephrine. Parents of students with known life threatening allergies should still provide the school with the student's school specific health care plan and the necessary medications for implementing the student specific order.

Stock epinephrine will be kept in a secure, easily accessible location in each school. School staff will participate in annual training on recognizing anaphylaxis, emergency protocol, and school procedures. Anytime epinephrine is administered at school, 911 will be called. School employees will not be held liable for non-intentional injuries arising from administration of epinephrine. In addition, BSD will have allergy information available on their website under health services. The policy information is available under 3416 of the BSD District Policies. For more information, contact Rebecca Spear RN, Bozeman School District Nurse, at 522-6057.

Food Allergies in the Schools

Does your child have food allergies? Do you know what a 504 is? Come find out what the Bozeman

Schools are doing to keep your child safe. Rebecca Spear, our district nurse will be coming to review the new policy the school district has adopted in regards to food allergy, discuss the state of stock epinephrine in the schools, and discuss 504's- who is eligible and what to expect, and what education is being done for the school staff in regards to food allergy. Chad Berg, director of special education, Marilyn King, Deputy Superintendent, and Dr. Michael Zacharisen, allergist will also be on hand to answer questions. Join us at the Bozeman Public Library small conference room, Wednesday, February 5th, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to fabozeman@yahoo.com and like us on Facebook at Food Allergy Bozeman.



Skate for Heart

Morning Star's unique way to raise money for the American Heart Association, **Skate for Heart** (an offshoot of Jump Rope for Heart), is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on the Morning Star Ice Rink. Money raised by individuals helps AHA fund research and provide programs to help stop the nations leading killer disease. Heart disease affects people of all ages and many people benefit from programs offered by the American Heart Association.

It is not mandatory that students raise money. They may participate just for the fun and great exercise. Packets will go out this week and permission to participate (whether raising funds or not) need to be turned into Mr. Curtice or Mrs. Dover prior to the event. Any money collected must be turned in by **Friday February 21, 2014** so that prizes can be ordered.

All skaters must have personal safety equipment as required by the school including helmet, skates, long sleeves, pants and gloves. Parents are welcome to attend. In the event of bad weather (either too warm or too cold) the event will be rescheduled for Tuesday February 11.

Skating Rink Update

The ice rink is in full swing with all Health Enhancement classes on the ice wearing skates and children enjoying the ice during lunch recess. Yahoo!!! The ice rink is looking for more sunset shovellers/smoothers. Even when it does not snow the ice needs to be scraped. Think of yourself as a human Zamboni - you smooth the ice so Mr. Curtice can put down a fresh layer of water.

Mary Black has calculated that if every parent in the school volunteers for one night we will be able to enjoy a great rink for the rest of the season without having just a few people burned out from doing it all by themselves. You can make this a family event. Your kids can skate while you scrape or ask them to join you in the fun.

As for the rink you need not skate, you can walk with the shovel, both options work very well. Instructors for clearing the rink are listed on the outside ice shed door.

Please feel free to contact Mary Black at 580-1448, maervo@gmail.com; or Barbie Huber at 599-5950, barbiehuber@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

P.S. If your evenings are busy, we can always use your help in the morning when it snows. On snowy days someone will be at the rink by 7am and the first HE class starts at 9am. Even 20 minutes helps.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR GETTING INVOLVED!!!

We Take Responsibility

Preventing Colds and the Flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC), an average of 20,000 children under the age of five are hospitalized each year because of flu-related complications. The flu virus, more formally known as Influenza, causes more hospitalizations among children than any other vaccine-preventable disease. Fortunately, children can learn how to prevent the spread of germs that cause colds and the flu by practicing good hygiene at home and at school.

These are important steps you can teach your child to help prevent the spread of germs.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Wash your hands often with soap and water (at least 20 sec)

In order to ensure that these habits are developed, practice these healthy habits with your children at home. If your children do get sick, please keep them at home to prevent other students from getting sick, too!

State Testing

Grades 3-5 will participate in the full-scale pilot of the new Smarter Balanced State Assessment beginning sometime in the spring. The assessment includes both math and English language arts and is aligned to the Montana Core Standards. In addition, 4th grade students will participate in the CRT (Criterion Referenced Test) for science in March. We will share more specific information as it is available.

Borrowed Clothing from School Office

If your child has borrowed clothes from school because their clothing from home was wet or soiled, we would appreciate prompt return of the items to the office so we have them for other students (underwear does not need to be returned). Our supply is currently very low because items are not being returned. If you have gently used children's clothing (pants, shirts, sweats) feel free to send a few items for our loaner collection.

Don't Be Late!

School begins at 8:30 a.m. regardless of the weather. We provide crossing guards until 8:25 and supervision on the playground beginning at 8:00 every morning. We appreciate when your child enters the building ready to begin their day on time. Thank you for planning ahead for traffic and the weather, ensuring that your child has every opportunity to begin their day successfully! **IF YOU MUST BE LATE....please enter with your child and sign them in.**

Keep Us Updated!

Parents, if you have a change in address, phone number or email address, please let us know immediately so we can keep our records accurate. Thank you very much.

Absences (BSD7 Board Policy #3122, 3122P)

If your child will be absent for ½ day (anytime after 9:00 a.m.) or full day please contact the office attendance line at (406) 522-6510. "Excused Absence - Generally, absences will be considered reasonable in cases of illness, bereavement, family vacations, situations resulting from "acts of God" and other emergencies. Other absences will be considered unexcused."

Thank your for supporting your child's learning by making sure they are at school on-time every day.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found when you are in the building. We have many clothing items and lunch boxes. On a monthly basis, any items without identification will be bagged and donated to one of our local nonprofit agencies.

We Act Safely

Digital Citizenship

Beginning next week, Jan. 20, 2014, fourth grade students will be introduced to Google docs and their school email during Library lessons. Students are receiving several weeks of training on Internet Safety, Privacy, and Digital Citizenship surrounding their use of these tools. The Bozeman School District has as part of the technology standards for students an introduction to Google Docs in 3rd

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Dewolf and/or Mrs. Jesness in the Morningstar Library - 522-6520 - if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about these lessons. It is intended that students use school email and school Google docs to support their school work. See the following for more information:

<http://library.bsd7.org/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?sessionid=F725CE13B873FA8ABE7C20FAB9155E6D?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home>

~Mrs. Nancy Dewolf, Teacher Librarian
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~Mrs. Renee Jesness, Teacher Librarian
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Bike Celebration Week at Morning Star March 17th-21st, 3:30 – 4:00

More information coming – here's a quick overview...

Monday: Proper Seat and helmet adjustment

Tuesday: Pump up the tires

Wed. Clean and Oil Chain

Thursday: Fix a flat tire

Friday: Fun Ride

Dress for the Weather

As we continue to experience some variations in our weather, please send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing and shoes. Children not dressed appropriately (see guidelines in Student Handbook) will be unable to participate in all activities. In particular, K-2 students must have snow gear to play anywhere other than the blacktop.

We Show Respect

Reminder from our Neighbors and the Police Department

Speed Limit - The Bozeman Police Department has asked us to remind you all that the speed limit on S. 3rd, Arnold and Westridge is **25 mph**. When you cross Westridge on Arnold the speed limit drops to **15 mph**. We continue to have drivers on their cell phones and texting as they proceed through these areas. Please help ensure the safety of all individuals by paying close attention to your surroundings.

Calendar of Events

Fri. January 24 – End of 2nd Mid-Trimester
Fri. January 31 – 2nd Mid-Trimester progress reports go home
Wed. February 12 – Early Release – All students dismissed at 1:45 pm
Mon. February 17 – No school – Presidents’ Day
Fri. February 21 – Carnival – more information to follow
Fri. March 7 – End of 2nd Trimester
Mon. March 10 – Fri. March 14 – No school – Spring Break
Fri. March 21 – 2nd Trimester Reports go home
Fri. April 4 – No School – PIR Day
Tues. April 8 – Thurs. April 10 – Book Fair (Tentative date)
Wed. April 16 – Early Release – All students dismissed at 1:45 pm
Fri. April 25 – End of 3rd Mid-Trimester
Fri. May 2 – 3rd Mid-Trimester progress reports go home
Wed. May 21 – Early Release – All students dismissed at 1:45 pm
Mon. May 26 – No School – Memorial Day
Wed. June 11 – Last day of School – All students dismissed at 12:30 pm



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spelling bee

Bee there or bee square!

Friday, February 7th 6:30pm-10:00pm
Emerson's Ballroom & Crawford Theater

\$25 for audience members, tickets at door

Sponsor your favorite team for "Lifelines"! online at
www.crowdrise.com/bsfspellingbee

Celebrity Judges!

Pronouncer: "Chrysti the Wordsmith"

No host bar and appetizers!

50/50 Crossword & Sudoko

Win at the Wall of Wine & Play Along on your Phone
www.bozemanschoolsfoundation.org



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Parent Place • Partnership Project • Girls for a Change • Child Advancement Project (CAP) • Parent Liaison

The Driveway Doesn't Shovel Itself

How To Help Your Child Feel Tightly Connected To Your Family

Sometimes adults will comment that kids aren't as motivated to work as they used to be. The parenting professionals at the Love and Logic Institute tell us that the problem is not with kids but with parents who are training their kids to believe they are honored guests in their home instead of contributing members of a family team.

Who is out shoveling when your driveway needs to be cleared? If your kids haven't been helping, you can bet that living in Bozeman will give you plenty more chances to get them out there with you! How lucky are you?!

Kids benefit from helping with family jobs in any way that is appropriate for their age. Even small children can be given simple jobs that make them feel included in household operations. To help your child feel important, needed, and loved include them in the work that keeps your home and family moving forward. The Love and Logic Institute reports that after decades of observing kids and families, children who view themselves as valued family members enjoy higher self-esteem and happier lives. So go get some more shovels, and with lots of love, get your kids to help you clear the ice and snow! You will all benefit.

For more information on how to get your kids to help with chores, call your Parent Liaison, Cindy Ballew, at 922-4235

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