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Morning Star School Newsletter November 15, 2013

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Next Week!

Conference dates are Wednesday evening, November 20, Thursday evening November 21 and all day Friday November 22. **No school** for students on Friday, Nov. 22. The purpose of the parent-teacher conference is to strengthen the partnership between home and school so your child can be a successful learner. It's a time for you to clarify learning expectations for your child, hear how your child is progressing and work together to find ways we can help your child be the best possible citizen and student at Morning Star.

K - 5 Mid-trimester & Report Card Guidelines

In a standards-based learning environment, the emphasis is on learning and continual progress. The standards on the grade-level report card represent end-of-year goals or where a student is expected to be at the end of the school year.

We utilize the guidelines in determining a child's proficiency level and ensure all students are held accountable for reaching the same levels of proficiency regardless of their ability or effort. The Performance Level Descriptors (I-IV) describe students' knowledge, skills, and abilities in a content area. These descriptions provide a picture or profile of student achievement. Along with these descriptors are the following Characteristics of a Successful Learner that describe the habits and skills that contribute to learning:

**Accepts responsibility of own actions and the consequences that accompany them*

**Applies previous knowledge to new situations*

**Asks thoughtful questions to further learning*

**Cooperates with others while learning*

**Critiques the reasoning of others respectfully*

**Explains answers and adjusts thinking with reflection and feedback*

**Follows the expectations of adults, the classroom, and the school*

**Learns independently when given a task*

**Makes productive use of learning time*

**Perseveres in learning situations*

**Seeks information and help when needed*

**Selects appropriate learning tools strategically*

**Takes responsibility for assigned tasks*

**Takes risk to further learning*

For more information, please consult the [Bozeman School District Elementary Report Card Informational Guide](#) sent home with the mid-trimester progress reports or on the Morning Star website at http://ms.bsd7.org/for_parents



Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway

~Clothing is now being accepted in the foyer at Morning Star School for the 6th annual Thanks-4-Giving Clothing Giveaway. The giveaway will be held at the Willson School gym on Saturday Nov. 23rd from 9am - 3pm and Sunday Nov. 24th from 9am - 1pm.

~Donate clean, gently-used clothing, shoes, hats, etc. of all sizes, infant through adult. Please sort and label bagged items by gender and age. We will also be accepting donations of hangers this year.

~Volunteers are needed to help haul, sort, hang and organize clothing during set up. **Any time you have to volunteer for this community event is greatly appreciated.**

~This free clothing giveaway is a fantastic opportunity to reuse and recycle gently worn clothing collected by Bozeman schools. This event is not based on "need," but on "sharing" what we have as a community. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate by donating what they no longer need and taking what they can use.

~Please contact Jenni Williams [406-209-1336](tel:406-209-1336), with questions.

Don't Be Late!

School begins at 8:30 a.m. regardless of the weather. We have supervision on the playground beginning at 8:00 every morning and we appreciate when your child enters the building ready to begin their day on time. Children who are tardy begin their day at a disadvantage, playing catch-up to their peers and often feeling out of sorts as a result. Thank you for planning ahead for traffic and the weather, ensuring that your child has every opportunity to begin their day successfully!



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.

PAC Participation

Our next PAC meeting is next week on November 21 @ 11:45. WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION!!! We will be discussing capital expenditures of Fun Run funds and making decisions about our ice rink. Please join us! For more information, please read the PAC Corner below.

Bozeman School District Vision Screening

Vision screening will take place on Tuesday November 19th and Tuesday December 3rd. This year the district nurse has worked with the Lions Club to utilize a new vision screening procedure. The Plusoptix machine is an autorefractor that is used with children. The Plusoptix works by taking a picture of the student's eyes. The student stands at a distance of 3' from the machine and looks into the camera. Once the screener has an accurate reading from the machine, the picture is taken. The Plusoptix measures several different measurements of the eye and can catch nearsightedness, farsightedness, corneal irregularities and eye alignment. The machine will determine if there is a concern and a referral sheet can be printed for your child's eye doctor.

Power Struggles/Homework Battles

Tuesday, November 19th, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

This one night class uses Love and Logic Parenting to focus on the specific topic of power struggles with children that parents face when raising children. This class will help you find specific answers and strategies for this challenging aspect of parenting.

→*This class is intended for parents that have already attending the Parenting with Love and Logic class*

Libby Michaud
Thrive Parent Liaison
406-922-4237
www.libby.michaud@bsd7.org

Science Fair

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in our 3rd annual Morning Star Science Fair on Dec. 6. If your child is planning to conduct a project using human or animal subjects there is a special form they must complete and you must sign. The following website provides friendly guidance and links to the form that is required. Any project involving other students requires a written parent permission slip from each student.

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_src_safety_human_subjects.shtml

For Parents of Children with Food Allergies

We are organizing a support group to share our stories and exchange ideas for safe foods and recipes, and to promote awareness of allergy and anaphylaxis in our community. We will be meeting at the Bozeman Public Library on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 pm in the small conference room. If you are interested in participating please contact Michelle at 556-1346 or via email at fabozeman@yahoo.com, or like us on Facebook at Food Allergy Bozeman.



Reminder from our Neighbors and the Police Department

Thank you to the Jarrett family for donating a new sign to help remind everyone of our speed limit! 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. Please help us by slowing down and avoiding talking/texting on your phone while driving.

Healthy Habits Challenge

Just a reminder that our Healthy Habits Challenge runs from Monday – Sunday each week. If your child is participating please have them return their challenge sheet (just for that week) no later than Tuesday. Students are asked to place the sheet in the yellow and green box at the top of stage steps. We draw one lucky participant on Wednesday morning each week.

Dress for the Weather

As we begin 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.

PAC Snack

Apple Crunch Sammie by Kristen O'Brien

You will need:

- TO WASH YOUR HANDS!
- small safe serrated paring knife
- cutting board
- tablespoon measurer



Ingredients:

- 1 granny smith apple (or the apple of your choice), carefully cut on its side into 1/4 ' slices and remove seeds
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter, sunbutter, or almond butter
- 1/2 tablespoon honey
- sprinkle of granola
- 1/2 tablespoon dried cranberries, or raisins
- take one of the round slices of apple and spread with the nut butter of your choice.
- drizzle honey over peanut butter
- sprinkle with granola and dried cranberries or raisins top with another apple slice.

Whaala! Apple crunch sandwich!

Mark Your Calendars

- ☆ **Friday, 11/15** - End of Trimester 1
- ☆ **Tuesday, 11/19** – Power Struggles w/Libby Michaud
- ☆ **Tuesday, 11/19** - Vision Screening
- ☆ **Wednesday, 11/20** – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
- ☆ **Thursday, 11/21** - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
- ☆ **Friday, 11/22** – Parent/Teacher Conferences – **No school for students – see the attached school calendar**
- ☆ **Wednesday-Friday, 11/27-11/29** – No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
- ☆ **Thursday, 11/28** – Girls on the Run @ Huffing for Stuffing
- ☆ **Tuesday, 12/3** – Vision Screening
- ☆ **Friday, 12/6** – Science Fair in Gym
- ☆ **Friday, 12/20** – Holiday Program – 9:00 am and 12:45 pm
- ☆ **Monday–Friday, 12/23-1/3** – No School, Winter Break

Electronic School Newsletters!

This is our fifth issue using our email listserve. If you have not provided your email address(es) to either PAC or the classroom teacher and wish to receive our newsletter, please let us know. If you have provided your email address and are not receiving the newsletter, please check your email filter and add robin.arnold@bsd7.org to the approved contacts. Newsletters will also be posted on our school website and a few hard copies are available in the office.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found when you are visiting. 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.

Fun Run

The laps have been tallied and pledges collected! PAC is so appreciative of the \$45,500 raised by the Morning Star Community in support of our schools enrichment and capital improvement programs. Special thanks to Anne Gibson who chaired this year's event, all the volunteers who made it a success, and Fun Run sponsors *Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwiches, Universal Athletic, Executive Services, First Interstate Bank, and Cafe M*. We are grateful for such a generous community – thank you for your continued support.

Now comes the best part! How do we spend it?

Capital Improvement and Reserve Fund Planning

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) is a group of parent volunteers charged with reviewing PAC financials and providing direction to the PAC officers and the Morning Star parent community for funds to be spent for capital improvements, and those funds to be held in reserve to insure the long term viability of the PAC to serve the school. The current financial committee will be meeting soon, and make a recommendation to allocate funds for both the reserve account and capital improvement projects. This allocation of funds will be reviewed and put to vote at the November 21st PAC meeting.

Do you have a Capital Improvement idea? Are you willing to champion its development from an idea to a full blown proposal? If so, please go to the PAC website (www.msspac.com) to review the [Morning Star PAC Capital Campaign Policy](#) and other PAC Policies to help guide your development of a capital improvement initiative. Please contact a PAC officer with questions or for more information.

Capital Improvement Proposals should be submitted to the PAC by the December 19th PAC meeting so the financial committee can review all proposals in January. The committee will make recommendations to the PAC on which initiatives to pursue, and decisions on which proposals to implement at the February 20th meeting decided with a vote.

PAC Meeting Schedule (MSS Stage, 11:45am – 1:00pm)

November 21
December 19
January 16

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Bozeman Public Schools

Calendar 2013-2014

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Dates to Remember

August 26, 27	K-12 PIR Days (No school, required for teachers only)
August 28	School Begins, 1-12
August 28, 29, 30	K Orientation
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
September 3	K Full Days Begin
September 25	K-12 PIR Day (No school K-12)
October 17 - 18	Dist. Flexible PIR Days (School not in session)
November 22	K-5 PIR Day (No school, Parent/Teacher Conf.)
November 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Winter Break
January 24	6-12 PIR Day (No school, required for teachers only)
February 17	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 10 - 14	Spring Break
April 4	9-12 PIR Day (No school K-12)
May 6	School Election Day
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
June 8	Graduation
June 11	Last Day of School
June 12	K-12 PIR Day

Early Release Days

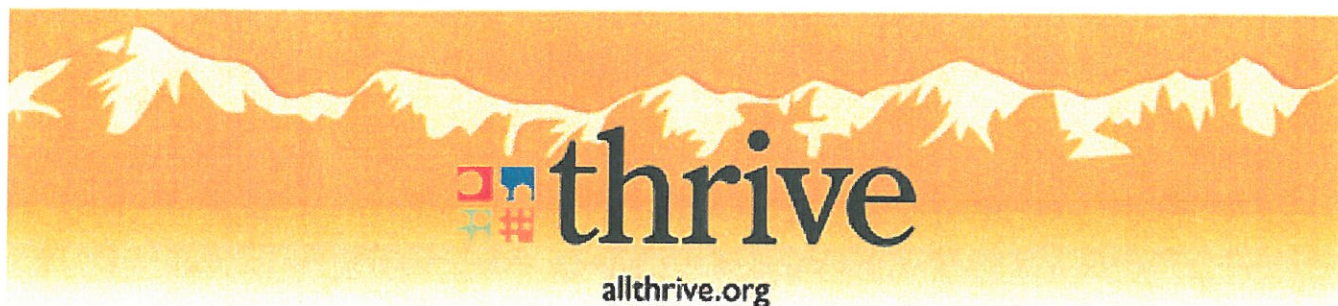
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Grading Periods K-5	
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Grading Period - November 15	
Midterm - January 24	
Grading Period - March 7	
Midterm - April 25	
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Trimester 1 - November 26	
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Trimester 2 - March 7	
Midterm - April 25	
Trimester 3 - June 12	
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Grading Period 2 - November 26	
First Semester - January 24	
Grading Period 1 - March 7	
Grading Period 2 - April 25	
Second Semester - June 12	

Symbol Codes

	Dist. Flexible PIR Days (School not in Session)
	K-12 PIR (No School K-12)
	K-5 PIR (No School K-5)
	6-12 PIR (No School 6-12)
	9-12 PIR (No School K-12)
	Vacation
	School Begins
	School Ends
	Early Release

With the approval of this calendar, the Board of Trustees, in commemoration of Martin Luther King Day (January 20), is directing that all teachers (K-5) and all social studies teachers (6-12) take action in the classroom to recognize and celebrate the principles for which Martin Luther King stood.

REPORTS WILL BE SENT THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE GRADING PERIODS.
TRIMESTER 2 REPORTS WILL BE SENT THE WEEK OF MARCH 17-21.



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

Thanksgiving Resources for the Gallatin Valley, 2013

John Bozeman's Bistro Dinner.....587-4100 (Carla)

The Bistro is providing a complimentary (free), gourmet sit down Thanksgiving dinner at 2pm on Thanksgiving Day. Reservations are required (seating is limited). She suggested people call at least a week before as the seats do fill up but people can call after that to see if there are any cancellations. The Bistro is at 125 West Main near Wells Fargo Bank.

**** They do not need any volunteers at this time ****

Belgrade Community.....570-9638 (Emily)

Various Belgrade organizations are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner at River Rock Community Center located at 240 N. River Rock Dr. Families are welcome from 1-2 p.m. on Thanksgiving day.

**** Emily needs volunteers from 12:30-4pm, including clean up ****

Gallatin Valley Food Bank Thanksgiving Holiday Box.....586-7600

The Food Bank will provide families with a box of raw food (an uncooked turkey etc.) to create an entire Thanksgiving Dinner. Families need not show proof of income for a box but will need to fill out a basic application at the Food Bank up until Nov. 15th. 602 Bond is the address. Pick up the box at the Food Bank on Saturday, November 23rd from 1-4 p.m. or November 25th-27th between 1 and 4 pm.

***Belgrade** distribution at Living Waters United Methodist Church on Monday Nov. 25th from 3-6pm, 51 W. Cameron Bridge Rd. (next to Kenyon Noble on Jackrabbit Lane) But you still need to fill out application at the Food Bank in Bozeman by November 15th.

**** Email volunteer@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org for volunteer opportunities. ****

Community Café, through the Food Bank..... 586-7600

Free meals in a restaurant setting, open nightly from 5-7pm. 302 North 7th Ave.
cafe@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org

**** They do not need any volunteers at this time ****

Old Chicago and Hilton Garden Inn Bozeman....587-9404

Thursday November 28th, 11:30pm-1:30pm. Free Thanksgiving dinner open to all who are in need of a meal and company. No reservations required.

**** They do not need any volunteers at this time ****

*Huffing for Stuffing needs volunteers before, during and after the race.

www.huffingforstuffing.com/volunteer has the volunteer opportunities listed with a brief description of what each position entails. People can download the volunteer application and either mail it to the Food Bank (address is at the bottom of the form) or they can email it to hfsvolunteer@yahoo.com.